

BOYS' TENNIS TEAM IS LOOKING FOR THE FINAL PIECE TO ITS PUZZLE

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FREMONT – Is there anything worse than missing one piece to a jigsaw puzzle? No matter how pretty the picture is, the eye is just naturally drawn to the one blank space.

Such is the case for coach Lisa Wolfe and the 2018 Ross boys tennis team. Wolfe has nearly a complete picture – a pretty good-looking one, too – but she can't help but wonder where the last piece is hiding.

"As a coach, you're always wanting more and more and more, I guess," Wolfe said. "'If we just had that one more singles player,' but I'm pleased with the turnout."

The Little Giants return most of the group that went 11-7 overall last year with a 4-3 mark in the TRAC, graduating just two seniors, only one of whom, Brandon Richter, played regularly in varsity matches, competing at No. 2 doubles.

Wolfe's team is set at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, where Alex Thatcher and German foreign exchange student Nils Nolte will be battling with one another for positioning all season. Wolfe is excited to see the duo push one another.

"I like the No. 1 and 2 being powerful players. They get to play against each other in practices, and they're very close in talent. They'll be vying for that No. 1 position, which is great to have throughout the season, and it can change at any time. You'll see those two flux around, I'm sure."

The question mark comes at No. 3 singles. While Wolfe has returning singles players, Sam Long and Lucas Cronin, back from last season, both have expressed a preference to play doubles. They, along with Trevor Weickert and Ethan Moyer, could give Wolfe solid doubles units, but leave the hole at No. 3 singles unfilled.

The question becomes, who steps in at No. 3 singles? If it comes from the doubles side of things, is there a newcomer capable of playing doubles as well?

"We have six for-sure varsity players, I have two singles and four that want to play doubles. So, we are lacking a No. 7 player," Wolfe said.

Wolfe said she may be borrowing a page she used in the fall with the girls' team.

The Lady Giants had three strong singles players in Olivia Henry, Gillian Gallagher, and Lily Abdoo. If Ross' opponent was weaker at singles, Wolfe played the trio at singles, assuring at least a 3-2 win. If the opponent's singles were strong, Gallagher and Abdoo paired up on doubles, giving Ross a different look.

"Depending on who we play and, if I do my scouting right, we can see where their strength is and where we need to beef up," Wolfe said. "It worked perfectly with the girls' season, that's why they were so successful, we had that positioning."

Candidates to fill the No. 7 spot on varsity include Skyler Huff and Cody Lopez, who played JV last year, as well as Isaac Minor and first-year tennis player Drew

Miller, who, despite his lack of experience in the game, has put himself on Wolfe's radar.

"I've been very impressed," Wolfe said. "He's got the mindset of absorbing everything. Everything we talk about, everything his teammates tell him. He's willing to correct what he's doing wrong, and you see it in his next round of play. He's already corrected so much.

"Isaac Minor has quick feet from soccer, and he would make a great doubles player also," Wolfe added.

Wolfe said St. Francis, St. John's, and Central Catholic remain the top dogs in the league, but she believes the Little Giants are more than capable of being at the top of the next pack of teams in the TRAC.

Ross opens its season Thursday at Bowling Green in the first round of the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association Tournament.

"I think we can do just as well with this team as we did last year," Wolfe said. Hopefully, we can improve on a couple of those 2-3 losses.

"We have a lot of experience. I have a lot of seniors this year, this is their fourth year, so they know each other, they like each other, and I think it'll be a great season."

BOYS' TENNIS SEASON FINALLY GETS STARTED, BUT WITH A LOSS TO FINDLAY

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FREMONT – The final spring sport to begin competition got underway on Thursday as the Ross boys tennis team, after three weather cancellations, finally took to the court.

Unfortunately, the Little Giants' season-opener came against a formidable Findlay squad whose strong singles play lifted the Trojans to a 4-1 win.

"I know Findlay is loaded. They didn't lose anybody from last year," Ross coach Lisa Wolfe said. "Because my doubles have been practicing very well, I was hoping, because you never know what combination he's going to put at doubles, I was hoping the strength of both doubles would have gotten a win. A little disappointed in No. 1 doubles and impressed with No. 2 doubles."

The No. 2 doubles team of Lucas Cronin and Ethan Moyer kept the Little Giants from being shut out. On a chilly afternoon, they were the last team still playing after losing in a first-set tiebreak, 6-7 (4-7), before storming back to win in three sets, 6-3, 6-2.

"They were incredible in the third set, they played flawlessly," Wolfe said. "It was cold for everybody out there, but that didn't seem to stop them from having to be last court on and playing through it. They did a great job."

No. 1 doubles saw Sam Long and Trevor Weickert fall 3-6, 4-6 to Findlay's Alec Kney and Sam Giedman.

In singles play, the Little Giants picked up a couple of learning experiences.

No. 1 singles Nils Nolte, a German foreign exchange student, faced a much-experienced Drew Swisher in his first match in America, losing 1-6, 0-6.

"I think the whole makeup was different for him," Wolfe said of Nolte. "The scoring is different in Germany, and also, each court count is different in America than it is in Germany. It was all new to him."

Alex Thatcher lost at No. 2 singles, 2-6, 3-6, while No. 3 singles Drew Miller lost his first tennis match at any level, 0-6, 0-6.

"I think Drew did a great job; the score does not reflect how well Drew played. I'm proud of him," Wolfe said. "He did a great job and has no experience in a court setting. I think he is going to blossom throughout the season."

While their season was long delayed in starting, the Little Giants will get right back at it Friday, traveling to Bowling Green.

FINDLAY 4, FREMONT ROSS 1

No. 1 singles: Drew Swisher (FHS) def. Nils Nolte (FR), 6-1, 6-0

No. 2 singles: Logan Tichenor (FHS) def. Alex Thatcher (FR), 6-2, 6-3

No. 3 singles: Ethan Heidipriem (FHS) def. Drew Miller (FR), 6-0, 6-0

No. 1 doubles: Alec Kney/Sam Giedman (FHS) def. Sam Long/Trevor Weickert (FR), 6-3, 6-4

No. 2 doubles: Lucas Cronin/Ethan Moyer (FR) def. Blake Gray/Evan Gephner (FHS), 6-7 (4-7), 6-3, 6-2

LITTLE GIANT TENNIS REBOUNDS FROM SEASON-OPENING LOSS

WITH A 5-0 SWEEP OF BG

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BOWLING GREEN – The Little Giant tennis team bounced back in a big way Friday afternoon.

