

Staying on task during off-season

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Rick LaFountain is getting as much mileage out of the area's extended winter as he can.

But the Fremont Ross tennis coach knows it won't be long before he is forced to stand on the opposite side of the net from Little Giant sophomore Eliot Parker.

"I'll wait until the weather gets warmer," LaFountain said about his unavoidable match with Parker. "He was bugging me the other day to play."

Parker is expected to fill the void

at No. 1 singles, which belonged to David Albrechta the previous two years.

Parker, who compiled a 14-15 record a year ago, worked tirelessly in the off-season to improve his play — a thought that is nearly bittersweet for his coach.

"Last year, I think I beat him 10 out of 11 times," LaFountain said. "This year, I think it's going to be a different story. The kid's hitting the ball really well."

Since last season, Parker has made an effort to compete in at least two United States Tennis Asso-

ciation sanctioned tournaments a month.

He traveled throughout Ohio and parts of Michigan, winning at least one match per stop.

Parker was listed at No. 11 in the USTA Northwest Ohio Boys 16 singles rankings earlier this month — his highest ranking ever.

"You get more experience and you learn how to play different types of players," Parker said about the USTA sanctioned events. "It really improves your game a lot because you're playing people at your level."

Frequent trips to Toledo's Shadow

Valley Club were also a part of Parker's summer travels.

No less than four days a week and four hours a day, Parker and Albrechta participated in private lessons and clinics at the club.

Parker woke up at 4:30 a.m. to meet with Albrechta, who drove the two to their 6 a.m. session.

"I think my alarm would wake up my mom," Parker said about the difficulty of getting out of bed at that hour. "I think I woke up to my mom shaking me every day."

Ross No. 1 Parker stayed busy during off-season

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It was the second summer in a row that Parker attended lessons at Shadow Valley. He began playing tennis competitively three years ago.

Parker's intense dedication has not gone unnoticed by his teammates during preseason practices.

LaFountain said that Parker has beaten all comers in contention for the Little Giants' No. 1 singles position in straight sets.

"He's hitting the ball a lot harder," LaFountain said. "When he gets an opening, he's ready to go for it. Last year, I don't think he had the power that he has this year. Sometimes, people would just outlast him

by pushing the ball back and forth and that would drive him crazy. Now, he's putting some pace on it."

And he's improved his confidence, too.

Parker's runner-up finish at a fall tournament at Toledo's Westowne Tennis Club has proven to be consequential in the sophomore's continued development on the court.

"It boosts your confidence," Parker said. "Before I came into playing competitive tournaments, I had no confidence. In my mind, I was inferior to everyone else. I considered (the runner-up finish) a win because it made me feel like an equal."

LaFountain likens the play of Parker to Albrechta when he was a sophomore. Albrechta, who now plays at the College of Wooster, was

a three-time district qualifier.

"I would say right now they're very close," LaFountain said about the similarities between Parker and Albrechta. "If they turned the clock back and played each other, I think they'd be a pretty good match."

Among Parker's individual season goals are to advance to the district tournament and win the No. 1 singles title at the Greater Buckeye Conference tournament.

"I've been mapping out my schedule, and I'm excited to play first singles for Ross," he said.

Much as Parker is looking forward to his forthcoming opportunity to get revenge on LaFountain.

"I think this time around I'll beat him pretty easily," Parker said.

TENNIS

Sophomores stop Columbian

Ross won all three of its singles matches in a 3-2 victory over Tiffin Columbian.

Jacob Laurer filled in at No. 1 singles for Elliot Parker, and sophomores Jordan Will and Mike Hollis won their first varsity singles matches at No. 2 and 3, respectively.

"The guys were a little nervous knowing that the match depended on them," Little Giant coach Rick LaFountain said of the sophomores. "They hung in there. It was a fun match. We played without our first singles player and the kids that were playing stepped up."

TENNIS

Ross falls in close matchup

Fremont Ross was edged 3-2 by visiting Archbold in a tight contest.

Jacob Laurer and Jordan Will both picked up singles victories for the Little Giants (1-2).

Laurer topped Archbold's Logan Moody 6-3, 6-1 while Will topped Andrew Manahan 6-1, 6-4.

Norwalk edges Ross

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The Fremont Ross tennis team dropped a close one Tuesday, falling to Norwalk 3-2.

Jacob Laurer and Jordan Will picked up victories at singles for the Little Giants (1-3).

The Ross doubles team of Jason Damschroder and Jared Groot fell to Norwalk's Kyle Leber and Chris Skoglund 6-0, 2-6, 7-5. The Little Giant duo of Mike Hollis and Jon Vestal also lost a very close matchup to the Truckers' Drew Nickolai and Kevin Wise 7-6 (6-5), 2-6, 7-6 (7-4).

