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SPRING SPORTS PREVIEWS ■ FREMONT ROSS SOFTBALL



Fremont Ross catcher Casey Clark has been named a team captain this year, along with Christy Meggitt.

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Ross seniors earn captain status

BY KEVIN SHIELDS
Sports writer

FREMONT — During his 13-year tenure as softball coach at Fremont Ross, Mike Gilbert has never had team captains.

Then again, he's rarely had two seniors like Casey Clark and Christy Meggitt.

"I just thought, they're two four-year seniors and they're two four-year seniors that I trust," Gilbert said. "So I just named them captains."

Clark, a catcher, was honorable mention all-state in Division I last season. She led all Div. I catchers in Northwest Ohio with a batting average of .472 and was in the top three in several other offensive categories when district stats were submitted.

Clark had 34 hits, 15 runs and 23 RBIs. She added nine stolen bases and had a .526 on-base percentage as she helped Ross to an 11-13 record and 6-4 mark in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

"She's been honorable mention all state for two years, which is quite an honor," Gilbert said. "It's really hard for someone from this area to get recognized like that."

Clark didn't play basketball this

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MIKE GILBERT
Fremont Ross softball coach

season so she could put all her focus on softball.

"She's lost about 20 pounds from exercising quite a bit," Gilbert said. "And you can definitely see it in her play."

Meggitt, a second baseman, has been a rock in the middle of the defense. This season she'll try to bring along a young shortstop, freshman Kelsey Ivy.

"I think she'll be a pleasant surprise for us," Gilbert said of Ivy.

Juniors Ally Hotz and Kylie Reidmaier will compete at third, while sophomore Megan Michael and senior Andra Snodgrass will be fighting for time at first.

"On paper, this is one of the best teams I've had," Gilbert said. "And so far, it's one of my closest knit teams. They get along so well with each other."

Switch-hitting junior McKenzie Schneider will be the Little Giants' centerfielder again. In right will be junior Sara Gowitzka, while juniors Kaylee Amor and Sidney Swaisgood will compete in left.

"I think we've got experience with youth this year," Gilbert said. "We've got a lot of younger players, but they have some years of experience under them too."

In the circle for Ross will be sophomore McKenzie Gallagher, who last season backed up her older sister, Jordyn.

Jordyn Gallagher was one of the most decorated softball players to go through the program. Her 170 strikeouts as a junior broke a school record.

"She's very similar to Jordyn in the fact that she'll pitch no matter how she feels," Gilbert said. "Then

pitching-wise, if McKenzie learns to hit the corners, that's going to be a tremendous help. But she's a really good competitor and as far as pitches go she has a better curve, but Jordyn's changeup is better."

Michael will back her up.

Gilbert pointed to the tough schedule the Little Giants will play as being something that could either make or break their season. The GBC has continued to become a stronger conference. Ross's non-league schedule will offer no reprieve.

"We're definitely going to have to hit better as a team than we've done in the past," Gilbert said. "And that's something we've been focusing on."

As far as the GBC goes, Ross, like many others, expects to have plenty of trouble with Sandusky and Napoleon.

"Both those teams have lost very few people," Gilbert said. "And I think Marion has a freshman pitcher they're real high on. And Findlay is Findlay. It's going to be a very competitive league."

"For us to do well, we're going to have to play good every game."

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Fremont's Ally Hotz throws to second for a force out as pitcher McKenzie Gallagher watches during Tuesday's season opener with Port Clinton. The Little Giants broke open a close game for a 10-1 victory. See more photos at thenews-messenger.com.

Slow start, strong finish

Little Giants impressive in season-opening victory

BY KEVIN SHIELDS
Sports writer

FREMONT — Maybe it was opening-game nerves, or maybe it was the cool game-time temperatures.

Either way it took the Fremont Ross hitters a little time to warm up in Tuesday's 10-1 win over Port Clinton.

Once the Little Giants found their hitting stroke, runs filled the scoring column in a hurry.

After tallying single runs in the first and third innings, Ross (1-0) struck for three more in the fourth and added five in the sixth, turning a close game into a near double-digit victory.

Christy Meggitt did most of the damage for Ross, going 2-for-4 at the plate with four RBI. She was helped by Casey Clark, McKenzie Gallagher and McKenzie Schneider, who collected two hits apiece.

Meggitt's three-RBI triple in the fourth pushed the Ross lead to 5-1. It was one of four hits in the inning that all came with two outs.