Ross shook off Thursday's season-opening loss to TRAC rival Findlay to come back and sweep Bowling Green, 5-0, picking up its first win of the young season. Nils Nolte picked up his first win as a Little Giant at No. 1 singles, winning by scores of 6-2, 7-5.

Alex Thatcher won at No. 2 singles, 6-1, 6-0, while Sam Long, who played in doubles Thursday against Findlay, took the victory at No. 3 singles, 6-1, 6-1. "Niles and Alex were so much in their comfort zone with two outstanding singles players that Bowling Green has," coach Lisa Wolfe said. "They played patiently. That was the key word. They just kept continually hitting the ball back and waiting for them to make the mistake."

The doubles teams were equally dominant, each taking 6-0, 6-1 victories. Lucas Cronin and Ethan Moyer combined for the win at No. 1 doubles, while Trevor Weickert and Drew Miller were victorious at No. 2.

"And I knew we needed a win at No. 3 (singles) and, not to discount anything from Drew, but he's new to tennis," Wolfe said. "I know he, himself, feels more

comfortable at doubles. ...I decided to give Drew a break, put him at No. 1 doubles, and I knew Sam, who played singles last year, I knew he could get a win at No. 3 singles.”

The Little Giants (1-1) will play for their third-straight day Saturday, braving the forecasted cold as they host Sandusky Perkins at 11 a.m.

FREMONT ROSS 5, BOWLING GREEN 0

No. 1 singles: Nils Nolte def. Luther Shinew, 6-2, 7-5

No. 2 singles: Alex Thatcher def. Ivan Tarasov, 6-1, 6-0

No. 3 singles: Sam Long def. Eric Schempf, 6-1, 6-1

No. 1 doubles: Lucas Cronin/Ethan Moyer def. Mitchell Drumm/Dom Meszaros, 6-0, 6-1

No. 2 doubles: Trevor Weickert/Drew Miller def. James Eddington and Luke Konecny, 6-0, 6-1

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Isaac Minor/Santi Minor def. Ty Gulgin/Matthew Konrad, 6-1

Kennedy Bohannan/Hayley Lawrence def. Gulgin/Konrad, 6-1

Isaac Minor/Hayley Lawrence def. Gulgin/Konrad, 6-0

ROSS TENNIS SWEEPS PERKINS AS LISA WOLFE CONTINUES EXPERIMENTING WITH DOUBLES PAIRINGS

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FREMONT – Ross boys tennis coach Lisa Wolfe may appear at times to be a mad scientist experimenting with all different lineups and doubles combinations. Still, there is a method to the madness.

Over the next two weeks, the Little Giants have a match scheduled every day. They also have doubles tournaments planned for Friday, April 13, and on back-to-back days the following weekend, at Port Clinton and hosting their own on April 20.

So, between now and then, and with literally no practice time to figure out the best way to put the puzzle pieces together, Wolfe wants to see different doubles combinations in action to know how to approach the upcoming doubles events.

“This is the time to play around,” Wolfe said. “We have to get serious to get to league matches. And there are certain ones along the way that will be very competitive, like Clyde on Wednesday is a crazy good team.

“We play in three doubles tournaments, and we have no practices before Saturday and no practices before Port Clinton and the Little Giant one (the following weekend).”

And the experimentation certainly isn’t hurting the Little Giants’ on-court fortunes in the meantime.

Ross won its second match by a 5-0 score Saturday morning, as the Little Giants rolled easily over Sandusky Perkins, less than a day after posting the same score against Bowling Green.

As no set was closer than 6-2, Wolfe instructed her doubles players to focus on developing their skills more so than finishing the match as quickly as possible.

"Once you've got one set under your belt, then you start working on what you're not comfortable with: volleys, at-net, things like that when you're playing (doubles)," Wolfe said.

Saturday's doubles pairs du jour saw Alex Thatcher, who'd played No.2 singles on Thursday and Friday, combined with Lucas Cronin for a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 doubles. And the pairing of Sam Long and Trevor Weickert also cruised to a 6-0, 6-0 victory at No. 2 doubles.

"I liked Alex and Lucas together," Wolfe said. "This wasn't all about first serves today. I told them, 'Practice your second serves, practice coming up to the net, practice your angles.' Something that a singles player, like Alex, is not used to. He's used to the court by himself. Those two together did a great job practicing playing doubles together."

In singles play, Nils Nolte picked up his second win of the season at No. 1 singles, winning every game along the way, 6-0, 6-0.

Ethan Moyer, playing his first singles match of the year after playing doubles the previous two nights, won at No. 2 singles, 6-0, 6-1. And first-year player Drew Miller won the first singles match of his career in 6-0, 6-2 fashion at No. 3 singles. Moyer and Miller, however, had better not get too used to playing singles, as the mad scientist is already hatching her next experiment Monday at Fostoria.

"I like Ethan and Drew at doubles, so I bet you you'll see that on Monday, just to prepare for the tournament on Saturday, or the following weekend when we have two doubles tournaments," Wolfe said. "It'll give me a good feel for if they can communicate and play together."