Norwalk improved to 4-0 on the season.

Ali Warren was credited with the win for the Golden Bears. She also supplied two runs, a pair of doubles and three RBIs at the plate.

Julie Beaschler was 2-for-2 with two runs, a double and a RBI for Gibsonburg, and teammate Aisha Kaemming was 3-for-4 with three runs and two RBIs.

Jamie Bork was 1-for-2 with a run, RBI and triple for the Crimson Streaks (0-4).

Clyde loses first game

Perkins was boosted by a four-run fifth inning in an 8-3 win over Clyde.

Megan Ludrowsky had a dou-

TENNIS

Strong Will-ed Giants

Jordan Will (No. 3 singles), and Mike Hollis and Jon Vestal (No. 2 doubles) won their respective matches but Fremont lost to Toledo Central Catholic 3-2 at the Beck Family Tennis Complex.

The Little Giants (1-4) have lost four consecutive matches 3-2 as their previous four opponents are a combined 17-0.

Will beat Tom Dever in three sets, including a third set tiebreaker. Will rallied from a 5-3 third set deficit to win the match in 3 hours, 10 minutes.

"Will saved a half dozen match points," Ross coach Rick LaFountain said.

Hollis and Vestal's victory marked their first together at doubles.

"The Little Giants left it all on the court against another good team," LaFountain said. "Each match the Little Giants continue to improve. I think we'll surprise some people by the end of the year."

Ross falls to Southview

Fremont Ross fell to Sylvania Southview 4-1 in the first round of the state tournament.

Eliot Parker notched the Little Giants' only victory with a 7-6 (9-7), 6-4 win over Jacob Craig.

Jacob Laurer lost in three sets at No. 2 singles and Jordan Will lost for the first time at No. 3 for Ross (1-5).

TENNIS

Napoleon wins GBC matchup

Mike Hollis and Jon Vestal captured a doubles victory for Ross, but the Little Giants fell to Napoleon 4-1 in a Greater Buckeye Conference matchup.

The duo of Hollis and Vestal topped Tyson West and Blake McClory 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2).

Eliot Parker had a close matchup at first singles with Napoleon's Ben Bischoff, falling 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

TENNIS

Elida blanks Ross

Elida won its seventh straight with a 5-0 win over Ross.

The Little Giants' doubles duo of Eliot Parker and Jarret Groot fell in the first set 6-3 before taking the second set 6-4 over Elida's Zach Rossfeld and Bryan Wright. Rossfeld and Wright won the deciding set 6-4.

The Ross combination of Jacob Laurer and John Vestal also had a close doubles match, losing the first set to Chris Duval and Tim Wight 7-6 (11-9). Laurer and Vestal won the second set 6-3, but fell 6-4 in the third.

TENNIS

Ross drops close one

Jordan Will (No. 3 singles), and Mike Hollis and Jon Vestal (No. 2 doubles) notched victories but Huron topped Ross 3-2.

Will defeated Ryan Noftz 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

Eliot Parker (No. 1 singles) and Jacob Laurer, and Jason Damschroder and Jared Groot (No. 1 doubles) lost in three sets for the Little Giants (1-8).

Groot, Vestal place second at tourney

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Jared Groot and Jon Vestal of Fremont Ross finished second in the third flight at the Ross Doubles Tournament but the Little Giants wound up fifth Saturday.

Maumee Valley Country Day won the event with 83 points while Ross had 35.

"I was very pleased with the way our third and fourth doubles played," Little Giant coach Rick LaFountain said. "They played surprisingly well. Those two (pairs) did a nice job. They played a lot better than I've ever seen them play."

Adam Gruber and Eric Hottinger did not finish in the top two but LaFountain was excited about their performance against a very tough draw. Hottinger had not played varsity previously and Gruber had played in only three matches.

"Those kids stepped it up and

Jared and Jon played great tennis all day," LaFountain said.

MVCD won the first and third flights while Perrysburg took the second and fourth.

"We really saw three teams that have dominated the show in Maumee Valley, Perrysburg and Port Clinton," LaFountain said. "Those teams consistently won their courts."

Port Clinton finished the event in second with 75 points — two more than Perrysburg.

LaFountain said that those schools have an advantage over Ross because of the existence of summer programs.

"Our four guys played no tennis before their freshman seasons," LaFountain said. "That's why I'm trying to create a summer program at Ross. Maumee has those programs."