"I think we had some first game jitters," Meggitt said. "I think we relaxed more as the game went on. And it only took one person to get a rally going and we just fed off each other."

One of those rally-starters was Gallagher, who also earned her first win in the circle. The sophomore allowed an unearned run on eight hits. She struck out four and walked two.

"She pitched a great game," Gilbert said. "She struggled with her changeup. I think when the changeup works, that makes her all the more effective. But she did what she had to do and the kids behind her played good defense."

Malcolm Leake's 6-0, 6-1 win over Marion Harding's Jeremy Crammer helped Fremont Ross take two of three singles' points in a 4-1 win over the Presidents in Tuesday Greater Buckeye Conference action.

Picking up the other singles point for the Little Giants was Erik Paulson, a 6-1, 6-2 winner over Cody Drake.

Michael Pickeler and David Gipe were 6-1, 6-1 winners in No. 1 doubles. At No. 2 doubles, Tim Cheek and Josh Woughter won 6-1, 6-4.

"This was a great way to start the season," said Ross coach Lisa Wolfe. "I like the lineup. Pickeler and Gipe make a pretty solid No. 1 doubles pair. At No. 2 doubles, we have a veteran in Cheek (6-foot-4-inches) and a newcomer in Woughter (6-foot-5-inches) who are pretty intimidating."

The Redskins (0-1) made it on base 10 times during the game, but seven times they found themselves with nowhere to go on out number three.

A potential second run was taken away in the sixth inning when center fielder McKenzie Schneider gunned down a runner who tried to score from third for a double play.

"It's nice for us infielders to know that the outfield is there to back us up," Meggitt said. "Our defense is really strong right now."

Clark, playing her fourth season behind the plate, didn't

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Singles wins spur Ross tennis past Marion

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SOFTBALL

LAKOTA 7, GIBSONBURG 2

Abby Durst struck out 11 batters in the circle, while Morgan Lewis and Courtney Chalfin each collected multiple hits as Lakota topped Gibsonburg in a Tuesday non-league game.

Durst tossed seven innings for the Raiders (1-0), surrendering just two earned runs on six hits.

Lewis went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Chalfin was 2-for-3 and accounted for three runs scored. Amy Gosche added a home run.

Danielle Fisher's 2-for-3 effort led the Golden Bears (0-1). Brittany Potts chipped in a triple and Meredith Morgan added a double.

Taylor Henline suffered the loss, allowing six earned runs on nine hits. She struck out five and walked two.

make the base running any easier.

"She kept us close," Port Clinton coach Jenna Kline said. "She threw down to first 10 times. That puts a little ding in your system when you're trying to steal and do things to move on the bases."

"We respect her arm and she had a nice game for them."

Clark's RBI double was the first of two straight doubles for Ross in the sixth inning. She was knocked in a batter later on a two-bagger to left field by Andra Snodgrass.

Freshman Kelsey Ivy added a

CLYDE 6, NORWALK 3

Clyde fought back from a three-run first inning deficit to stay unbeaten in the first week of the season, topping visiting Norwalk (1-1).

Freshman pitcher Chelsea Zerman allowed seven hits and struck out 11 for the Fliers (2-0).

Taylor Arndt had multiple hits to the lead the offense for a second straight night. Bridgette Setzler tripled, while Nicole George and Aurora Garcia both doubled.

MARGARETTA 10, BELLEVUE 0

Ali James led seven different Margarettas hitters with three hits and two RBI in a five-inning shutout of Bellevue.

Courtney Hansen allowed two hits for the Polar Bears in the circle, striking out four and

two-run single and Meggitt brought home her fourth run in the inning on a single up the middle.

Ashley Wuersig took the loss in the circle for the Redskins, tossing six innings. She gave 12 hits, striking out three and walking two.

"A win is a win and for the first game I'm very pleased," Gilbert said. "I think you can look at everybody in our lineup, though, and see that they contributed today in one form or another."

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SOFTBALL

Fremont Ross 11, Toledo Waite 0

Senior Christy Meggitt had her second straight multiple-RBI game, driving in three runs Wednesday as part of Fremont Ross's run-rule victory.

Meggitt accounted for four of the Little Giants' 18 hits, going 4-for-4 at the plate with two homers, while scoring four times.

Ross (2-0) also got three hits from Meghan Michael and two each from Casey Clark, Sara Gowitzka, McKenzie Schneider, Kelsey Ivy and Kaylee Amor.