FREMONT ROSS 5, SANDUSKY PERKINS 0

No. 1 singles: Nils Nolte def. KB Ko, 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 singles: Ethan Moyer def. Ethan Weatherway, 6-0, 6-1

No. 3 singles: Drew Miller def. AC Blue, 6-0, 6-2

No. 1 doubles: Alex Thatcher/Lucas Cronin def. Denando Dante/Jake emery, 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 doubles: Sam Long/Trevor Weickert def. Seth Jollif/Michael Ingram, 6-0, 6-0

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FREMONT ROSS 3, PERKINS 0

Cody Lopez/Isaac Minor def. Matthew Herrington/Ryan Zheng, 4-0

Santi Minor/Kennedy Bohannan def. Herrington/Zheng, 4-0

Hayley Lawrence/Isaac Minor def. Herrington/Zheng, 4-0

LITTLE GIANTS POST A NEAR-PERFECT SCORE AGAINST FOSTORIA, LOSING JUST ONE GAME IN FIVE MATCHES

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FOSTORIA – The Little Giant tennis team is at the start of a busy two-week stretch and was in no mood to waste time Monday.

Fremont Ross needed less than an hour to overwhelm Fostoria, winning all but one game in a 5-0 sweep of the Redmen.

Singles players Alex Thatcher, Lucas Cronin, and Trevor Weickert, and the No. 2 doubles team of Ethan Moyer and Drew Miller all won their matches 6-0, 6-0.

Sam Long and Nils Nolte combined to win at No. 1 doubles, 6-0, 6-1.

While the Little Giants won easily, coach Lisa Wolfe was pleased by her team's unselfishness as players happily played elsewhere than their preferred flights so she could experiment with lineups and doubles pairs.

"They're very talented doubles players, and they're very talented singles players," Wolfe said. "The majority of them find their comfort zone at doubles, or that's where they want to play, like Lucas and Trevor, who did not want to play singles this year, agreed to play singles because I needed to see Sam and Nils play together, and I like Ethan and Drew together, and I wanted to see that one more time."

Even more so than their dominant victories (3-0 overall, 0-1 TRAC), Wolfe has been pleased by how the Little Giants have conducted themselves on the court thus far this season.

"I tell my players, we want to be the team everyone wants to play, not the ones we dread playing – everyone has those teams," Wolfe said.

"We've played four matches, and so far, each opposing coach has texted after the match and told me what a nice team I have. They are a positive representation of Fremont Ross. (It) makes me very proud to be their coach."

FREMONT ROSS 5, FOSTORIA 0

No. 1 singles: Alex Thatcher def. Isaac Martin, 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 singles: Lucas Cronin def. Matthew Crabtree, 6-0, 6-0

No. 3 Trevor Weickert def. Shane Saunders, 6-0, 6-0

No. 1 doubles: Sam Long/Nils Nolte def. Kasey Finsel/Weston Weimerskirch, 6-0, 6-1

No. 2 doubles: Ethan Moyer/Drew Miller def. Braden Finsel/Justin Mayberry, 6-0, 6-0

LITTLE GIANT TENNIS CRUISES TO A 5-0 SWEEP OF LIMA SENIOR

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LIMA – The Fremont Ross boys tennis team's return to TRAC competition bore striking similarities to its recent non-conference opponents.

The Little Giants won their fourth consecutive match by an identical 5-0 score with their latest win over TRAC rival Lima Senior Tuesday night.

And for the second night in a row, Ross won all but one game in the entire match.

Nils Nolte (No. 1 singles) and Alex Thatcher (No. 2) won by 6-0, 6-0 scores, and, at No. 3 singles, Drew Miller won 6-0, 6-1.

Miller, playing his first year of tennis, has impressed Wolfe with how quickly he has taken to the game.

"I'm proud of the newbie, Drew Miller. He has stepped right into the No. 3 singles spot, and he's just a sponge. He absorbs everything you say. He's done a great job."

The doubles combinations of Sam Long/Trevor Weickert and Lucas Cronin/Ethan Moyer both posted identical 6-0, 6-0 victories.

The victory raises Ross' record to 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

The competition will likely intensify on Wednesday as the Little Giants host their neighbors from Clyde.

FREMONT ROSS 5, LIMA SENIOR 0

No. 1 singles: Nils Nolte def. Chris Bishop, 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 singles: Alex thatcher def. Connor Brayton, 6-0, 6-0

No. 3 singles: Drew Miller def. Phillip Korikion 6-0, 6-1

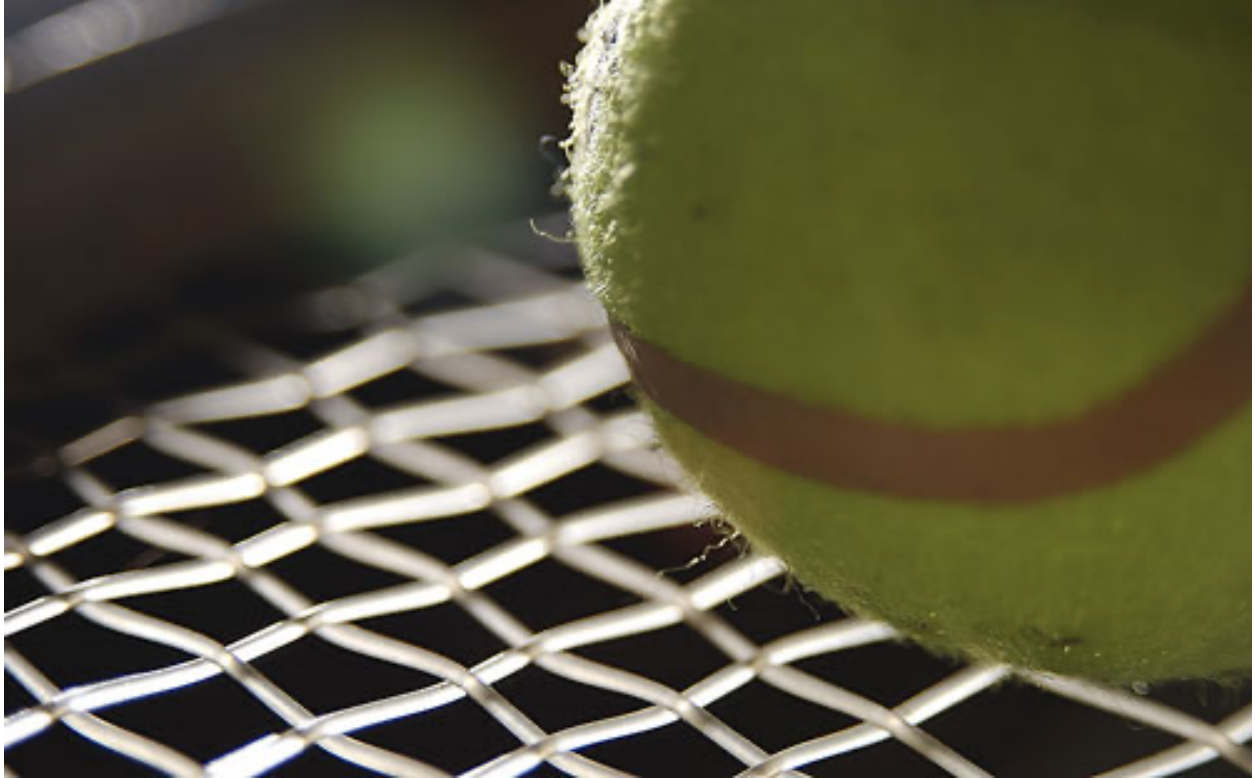
No. 1 doubles: Sam Long/Trevor Weickert def. Jeremiah Dew/Xavier Cloud, 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 doubles: Lucas Cronin/Ethan Moyer def. Micheal Bishop/Noah Philips, 6-0, 6-0

