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**VOLLEYBALL**

# Ross' Edris shows what she's got

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OREGON — Ross' Melanie Edris decided to do a little showing off Monday.

With her team ahead 24-23 in Game 2 of its Three Rivers Athletic Conference tournament match against Whitmer, Edris made a nice one-handed save from the left block behind her back that not only got the ball onto the Panthers' side, but it landed in the left front court for game point.

The Little Giants swept the Panthers 25-21, 25-23, 25-22 in the match at Clay.

"It went into the block and I think it was Mckenzie Gallagher who played it up," said Edris of the play near the left-side baseline. "And, I really had no idea what to do, so I just kind of pushed it over and what happened was not at all what I intended to do, but it worked."

Edris' kill completed a 19-10 run to end the game after the Panthers jumped out to a 13-6 advantage. She finished with a team-high 14 kills, adding 11 digs and six assists.

Edris tallied the winning point in Game 1 as well. Ross trailed throughout much of the middle part of the game before the Little Giants finished with a 7-2 run.

"We came out and played really hard," Edris said. "Whitmer is always a big game for us. We wanted to take them in three again because we did that the first time and we knew they were going to come back and fight against us."

Allison Ackerman's block in Game 2 got the Little Giants within 10-6. She recorded two of her unofficial five kills in the game and recorded three total blocks, most of the emphatic type. Cassie Wolesslagel was another key contributor at the net, unofficially tallying three kills

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and two blocks while Jessica Schnell added four kills.

"The girls played hard ... they didn't quit," Ross coach Lyndsey Robinson said. "Whitmer is a good team and we were pretty even there at times, but the girls continued to fight. It was nice to see they fought for every single point."

The Little Giants never trailed in Game 3, building a lead as big as 18-12 to force a Panthers'

timeout.

Molly Mosser's ace was the game-winning point after a key double-hit was called on Whitmer with Ross up 23-22. Mosser was part of a back row that was solid with its serve-receive and defensive play.

"We've been working on that a lot lately," Edris said. "Obviously, in the league we're in, we have a lot of girls from other schools that are big hitters, so our defense has to be good. Otherwise, we can't play the ball out or do anything with it on offense. And we were definitely on point (Monday)."

Gallagher added 11 digs in the

back row. Mosser led the Little Giants with 15 assists.

"We played well as a team," Robinson said. "These girls know what we have ahead of us in sectionals, as well as on Wednesday with Clay. So I think we're just trying to work better as a team to get better."

Ross faces Clay at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday back in Oregon in a match for fifth-place in the league tournament.

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