In the circle, McKenzie Gallagher picked up her second win. She allowed a single hit and just three total baserunners, striking out 10 and walking two.

Fremont Ross 1, Edison 0

Mckenzie Gallagher picked up her third win in as many games, throwing a complete-game shut-out to lead Fremont Ross to a one-run win Thursday over Edison.

Gallagher allowed just four hits and struck out nine Chargers and walking one.

Casey Clark doubled twice for the Little Giants (3-0) who got two more hits and an RBI from Sara Gowitzka.

GREATER BUCKEYE CONFERENCE SOFTBALL: MARION HARDING 4, FREMONT ROSS 1

Fremont falls in GBC opener

By Bob Putman

Special to The News-Messenger

MARION — Fremont Ross was limited to just two hits by Marion Harding pitcher Kaityn Evans as the Little Giants lost 4-1 to the Lady Presidents in their Greater Buckeye Conference opener Wednesday.

Three errors in the fourth and fifth innings paved the way to three Harding runs, but Fremont had its chances to score in the early innings.

"We had the opportunities but couldn't capitalize," Fremont coach Mike Gilbert said.

The Little Giants (3-1) put two runners on base in the first inning on walks to McKenzie Gallagher and Casey Clark, but Evans was able to snuff out the rally with a strikeout and ground ball back to her.

Fremont did score a run in the fourth inning but the frame had the potential to be more productive.

A single by Clark and walks to Sara Gowitzka and McKenzie Schneider once again put Fremont in position to score. But a sacrifice fly by Kelsey Ivy scored the only run.

Harding (4-2) scored a run in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI-single by Courtney Johnson and two more markers in the fifth on an RBI-single by Paige Kightlinger and a Fremont error.

Evans added an insurance marker in the sixth with her second home run of the season.

Gallagher gave up nine hits, struck out three and did not walk a batter.

"It takes a team to win, and we didn't support Gallagher like we have in the past," Gilbert said. "But that can be the nature of the game. Marion played very well and executed, and we didn't."

"We were able to put the ball in play and make things happen," Marion Harding coach Sean Keirns said.

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Fremont Ross pitcher McKenzie Gallagher brings the heat against Marion Harding on Wednesday. Ross lost the Greater Buckeye Conference opener 4-1. JAMES MILLER/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-MESSENGER

"It takes a team to win, and we didn't support (pitcher McKenzie) Gallagher like we have in the past."

MIKE GILBERT, Fremont Ross softball coach

Ross 8, Bowling Green 2

Anthony Wayne 3, Ross 2

Casey Clark scored twice and drove in two runs as Ross topped Bowling Green in a non-conference matchup.

McKenzie Gallagher scored twice while Sara Gowitzka, McKenzie Schneider and Kelsey Ivy each scored one run. Schneider, Ivy, Meghan Michael and Kaylee Amor each had one RBI.

Gallagher (4-2) walked one in seven innings for the pitching win.

Christy Meggitt and Michael each scored one run against Anthony Wayne while Michael and Ivy each had one RBI. The Little Giants (4-2) loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh but couldn't score.

Softball

Fremont Ross 1, Sandusky 0

Defense won Fremont Ross a big GBC contest at Sandusky Tuesday, as the Little Giants earned a shutout despite giving up 13 hits.

Ross (5-2, 1-1) scored its only run in the top of the ninth inning when Megan Michael walked and was replaced by pinch runner, Andra Snodgrass. Snodgrass advanced to second on a bunt single by Sara Gowitzka, then stole third before scoring the winning run on Kelsey Ivy's infield single.

Ivy went 2-for-3, adding a double and stolen base. Casey Clark was 2-for-3 with a double and Kaylee Amor singled.

Mckenzie Gallagher (5-2) earned her fifth win, recording two strikeouts and three walks.



Fremont Ross senior Casey Clark signs to play softball at Ohio Dominican University. Sitting next to her are Little Giants coach Mike Gilbert, left, and her father, Allen Clark. KEVIN SHIELDS/NEWS-MESSENGER

Ross catcher Casey Clark signs to Ohio Dominion

By Kevin Shields
Sports writer

FREMONT — Growing up to play college softball was far from Casey Clark's mind back when she was in grade school. "It was funny looking back at my goals from when I was in elementary school," Clark said. "Back then it said I wanted to play college basketball. And now that's totally changed."