Fremont Ross is now 4-1 overall, 1-1 TRAC

LITTLE GIANTS WIN THIRD-STRAIGHT MATCH BY 5-0 SCORE

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The Little Giants (3-1 overall, 0-1 TRAC) travel to Lima Senior on Tuesday.

For more details, visit the Ross Sports Report.

ROSS BOYS' TENNIS HAS A FIVE-GAME WIN STREAK SNAPPED BY ST. JOHN'S

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FREMONT – Fremont Ross knew it was going to have its hands full when it hosted TRAC tennis power St. John's Thursday afternoon. Before the match, Lisa Wolfe anticipated her team receiving "a free lesson."

Sure enough, the Titans essentially had their way with the Little Giants, snapping Ross's five-match win streak with a 4-1 win.

The bright spot of the day for Ross came from its No. 2 doubles tandem of Lucas Cronin and Ethan Moyer, who romped to a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

"(I was) proud of doubs," Wolfe said. "Great for No. 2 doubles and seeding for the (TRAC) tourney."

The Little Giants (5-2 overall, 1-2 TRAC) don't get any time to mourn their winning streak, but instead get a chance to immediately start a new one as they host cross-town rival, St. Joseph Central Catholic, on Friday.

ST. JOHN'S 4, FREMONT ROSS 1

No. 1 singles: Fahoury (SJ) def. Nolte, 6-1, 6-0

No. 2 singles: Lanngani (SJ) def. Thatcher, 6-0, 6-1

No. 3 singles: Katragadda 6-0, 6-0

No. 1 doubles: Reno/Williams (SJ) def. Weickert/Long 6-2, 6-2

No. 2 doubles: Cronin/Moyer (FR) def. Miller/Kufner, 6-0, 6-0

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FREMONT ROSS 3, ST. JOHN'S 0

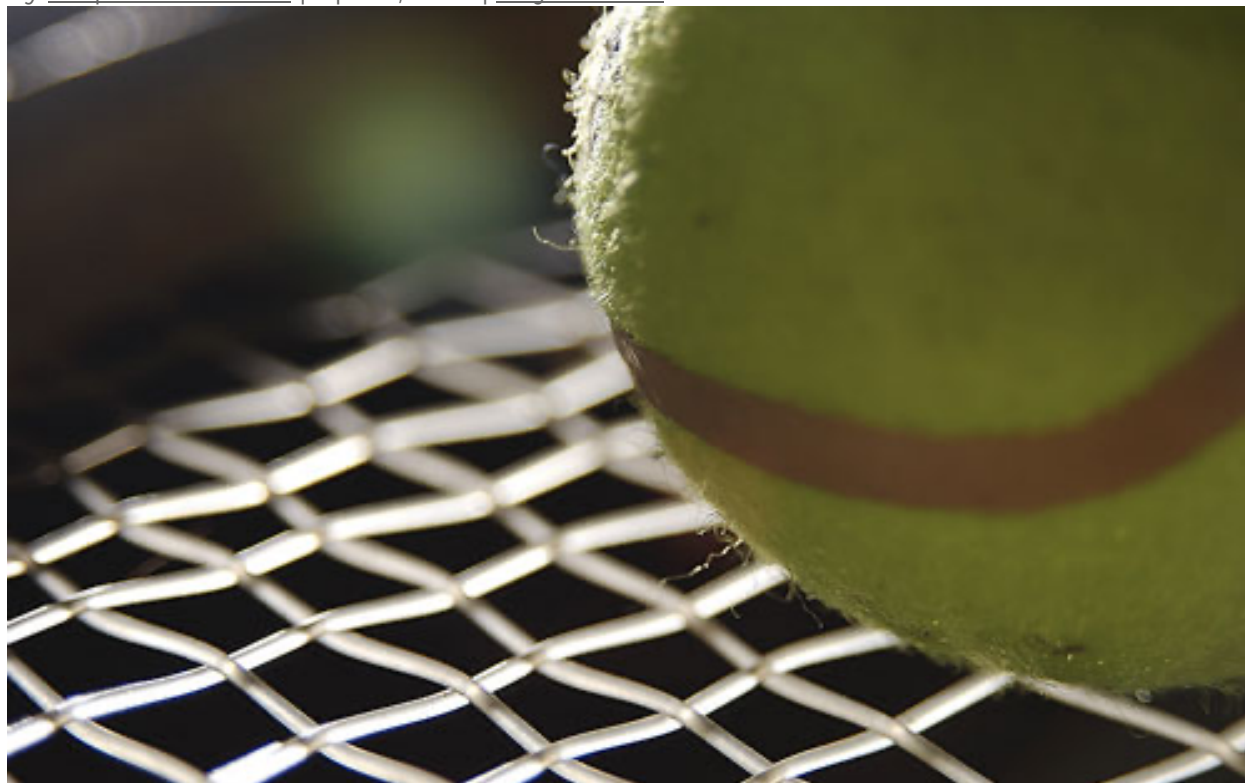
Skyler Huff/Santi Minor def. Sampson/Ali, 8-4

Kennedy Bohannon/Isaac Minor def. Allen/Kazorowski 8-3

Cody Lopez/Hayley Lawrence def. Gerhardinger/Anderson 8-6

TENNIS WINS FIFTH IN A ROW

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FREMONT – There's nothing quite like a plan working to perfection. Facing a formidable opponent in nearby rival Clyde, the Fremont Ross boys tennis team circled the Nos. 2 and 3 singles and No. 2 doubles as potentially winnable flights.

