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**DAN SWAISGOOD** watches a putt roll during the Great Lakes League Golf Tournament Thursday in Sylvania.

## Ross falters after a front nine 155 in GLL tournament

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**SYLVANIA** — A hot start was followed by an equally cold finish as Fremont Ross finished fourth in the Great Lakes League Golf Tournament Thursday.

Playing in chilly, blustery weather at Spuyten Duyval Golf Club, Ross carved out one of its better nine-hole scores of the season, 155, on the outward nine — giving the Little Giants a three-stroke lead over Toledo Whitmer at the turn.

But that was the high spot for Ross; the second nine brought them back to the field as Oregon Clay claimed the league title with a 316. Host Northview was second with 323, taking the spot on a fifth-man tiebreaker with Whitmer. Ross shot 333, followed by Napoleon at 337, Bedford at 356 and Fostoria at 359.

Dan Swaisgood, on his way to a second-team All-GLL berth led the Ross early surge, shooting a 37 on the front nine of the 6,256-yard layout. Rob Randall had a 40 and David Zinkand 42 on the front side for the Little Giants. Zinkand shot a 38 on the back

nine to tie Swaisgood for Ross medalist honors at 80.

"The coaches were asking me where we came from," Ross coach Dave Fleming said. "I told them they played us before and they knew how we were."

Inconsistent was how the Little Giants were on the back nine, slipping to a 178 as Swaisgood carded a 43 and Randall 47. Zinkand's 38 was the bright spot on the gloomy back nine.

Jeff Luoma led the Clay win with a 76. Teammate Josh Breier shot 78 and both wound up on the all-league first team. The low five scorers earned first-team honors and the second five were on the second team.

Medalist honors went to Shawn Kruez of Northview with a 74. Kruez was out in 35 and finished in 39. Along with Luoma, Breier and Kruez were John Hirzel (77) and Bob Beckwith (78) of Whitmer and Kyle Rudolph (78) of Napoleon.

Along with Swaisgood and Zinkand on the second team were Dan Tobias (81) and Mike Tim-off (81) of Clay and Jeff Slade (80) of Northview.