Clark, a senior at Fremont Ross, signed to play softball at Ohio Dominican University Wednesday. The Little Giants' catcher has been a first team all-Greater Buckeye Conference and first team all-district player for Ross the past two seasons, while also garnering honorable mention all-Ohio honors.

"She did all the work," Ross coach Mike Gilbert said. "I've just been lucky enough to be along for the ride."

Clark has been Gilbert's top hitter the past three years. She hit .373 as a freshman, .414 as a sophomore and .450 as a junior.

On defense, Clark has had fielding percentages of .981, 1.000 and .993 respectively.

"I love hitting," Clark said. "Lots of girls don't like to hit, but I love it."

"Defense is just something that comes naturally to me."

Strong leadership was another skill that came naturally to Clark. So much so, Gilbert — in his 13th season — named her and teammate Christy Meggitt as his first-ever team captains this spring.

"It's a great honor to have and to know that he feels he can put me and Christy in that position," Clark said. "It feels good to know your coach has that much confidence in you."

Ross is off to a 5-2 start this season with a 1-1 mark in the GBC.

Thus far, Clark has once again been one of Ross's top hitters, while

bringing along new pitcher McKenzie Gallagher.

"She's just so awesome to have as a catcher," Gallagher said. "She's definitely the best one I've ever had."

During the recruiting process, Ohio Dominican didn't have to do much looking for Clark. She instead, did the looking herself.

"I sent out a mass email to coaches over the winter, and they responded very quickly," Clark said. "Then I went down there for a try-out, and they really liked me. They said it was all in my hands whether or not I wanted to play for them."

"But Ohio Dominican always really appealed to me as a school, as an athletic program and what its morals and ethics are for its athletes."

Add in Clark's 3.6 grade point average, which currently stands as the 39th best in her class, and academics played a major role in allowing Clark to continue playing in college.

"I couldn't have even gotten into Ohio Dominican without the grades I had," she said. "It's been a great asset to have. It's helped me get scholarship money for both my grades and for athletics."

Athletics haven't always been full of successes for Clark. She played basketball for three years, two on the varsity level that saw the Little Giants go a combined 3-38.

"That just taught me to never quit," Clark said. "It created a thick skin for me when I'm playing another sport. It gives you that determination that you want to win and that you want to be a winner."

That determination carried onto the tennis courts the past two seasons. As a senior, Clark had an undefeated regular season this past fall, playing mostly No. 3 singles.

"Me and my brother used to always go out and

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Fremont Ross catcher Casey Clark waits for the call as a Perrysburg runner slides into home last season. NM FILE PHOTO

Clark

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play,” she said. “I originally was going to do that to stay in shape for basketball, but I practiced all summer before my junior year, and I just got better from there.

“It’s nice to have an undefeated regular season your senior year. It took a lot of hard work to get where I was.”

Clark’s brother, Chad, played Division III basketball at Baldwin-Wallace after having a stellar athletic career himself as a Ross athlete.

“I’ve always strived to play college sports like he did,” Casey said. “I’m really proud to follow in his footsteps. He’s always pushed me to be the best possible athlete that I could be.

“I’ve worked towards this ever since I started playing softball, and I’m really excited to have this opportunity,” Casey said. “When I was visiting all the colleges I couldn’t imagine not playing sports. So I worked hard over the winter to get myself prepared for college.”

Since the fall tennis season ended, Clark has been hard at work with the Little Giants’ training staff. That included many vig-

orous workouts that led to her dropping a total of 30 pounds.

“My reaction time coming up out of my crouch to throw is a lot faster,” Clark said. “And my baserunning is incredibly faster. I’m actually a threat on the base paths.”

Casey is looking forward to the equal playing field that college sports will provide her.

“That’s what really excites me about going to play,” she said. “There’s going to be some players that are better than you and some that aren’t, but it’s just equal. It’s a lot more competitive.”

The Panthers are members of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in D-II. Other schools in their conference include the likes of the University of Findlay, Ashland University, Tiffin University, Wayne State in Michigan, Grand Valley State, Ferris State and Lake Superior State.

At Ohio Dominican, Casey will pursue a degree in business administration with a minor in sports management.

“My ultimate goal is to work for a sports team,” Casey said. “Or to work for Nike or some kind of sports medium.”

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CORRECTIONS

» Fremont Ross High School catcher Casey Clark will attend Ohio Dominican University. A headline was incorrect on Page B1 of Thursday's paper.