Sure enough, the Little Giants came through.

Alex Thatcher and Sam Long scored valuable wins in singles play. At the same time, the newly-constructed doubles team of Lucas Cronin and Drew Miller picked up the doubles win needed to secure a 3-2 victory over the Fliers.

Thatcher won at No. 2 singles by a score of 6-0, 6-1, while Long won 6-2, 6-0 at No. 3 singles. Wolfe then paired the experienced Cronin with Miller, the rookie who's impressed with his ability to learn on the fly. The duo meshed well together, winning 6-0, 6-2.

Wednesday's win is Ross' fifth in a row as the Little Giants improve to 5-1, as Ross hosts TRAC power St. John's Thursday.

For more details, visit the Ross Sports Report.

LITTLE GIANT TENNIS TEAMS PREVAILS 3-2 OVER CROSS-TOWN RIVAL SJCC

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FREMONT – Hosting cross-town rival, St. Joseph Central Catholic, the Little Giant tennis team got its groove back.

One day after its five-match winning streak was snapped by St. John's, Ross started a new win streak, taking a 3-2 victory over the Crimson Streaks.

Alex Thatcher picked up the Little Giants' lone win in singles, shutting out Jordan Smith 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 singles.

The Little Giants needed to sweep the doubles matches, and the team of Trevor Weickert/Sam Long and Lucas Cronin/Ethan Moyer delivered.

Weickert and Long won at No.1 by a 6-1, 6-1 score while Cronin/Moyer won 6-0, 6-0.

The victory raises Ross' record to 6-2 overall. The Little Giants' double tournament at Norwalk on Saturday has been cancelled due to a rainy forecast. Ross has a full slate of matches next week, beginning on Monday when the Little Giants host Northview.

FREMONT ROSS 3, ST. JOSEPH CENTRAL CATHOLIC 2

No. 1 singles: Spencer Harrison (SJCC) def. Nil Nolte, 7-6 (5), 6-3

No. 2 singles: Alex thatcher (FR) def. Jordan Smith, 6-0, 6-0

No. 3 Singles: Chase Harrison (SJCC) def. Drew Miller, 6-3, 6-2

No. 1 doubles: Trevor Weickert/Sam Long (FR) def. Grant Stepanic/Parker Smith, 6-1, 6-1

No. 2 doubles: Lucas Cronin/Ethan Moyer (FR) def. Kayden Streker/Alex Baez, 6-0, 6-0

LITTLE GIANT TENNIS TEAM BRAVES THE ICY CONDITIONS AND SWEEPS AWAY CLAY, 5-0

by Rich McGowan | Apr 17, 2018 | Boys Tennis



OREGON – Never mind the wind and cold. Never mind that all the other teams at Fremont Ross had their events cancelled or postponed due to weather conditions more reminiscent of February than mid-April, leaving the boys' tennis team as the last ones standing.

The Little Giants had a match on Tuesday and weren't about to let wind, cold, or anything else keep them from playing. And when they hit the court, they wasted little time dispatching of TRAC foe Oregon Clay, 5-0.

"I just think my kids love to play tennis," coach Lisa Wolfe said. "Once you get warmed up out there, it isn't (that bad).

"I never hear any complaining from our guys," she added. "I think we're just excited when we get to play tennis. Obviously, with the way they played tonight, they wanted to be there, and they all played great matches."

The Little Giants swept the singles matches thanks to wins by Nils Nolte (No. 1 singles), Alex Thatcher (No. 2), and Drew Miller (No. 3).

"(Nolte) had the toughest kid there, of course," Wolfe said of her No. 1 singles player. "It was very close, the first four games, like 2-2. He pretty much adjusted his game on his own. He did a great job. He was hitting hard, he was hitting low, and he figured out this kid has a weaker backhand than a forehand."

In doubles play, the team of Sam Long and Trevor Weickert won No. 1 doubles by winning every game, while Lucas Cronin and Ethan Moyer also rolled to a win at No. 2.

“The wind is always a factor in Fremont, so we’re used to that, and that’s what we got today – a lot of wind. It was just swirling.”

The Little Giants (7-2 overall, 2-2 TRAC) are back in action Wednesday when they host rival Sandusky.

FREMONT ROSS 5, OREGON CLAY 0

No. 1 singles: Nils Nolte def. Gyrke, 6-2, 6-1

No. 2 singles: Alex Thatcher def. Moore, 6-0, 6-1

No. 3 singles: Drew Miller def. Dokurno, 6-0, 6-1

No. 1 doubles: Sam Long/Trevor Weickert def. Lutz/Hornyak 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 doubles: Lucas Cronin/Ethan Moyer def. Snyder/Bundy, 6-2, 6-2

ROSS TENNIS CRUISES TO SWEEP OF RIVAL SANDUSKY

by Rich McGowan | Apr 18, 2018 | Boys Tennis



FREMONT – Hosting its rival from Sandusky, the Ross boys' tennis saw an opportunity not just for another victory Wednesday afternoon, but a chance to get some practice as well.

With their first doubles tournaments of the season looming this weekend, the Little Giants used Wednesday's match as a chance to get some of their prospective doubles teams a chance to play together.

Alex Thatcher and Lucas Cronin teamed up at No. 1 doubles, winning 6-1, 6-0, while Nils Nolte and Ethan Moyer dominated at No. 2 doubles, winning every game on their way to a straight-set victory.

