

# Columbian comeback shocks Little Giants

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross opened the Division I sectional volleyball tournament at Tiffin Saturday with a 15-6, 15-1 victory over Mansfield Senior before losing to Tiffin Columbian 0-15, 15-9, 15-11.

The Little Giants finished the season 18-6.

"We played tentative and scared of losing," Ross coach Beth Muffler said. "We beat them so badly the first game and didn't respect them in the second and third. I think we thought we would win and never stepped up to the call."

Emily Dowell was 18-of-20 serving with 14 points, Jodi Fick was 9-for-10 with seven points and Amber Brenamen was 56-for-56 setting with 16 assists against Columbian.

Michele Smith was 14-for-17 hitting with nine kills and 10 blocks and Fick also was 17-for-20 hitting with eight kills for the Little Giants.

Columbian advanced to the Arlington district.

## Sectional Volleyball

then topped second-seeded Northwood for the championship.

The Rockets, 7-14, advance to the district tournament next Saturday (3:15 p.m.) against Wauseon at Napoleon High School.

Oak Harbor beat Genoa 15-17, 15-6, 17-15 and handed Northwood a 15-8, 15-6 loss. It was the Rockets' first sectional title in five years.

In the two victories, Ellyn Vreeland served for 29 points with 16 aces, Nancy Appelhans had 10 points with six aces, Vicky Sandwisch had seven points with one ace and Amy Siefke had seven points with two aces.

Vreeland had 37 assists to kill, Appelhans had 28 attacks with 14 kills and Amy Jensen had 28

attacks with 11 kills. Anna Noggle added 14 attacks with seven kills and Brandy Gaines had seven attacks with three kills.

Lake handed Lakota a 15-17, 15-12, 15-4 loss despite 11 service points from the Raiders' Erin Howe.

Laura Witt had eight points and seven kills and Valerie Myers added six points and five kills for Lakota, 11-10.

### At Huron

Second-seeded Margaretta had a first-round bye and advanced to the Willard district with a 15-8, 4-15, 15-12 win over New London for the sectional championship.

Tammy Skinner was 17-of-17 serving with four aces to lead the Polar Bears.

### DIVISION IV

#### At Old Fort

Old Fort handed Bettsville a 15-2, 15-2 loss before suffering a

15-3, 15-9 loss to Hopewell-Loudon in the finals.

Jenny Magers served for 10 points and had eight kills, Rand Whitman had eight points and 10 assists, Julie Koch had five points, Jessica Steyer had five kills and Bridget Seigley had three kills for Old Fort (13-11 against Bettsville).

Magers had four points and two kills and Whitman had six assists for Old Fort against Hopewell-Loudon, 21-2.

Gibsonburg beat Fremont St Joseph Central Catholic 14-16, 15-6, 15-10.

Holly Wagner served for 10 points, Kelly Lotycz had eight kills, Susy Halbeisen had eight blocks and Julie Kupka added five kills for the Crimsor Streaks, 15-8.

Gibsonburg lost to Calvert in the next round.

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