Woodmore got back on the winning track Friday, earning its ninth win of the season on the softball diamond with a 5-4 victory over Lake in Suburban Lakes League play.

Freshman Madeline Phillips struck out eight and walked one for the Wildcats (9-1, 2-1) who had their eight-game win streak snapped Wednesday in a 3-1 loss at Eastwood.

Courtney Clowers singled, doubled and drove in three runs for Woodmore. Jessica Johnson was 2-for-4.

Napoleon 5, Fremont Ross 4

Andra Snodgrass' solo home run drew Fremont Ross within a run in the bottom of the seventh, but the Little Giants ran out of innings in a Greater Buckeye Conference loss to Napoleon.

The Wildcats jumped out to 5-0 advantage after three innings.

Ross (5-3, 1-2) scored in the fifth when Kaylee Amor and Ally

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Hotz both reached first on errors. Christy Meggitt's single scored Amor and Casey Clark's single scored Hotz. Snodgrass' double then scored Meggitt to bring the deficit to 5-3.

Snodgrass finished 2-for-2 with a run scored and two RBI.

Mckenzie Gallagher took the loss for Ross, allowing five runs on 11 hits, striking out seven and walking two.

Port Clinton 21, Oak Harbor 20

Sam Durivage had four hits, including three doubles, Dayna Setzler had a double and a triple, and Logan Bahnsen had three hits, including a home run for Oak Harbor who lost Friday to Port Clinton in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Margaretta 2, Clyde 0

In a matchup of two great, young up-and-coming pitchers, Margaretta's Cortney Hansen got the best of Clyde's Chelsea Zerman as the Polar Bears (5-2, 3-0) earned a big SBC win.

Softball:

Fremont Ross 11, Marion Harding 6

Christy Meggitt drove in five runs as Ross won in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

Kaylee Amore had two RBI, and Kelsey Ivy, Meghan Michael and Sara Gowitzka each added one for the Little Giants (6-3, 2-2). Michael, Ally Hotz and McKenzie Schneider each scored two runs while Meggitt, Casey Clark, Amore, Ivy and Gowitzka each scored once.

Ross scored five runs in the second inning

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and had 15 hits.

McKenzie Gallagher (6-3) notched the pitching victory.

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FINDLAY 1

Greater Buckeye Conference

Little Giants light up Trojans

By Sean Shapiro

News-Messenger correspondent

FINDLAY — The Fremont Ross softball team felt no hangover from having five of their last six games canceled because of weather.

In fact, the Little Giants played one of their best games of the season Friday in a 17-1 shellacking of the Findlay Trojans.

McKenzie Gallagher pitched a gem, striking out seven and limiting Findlay to four hits, and the Little Giants offense struck early and often on its way to the blowout five-inning victory.

"I'm really happy, especially since we only played two games in two weeks," Ross coach Mike Gilbert said. "To come back out here and hit the ball, well it's really nice to come out here after a week layoff and hit like this."

It didn't hurt that Findlay struggled fielding all afternoon, committing four errors that immediately lead to runs for Ross (7-3, 3-2 Greater Buckeye Conference).

The combination of Ross making strong contact and Findlay's failure to play crisp defense started in the first, when Casey Clark scored all the way from second base as an attempted pickoff throw landed in left field. One batter later, Andrea Snodgrass scorched a triple to the opposite

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field and the rout was on.

Leading 4-0 after the first, the Little Giants would bat around in the second, scoring seven runs, including a pair of doubles with the bases loaded by Clark and Kelsey Wry.

After a scoreless third, Ross exploded for six more runs, this time by singling home five straight runners and beating out a pair of close calls at first and third.

Meanwhile, Gallagher was dealing from the circle, recovering from a bases-loaded jam in the first and striking out at least one batter in all but the fifth inning.

"They loaded the bases in the bottom of the first, and we were able to get out of that," Gilbert

said. "That goes to the heart when you kill a rally like that."

Killing the rally helped Gallagher settle in and better establish her changeup, which baffled multiple Findlay batters as they either took it for a called strike or swung early.

The only run Gallagher allowed was unearned, as Findlay scored on a throwing error to third base on an attempted steal. Despite that, Gilbert was happy with how his defense played, and realizes he has a strong combination as Ross competes for the final GBC title.