In singles action, Trevor Weickert won at No. 1 (6-1, 6-4), Sam Long rolled to a 6-1, 6-1 win at No. 2 doubles, and Drew Miller won at No. 3 singles, 6-1, 6-3 to complete the shutout of the Blue Streaks.

Ross coach Lisa Wolfe said she expects to use Thatcher/Cronin at No. 1 doubles Friday at the Port Clinton Invitational and Nolte/Moyer at No. 3. Long and Weickert will play at No. 2 doubles, while Miller will be teaming with Skyler Huff at No. 4 doubles.

Ross also hosts its own doubles tournament, the Little Giant Invite, on Saturday. Before they take part in the Port Clinton Invite on Friday, however, the Little Giants (8-2 overall) travel to TRAC rival and championship-title contender St. Francis on Thursday.

FREMONT ROSS 5, SANDUSKY 0

No. 1 singles: Trevor Weickert def. Skylar Kane, 6-1, 6-4

No. 2 singles: Sam Long def. Bricen Haar, 6-1, 6-1

No. 3 singles: Drew Miller def. Isaac Campos, 6-1, 6-3

No. 1 doubles: Alex Thatcher/Lucas Cronin def. Hunter Hayberger/Tyler Franklin, 6-1, 6-0

No. 2 doubles: Nils Nolte/Ethan Moyer def. Bo Simms/Will Wade, 6-0, 6-0

BOYS TENNIS GIVES ST. FRANCIS A TOUGH BATTLE BEFORE FALLING 3-2

by Rich McGowan | Apr 19, 2018 | Boys Tennis



TOLEDO – Knowing their realistic chances of winning the first two singles flights were slim and none Thursday afternoon, the Fremont Ross boys tennis team knew it needed to sweep the remaining three matches to upset St. Francis. The Little Giants nearly pulled it off.

Ross swept the doubles matches but lost a three-set heart-breaker at No. 3 singles in a 3-2 loss to the Knights.

“The whole idea was to win No. 3 singles and 1 and 2 doubles,” coach Lisa Wolfe said. “They have powerful 1 and 2 singles so we knew that wasn’t going to happen on those points.”

Alex Thatcher and Lucas Cronin combined to form a strong team at No. 1 doubles, defeating St. Francis Michael Boutros/Michael Allen, 6-3, 6-2. At No. 2 doubles, Ethan Moyer and Drew Miller cruised to a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Noah Kasper/Chris Eid.

“Alex and Lucas are playing together; they talk about everything,” Wolfe said.

“They talk about, ‘This is what we’re going to do, I’ll serve to his backhand, and you attack the net.’ They have the point figured out before it happens.

“And Ethan and Drew were playing fabulous tonight,” she added. “They did a great job, overall. I like Ethan and Drew together. I like that combination.”

Sam Long, the team's best chance for a win in singles play, won his first set against Alex Kasper, 7-5, then played a close second set, losing 4-6. Kasper then caught fire in the final set, defeating Long, 6-1.

"I think confidence got very high for the St. Francis kid. The last set, or four games, he couldn't miss," Wolfe said. "His confidence inflated on his side at that point. We couldn't do anything about it."

Nils Nolte and Trevor Weickert lost their Nos. 1 and 2 singles matches, 2-6, 1-6, and 3-6, 1-6, respectively. Though they knew they were going to be in store for rough matches, Wolfe was pleased by their willingness to take one for the team.

"(Nolte and Weickert) were ok with that because they knew it was for the team, they bought into that, and that's a good thing.

The Little Giants are now 8-3 overall, 2-3 in the TRAC. They will have a couple of long days the next 48 hours, playing the Port Clinton Invitational Friday afternoon/evening and then hosting the Little Giant Invitational on Saturday. Both events are eight-school, four-flight doubles tournaments.

ST. FRANCIS 3, FREMONT ROSS 2

No. 1 singles: Greg Leroux (SF) def. Nils Nolte, 6-2, 6-1

No. 2 singles: Chad Huss (SF) def. Trevor Weickert, 6-3, 6-1

No. 3 singles: Alex Kasper (SF) def. Sam Long, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1

No. 1 doubles: Alex Thatcher/Lucas Cronin (FR) def. Michael Boutros/Michael Allen, 6-3, 6-2

No. 2 doubles: Ethan Moyer/Drew Miller (FR) def. Noah Kasper/Chris Eid, 6-0, 6-2

LITTLE GIANTS PICK UP THREE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WEEKEND DOUBLES TOURNAMENTS

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FREMONT – Two doubles tournaments in a span of 24 hours left the Little Giant tennis team with a trio of championships.

Friday night, the Little Giants placed fourth as a team at the Port Clinton Doubles Invitational. There, Ross was led by the No. 3 doubles team of Ethan Moyer and Nils Nolte, who won their bracket championship.

Saturday morning, Ross hosted its own doubles tournament, the Little Giant Invitational. There, the Little Giants picked up two more first-place performances.

Alex Thatcher and Trevor Weickert combined to win the No. 1 doubles championship. Sam Long and Lucas Cronin teamed up for a tournament at No. 2 doubles.

As a team, Ross finished second.

Due to a family emergency on Saturday, coach Lisa Wolfe was not available for comment on her team's weekend.

BOYS TENNIS TAKES A VICTORY OVER NORWALK

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FREMONT – The Little Giant tennis team gave coach Lisa Wolfe a nice welcome home gift.

Wolfe missed Ross's last two matches while her mother was ill, but returned in time to see her team win a close victory over Norwalk, 3-2, Saturday.

The Little Giants swept the doubles matches thanks to performances by Alex Thatcher and Trevor Weickert at No. 1 doubles and Lucas Cronin and Sam Long, who won at No. 2.

Ethan Moyer won every game in a two-set sweep at No. 2 singles, as Ross improved its overall record to 11-3.

The Little Giants will host Toledo Central Catholic on Tuesday at 4:30.

