

2009 Greater Buckeye Conference

## Girls tennis

# Fremont Ross doubles team 2nd at GBC tourney

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LIMA — Fremont Ross doubles teams of Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne (No. 1) and Maddie Kueick and Sarah Gray (No. 2) won league championships as the Little Giants placed second at the Greater Buckeye Conference Tournament on Saturday.

Gedeon and Osborne, the No. 1 seed, received a first-round bye before knocking off James and Neyer (Napoleon) 6-0, 6-2 in the semifinal round. The Ross duo topped Ishikawa and Nakura (Findlay) 7-6 (4), 6-2 in the No. 1 doubles championship match.

Kueick and Gray, the No. 1 seed, used a bye to move into the semifinal round, where they overcame Slagle and Sharrock (Marion Harding) in three sets 5-7, 6-1, 7-5. The Little Giants' combo defeated Soli and Worstell (Findlay) 6-4, 7-5 for the No. 2 doubles title.

"Because they had the byes, our doubles teams used that time to scout the weaknesses of their opponents," Ross coach Lisa Wolfe said.

Both of the Little Giants' doubles teams earned first-team all-GBC awards.

In singles play, Sam Laeng (No. 2) and Casey Clark (No. 3) had solid performances.

Laeng, a No. 3 seed, finished third after losing to Mackenzie Eickhoff (Napoleon) 6-1, 6-3 and, then, defeating Kristina Moodley (Marion Harding) 8-4 in the third-place match.

Laeng, a No. 3 seed, ended up third after dropping a 6-3, 6-2 decision to Alayana Schlade (Napoleon) and, then, topping Kelsey Conway (Lima Senior) 8-0 in the third-place contest.

Clark, a No. 2 seed, won her semifinal round match against Liz Varnell (Napoleon) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 before falling to Lindsey Barlett (Findlay) 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 in the No. 3 singles championship match.

"I'm extremely proud of all of the girls, especially Casey," Wolfe said. "She's been playing tennis for only four months and Casey gave it her all to win a conference title. She took the GBC champion to three sets."

Wolfe said her team was not distracted by weekend events.

"I noticed the determination our girls had Saturday," Wolfe said. "We had a rain delay during the tournament and I know the girls would have liked to have returned home earlier to go to Homecoming. But this team did a great job with its focus."

In addition, Wolfe, who has guided Ross to a 14-2 dual meet record in 2009, was selected as the GBC Coach of the Year.

"It's a great honor to win Coach of the Year," Wolfe said. "But this award isn't possible without the determination the girls have played with this season."

With the GBC Tournament accounting for half of the league's point system, a high finish in Lima on Saturday assured Ross a second-place position in the conference. Findlay won the dual meet and tournament championships with 30 points. Ross had 24 points, followed by Napoleon (18), Marion Harding (12), Sandusky (six) and Lima Senior (zero).

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### GBC TOURNAMENT

■ **Site:** Fremont Ross, Fremont.

■ **Final Standings:** 1. Findlay 31, 2. Fremont Ross 27, 3. Napoleon 22, 4. Marion Harding 13, 5. Sandusky 10, 6. Lima Sr. 7.

■ **No. 1 singles:** Sam Lagrou (FR) first round bye. Mackenzie Eickhoff (N) def Sam Lagrou (FR) 6-1, 6-3. Sam Lagrou (FR) def Kristina Moodley (MH) 8-4.

■ **No. 2 singles:** Rachel Laeng (FR) first round bye. Alayna Schlade (N) def Rachel Laeng (FR) 6-3, 6-2. Rachel Laeng (FR) def Kelsey Conway (LS) 8-0.

■ **No. 3 singles:** Casey Clark (FR) first round bye. Casey Clark (FR) def Liz Varnell (N) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. Lindsey Barlett (F) def Casey Clark (FR) 5-7, 6-4, 6-1.

■ **No. 1 doubles:** Alexis Gedeon/Sarah Osborne (FR) first round bye. Alexis Gedeon/Sarah Osborne (FR) def James/Meyer (N) 6-0, 6-2. Alexis Gedeon/Sarah Osborne (FR) def Ishikauri/Nakaura (F) 7-4(4), 6-3.

■ **No. 2 doubles:** Maddie Kueick/Sarah Gray (FR) first round bye. Maddie Kueick/Sarah Gray (FR) def Slagle/Sharrock (MH) 6-2, 6-0. Maddie Kueick/Sarah Gray (FR) def Soli/Worstell (F) 6-4, 7-5.

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■ **Coach of the Year:** Lisa Wolfe, Fremont Ross.