"I think this was one of the better games she's pitched," Gilbert said. "Her changeup was dialed in, and her location was good. ... I'm impressed with the fact she pitched so well. And we play good defense, if she gets the ball across the plate, we're going to be OK."

Fremont Ross 2, Sandusky 1

McKenzie Gallagher notched two hits and earned the win in the circle for Fremont Ross, which earned a season sweep of Sandusky with the GBC victory Monday. ^N

Gallagher, whose pitched all the games this season for the Little Giants (8-5, 4-2), went the distance, surrendering a single run on six hits with two strikeouts and four walks.

McKenzie Schneider singled twice and scored a run for Ross. Casey Clark and Meghan Michael each had a double.

FOSTORIA 2
FREMONT ROSS 1

High School Softball

Ross nearly accomplishes a rare feat

By Kevin Shields

Sports writer

FOSTORIA — The Fremont Ross softball team almost helped Fostoria's Casey Babb reach an unfortunate feat Wednesday.

Despite being held hitless by the Lady Redmen ace, the Little Giants held a 1-0 lead entering the bottom of the sixth inning. That's when Babb's teammates gave her the win her pitching deserved.

Ross (8-6) manufactured a run in the fifth for the lead. Little Giants' pitcher McKenzie Gallagher quickly got two outs to start the sixth, getting Ashley Goins and Allyson Beechum to ground out.

But a single from Babb up the middle and a base hit through the left side by Stephanie Porter a batter later had the Lady Redmen (3-14) rallying.

Both were brought in by Karlee Grime's double off the fence in left center.

More importantly, though, it might have gotten the offense out of Babb's doghouse.

Babb threw close to 80 pitches, striking out three, walking two and hitting one Ross batter. It was her second consecutive win in the circle for Fostoria and third victory of the season.

"Casey has really been starting to come around for us," Lady Redmen coach Gabe Sierra said. "Her drop curve has been working well. She's a lot more relaxed and of course when you get a little bit of support it's always nice.

Most of Babb's support came from Grime, who made a nice diving stop to get an out in the fifth on the same play Ross got its only run.

Grime was 1-for-3 at the plate, flying out to center in the second inning and hitting into a fielder's choice in the fourth.

"Karlee had kind of cooled down a bit for us lately, and the funny thing is her mom was asking us about her stance," Sierra said. "But she hits the ball pretty hard. We had her up in our lineup a little bit, but we thought we had some speed and with Casey, Stephanie and Karlee all in that order, it makes our order start all over again at the four-spot. It was a change that paid off."

Softball

**Fremont Ross 10,
Lima Senior 0**

A night after being no-hit, Fremont

Ross got three hits alone from senior

Christy Meggitt, who also



Meggitt

drove in five

runs, as the Little Giants rebounded to win in the Greater Buckeye Conference on Thursday, run-ruling Lima Senior in five innings.

Mckenzie Gallagher earned her ninth win in the circle for Ross (9-6, 5-2), allowing a single hit, while striking out four and walking zero.

Napoleon 6, Fremont Ross 5

Christy Meggitt, Casey Clark and Kelsey Ivy each drove in a run, but Ross fell in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

McKenzie Schneider scored two runs while Meggitt, Clark and Andra Snodgrass added one apiece.

Napoleon broke a 5-5 tie with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Fremont Ross 13, Findlay 3

Casey Clark closed her memorable Fremont Ross career in style Friday, going 2 for 3 at the plate and driving in five runs as the Little Giants routed Greater Buckeye Conference rival Findlay in a five-inning run-rule contest.

Clark was one of five Little Giants (11-8, 7-3) to finish the game with multiple hits.

Pounding out a game-high three hits was McKenzie Schneider, who was 3 for 4, scoring two runs. Meghan Michael was 2 for 4 with three RBIs, Sara Gowitzka was 2 for 4 with two RBIs and Christy Meggitt was 2 for 3 with a double, three runs scored and an RBI.

Mckenzie Gallagher went the distance for Ross, allowing three unearned runs on five hits. She struck out five and walked one.

Fremont Ross sophomore McKenzie Gallagher was named pitcher of the year in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

Gallagher shared the honor with Sandusky pitcher Ashley Gilbert. Casey Clark and Christy Meggitt, teammates for all four years of their high school careers, were named to the first team for the Little Giants.

Junior McKenzie Schneider and freshman Kelsy Ivy were named to the second team, and Meghan Michael, Sara Gowitzka, Ally Hotz and Kaylee Armor were given honorable mention.