FREMONT ROSS 3, NORWALK 2

No. 1 singles: Austin Brown (N) def. Nils Nolte, 6-0, 7-5

No. 2 singles: Ethan Moyer (FR) def. Ben Traczek 6-0, 6-0

No. 3 singles: Jack Mei (N) def. Drew Miller, 6-4, 6-1

No. 1 doubles: Alex Thatcher/Trevor Weickert (FR) def. Andrew Riley/Wyatt Brown, 6-2, 6-1

No. 2 doubles: Lucas Cronin/Sam Long (FR) def. Eric Hull/Jordan Cotterill, 6-4, 6-3

WITH LEAGUE TOURNEY LOOMING, LITTLE GIANT TENNIS SWEEPS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

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FREMONT – With the TRAC boys tennis tournament looming, Little Giant coach Lisa Wolfe reminded her team that every point and every game may be the difference between a high seed and a low seed.

The league's coaches will confer this week ahead of Friday and Saturday's league tournament and discuss seeding for the five flights. In those discussions, when head-to-head and overall records are not enough to settle who should be seeded where, games won often can be the tie-breaker.

"I said, 'Sometimes we get to the seeding meeting, and we talk about games won,'" Wolfe said. "I said 'We need to work hard on every single game,' because sometimes it gets down to games."

The Little Giants helped themselves in that regard on Tuesday. Ross shut out TRAC rival Toledo Central Catholic 5-0, losing no more than three games in any set in a major confidence-boosting win, given that they defeated a Toledo school so decisively.

"That's a great thing. A great thing," Wolfe said. "I saw a lot of patience."

At No. 1 singles, Nils Nolte rolled to a 6-0, 6-2 victory while Alex Thatcher was stellar in a 6-2, 6-1 win at No. 2 singles.

"Alex always stands out to me, because he's Alex," Wolfe said. "He just plays great singles, great doubles, wherever you put him. He is just playing great right now."

Wolfe was also thrilled with the play of Drew Miller, who won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3 singles.

"Drew just handled that kid, he's like a third-year junior, is what he played like today," Wolfe said. "This being his first year, it's so impressive to see."

The No. 2 doubles team of Lucas Cronin and Ethan Moyer won every game, 6-0, 6-0, in their victory, while the No. 1 duo of Trevor Weickert and Sam Long won their match 6-3, 6-2, settling themselves down after a couple of disappointing games in the second set.

"No. 1 doubles got a little flustered in the second set," Wolfe said. "I calmed them down, I said, 'You won the first set, why are you getting angry now? You're ahead.' They settled down, finished off the last three games, and won the match. It just takes some talking sometimes to calm things down."

The Little Giants are now 12-3 overall and hold a 3-3 mark in the TRAC. Ross travels to Huron on Wednesday before closing out the league's regular season schedule on Thursday at home against Whitmer. The TRAC tournament begins Friday morning.

BOYS TENNIS WINS HARD-FOUGHT MATCH OVER HURON

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HURON – The Little Giant tennis team had to battle for wins on Wednesday night. But battle they did and took an impressive 5-0 win over Huron. Nils Nolte (No. 1 singles) and Drew Miller (No. 3 singles), won their matches by scores of 7-5, 6-2 and 6-3, 6-2, respectively, but each of them had to fight through adversity.

“(I’m) proud of Nils,” coach Lisa Wolfe said. “He was behind 0-5 in the first set and won seven games in a row to take the set. Drew was behind 0-3 in the first set, won 6 games in a row.”

Alex Thatcher rounded out the singles wins, defeating his opponent 6-2, 6-0. The No. 1 doubles team of Sam Long and Trevor Weickert won a hard-fought match against Huron’s Jake Swope and Oliver Claus, winning 6-4, 7-5.

“Trevor and Sam handled a very tough pair of athletes at first doubles,” Wolfe said. “Great win against a solid team.”

The No. 2 double team of Lucas Cronin and Ethan Moyer had the easiest match of the day as they cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 victory in their match.

The Little Giants improve to 13-3 overall, 3-3 in the TRAC. Ross travels to Whitmer for its last league match of the year before this weekend’s TRAC tournament.

FREMONT ROSS 5, HURON 0

No. 1 singles: Nils Nolte def. Ben Nevison, 7-5, 6-2

No. 2 singles: Alex Thatcher def. Sam Slutz, 6-2, 6-0

No. 3 singles: Drew Miller def. Andrew Koba, 6-3, 6-2

No. 1 doubles: Sam Long/Trevor Weickert def. Jake Swope/Oliver Claus, 6-4, 7-5

No. 2 doubles: Lucas Cronin/Ethan Moyer def. Graham McGlashon/Nick Ritzler, 6-1, 6-0

LITTLE GIANT TENNIS SWEEPS WHITMER; LEARNS SEEDING FOR WEEKEND'S TRAC TOURNEY

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TOLEDO – On the eve of the TRAC tennis tournament, the Little Giants made sure to close out the league's regular season schedule on a high note. Ross went to Whitmer and swept the Panthers, 5-0, strengthening all five flights' case for high seeds at this weekend's league tournament.

Nils Nolte, Alex Thatcher, and Drew Miller all won their singles matches in straight sets, losing no more than two games in any set.

Likewise, the doubles teams of Trevor Weickert/Sam Long and Lucas Cronin/Ethan Moyer combined to lose just three games in their four sets.

The Little Giants' record improved to 14-3 overall and closed out the TRAC season at 4-3.

The two-day league tournament gets underway on Friday morning at nine at Shadow Valley Tennis Club in Maumee.

In the tournament, Nolte (4-3 TRAC record) will be seeded No. 4 at No. 1 singles.

Thatcher, also 4-3, will be seeded fourth in his bracket as well, at No. 2 singles.

Drew Miller (4-2) earned a No. 3 seed at No. 3 singles.

Weickert/Long enter the No. 1 doubles bracket with a 4-2 record and a No. 3 seed.

Cornin/Moyer, however, thanks to an undefeated 6-0 record, enter as the favorites at No. 2 doubles and carry the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

The first two rounds of the TRAC tournament will be played on Friday, with the championship matches played on Saturday.

FREMONT ROSS 5, WHITMER 0

No. 1 singles: Nils Nolte def. Cameron Ricker, 6-2, 6-2

No. 2 singles: Alex Thatcher def. Wyatt Staber, 6-0, 6-1

No. 3 singles: Drew Miller def. Reyes Garcia, 6-1, 6-0

No. 1 doubles: Trevor Weicker/Sam Long def. Nic Pitzer/Andrew Fischer, 6-1, 6-1

No. 2 doubles: Lucas Cronin/Ethan Moyer def. Zach Pawels/Jacob Hernandez, 6-1, 6-0

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SHORTHANDED LITTLE GIANT TENNIS TEAM FALLS TO NORTHVIEW, 3-2

by Rich McGowan | May 7, 2018 | Boys Tennis



FREMONT – Playing its penultimate duel match of the season, the Fremont Ross boys tennis team wanted to play the lineup it will use in this weekend's sectional tournament, but the Little Giants were shorthanded.

Playing without their top singles player, the Little Giants lost their three singles matches in a 3-2 loss to Sylvania Northview.

No. 1 singles player Nils Nolte missed the match due to illness, which required No. 2 singles player Ethan Moyer and No. 3 Drew Miller to each move up a flight while Isaac Minor was called up from junior varsity to fill in at No. 3 singles.

The Little Giants fared better at doubles, where they were at full strength. Alex Thatcher and Trevor Weickert prevailed at No. 1 doubles, 6-2, 6-3, while the No. 2 pairing of Sam Long and Lucas Cronin won by scores of 6-0, 6-1.

The loss drops Ross' overall record to 14-4. The Little Giants are back in action Tuesday at home against Bowling Green, which will be the team's Senior Night as well.

NORTHVIEW 3. FREMONT ROSS 2

No. 1 singles: Anish Karnari (N) def. Ethan Moyer, 6-2, 6-0

No. 2 singles: Dominic Cirucci (N) def. Drew Miller, 6-0, 6-1

No. 3 singles: Jude Baroudi (N) def. Isaac Minor, 6-2, 6-0

No. 1 doubles: Alex Thatcher/Trevor Weickert (FR) def. Brandon Kopitke/Camren Horvath, 6-2, 6-3

No. 2 doubles: Sam Long/Lucas Cronin (FR) def. Osama Khrawesh/Jimmy Duwve, 6-0, 6-1

THE TENNIS TEAM KEEPS HOSPITALIZED SENIOR SKYLER HUFF

IN ITS THOUGHTS ON SENIOR NIGHT

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FREMONT – Skyler Huff was ready for his chance on the court.

The Fremont Ross senior was hours away from his first varsity match as the Little Giants celebrated Senior Night, but fate intervened.

About the time his teammates were getting set to face Bowling Green, Huff was wheeled into emergency surgery for an appendectomy.

“He texted me first thing this morning and asked what time he had to be in school,” coach Lisa Wolfe said. “He said, ‘Coach, I do not want to miss Senior Night.’ I said, ‘You have to be at school by 11, but you also need to take care of yourself.’

“At 2:00, his mom texts me and says we’re at the emergency room. ...About 30 minutes later, she said he’s going in for an emergency appendectomy, and I said, ‘Oh my.’

“He was going to make his varsity debut on Senior Night, for goodness’ sake! The kid was excited.”

Huff’s surgery went well, and he stayed in the hospital on Tuesday and is expected to be home on Wednesday.

Huff's Little Giant teammates kept him in their thoughts and sent him get-well videos from the Senior Night festivities, and they performed well on the court in his place, defeating the Bobcats with a 4-1 victory.

Ross easily swept the doubles matches as Alex Thatcher and Trevor Weickert combined at No. 1 doubles for a 6-0, 6-0 victory, and Sam Long and Lucas Cronin won their match, 6-1, 6-0.

Nils Nolte (No. 1 singles) won his match 6-2, 6-3, as did Drew Miller, who pitched a perfect shutout at No. 3 singles, 6-0, 6-0. Ethan Moyer lost at No. 2 singles, 3-6, 1-6.

"Ethan tweaked his ankle, which is not good this time of the season, and he played pretty gingerly after that," Wolfe said. "We're going to rest tomorrow, and hopefully he's ready to roll. He's icing and prepping right now."

In addition to Huff, other seniors recognized for their careers included Long, Nolte, Thatcher, Weickert, and Santi Minor.

"I will definitely miss the leadership that they brought to the team, and hopefully the underclassmen have learned from them – and I know that they have, I'm seeing leadership in the underclassmen. Whatever the seniors are doing this season is rubbing off nicely on the underclassmen in terms of leadership.

"And I'm not sure I've ever had a senior team so academically gifted as they are," she added. "That definitely will be missed. Everything that a coach needs in a group, this senior class is. They're wonderful kids."

The Little Giants conclude the regular season with a 15-4 overall record and will host the sectional tournament, beginning Thursday and concluding Saturday.

FREMONT ROSS 4, BOWLING GREEN 1

No. 1 singles: Nils Nolte (FR) def. Luther Shinew, 6-2, 6-3

No. 2 singles: Ivan Tarasov (BG) def. Ethan Moyer, 6-3, 6-1

No. 3 singles: Drew Miller (FR) def. Ty Gulgin, 6-0, 6-0

No. 1 doubles: Alex Thatcher/Trevor Weickert (FR) def. Mitchell Drumm, 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 doubles: Sam Long/Lucas Cronin (FR) def. Luke Konecny/James Eddington, 6-1, 6-0

Final varsity record: 15-4 overall, 4-3 TRAC

JUNIOR VARSITY

Hayley Lawrence (FR) def. Matthew Konrad, 4-0

Kennedy Bohannon (FR) def. Matthew Konrad, 4-0

Cody Lopez (FR) def. Matthew Konrad, 4-0

Luke/Dom (BG) def. Santi Minor/Isaac Minor, 6-4

Final JV record: 7-6