Jordan Will and Eliot Parker paired at No. 1 and Jason

Damschroder and Jacob Laurer played together at No. 2. Neither pair managed a top-two finish but LaFountain said Laurer and Will have been his most consistent players.

"Those two have given a great and steady effort all season," LaFountain said. "They leave it all on the court and will do anything out there to win. They think about their game and their opponents' strengths and weaknesses. They've stayed in matches against some really good players. And they're young."

"Eliot's play is improving every match — I don't think it will be long before he starts getting wins on a regular basis."

LaFountain said Damschroder and Laurer were one of the top four teams at the tournament Saturday but were dealt a tough early draw, as

were Parker and Will.

Ross has lost eight straight matches but LaFountain looks forward to a bright future.

"The kids are getting better match by match," he said. "I think we'll turn the corner pretty soon. We have some young kids who are committed with or without a summer program. Some of the 3-2 losses will eventually turn into 3-2 wins."

SOFTBALL

Streaks win two of three

Jamie Bork pitched St. Joseph Central Catholic to one victory and Katy Hasselbach tripled and drove in three runs in a second as the Crimson Streaks defeated Cardinal Stritch 5-1 and Mansfield Christian 4-3 in eight innings, respectively.

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JACOB LAURER of Fremont Ross serves against Perrysburg Saturday during the Ross doubles tournament.

Ross tennis tops SJCC

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St. Joseph Central Catholic's Eric Barbour lived up to his reputation Monday.

The Crimson Streak freshman was the only SJCC player to extend his match three sets before falling to Jacob Laurer of Fremont Ross 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

The Little Giants defeated the Crimson Streaks 5-0 to put a halt to an eight-match losing skid.

But Barbour certainly made his match interesting.

"I was impressed with Barbour," Ross coach Rick LaFountain said. "I watched him in the summer. He'll be a good player. He's got good strokes."

Barbour made an adjustment to come to the net more after the first set.

"If I get behind I stick with it," Barbour said. "I don't give up. The team is always supportive so I stick with it for them."

Barbour has acquired a reputation for his penchant for playing three sets.

And he's making opponents take notice of his talent on the court.

"He's only been playing for two years," SJCC coach Kelly Hrupcho said. "He's really stepped up to help this team. It hasn't been a surprise — that's how good he is."

Barbour plays in the Fremont Burger King program during the summer along with Crimson Streaks Mike and Tyler Hrupcho and Jacob Braun and Little Giants Laurer, Eliot Parker, Jason Damschroder and Mike Hollis.

"These guys know each other," LaFountain said. "(The Fremont match) is a combination of (fun and competition). They know one another and don't want to lose. Some of them hang out together."

LaFountain also allowed the Crimson Streaks to practice with the Little Giants at the new courts at Ross during the preseason.

Laurer, who made an adjustment of his own after Game 2, said he prefers to play opponents who are less familiar with his tendencies.

"I wanted to volley the points out," he said. "I just tried to keep it down by his feet."

Parker defeated George Hossler 6-2, 6-1 at No. 1 singles and Jordan Will of Ross topped Mike Wagner 6-2, 6-0 at No. 3. Damschroder and Jared Groot stopped Mike Hrupcho and Jon Hart 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles and Hollis and Jon Vestal beat Dan Neiling and Braun 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2.

"Our singles players played really well," LaFountain said. "They served better today. The doubles teams, too. Everybody served better today than in the past."

It didn't take long for Hrupcho to determine that Barbour would play at the head of the singles group.

Ross tennis tops Crimson Streaks

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"It only took a couple weeks," she said. "We know he can handle it. He's fantastic under pressure and has a lot of endurance. By the time he's a senior he'll own this team. He's been our most consistent player this year."

Barbour said he was prepared for the challenge.

"Coming in as a freshman, once coach put me at No. 2 I knew it was a lot of responsibility," he said. "I decided to take

it on and have fun with it."

LaFountain hopes Monday's convincing victory carries over to matches with Lima Senior and Oak Harbor this week.

"I'm hoping we're ready to turn the corner," he said. "The rest of the year I think we'll be in every match. I'm hoping these young kids (of LaFountain's 21 kids, 10 hadn't played tennis prior to this season and only Damschroder is a senior) learn how to win close matches. They have a real desire to improve. They're hungry."

TENNIS

Ross sweeps Lima Senior

Ross evened its GBC record with a 5-0 victory over Lima Senior.

The Little Giants (1-1) received singles victories from Eliot Parker, Jacob Laurer and Jordan Will.

The duo of Jason Damschroder and Jared Groot won at doubles for Ross, as did teammates Mike Hollis and Jon Vestal.

Ross wins again

Little Giants tennis earns third straight

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It's been a fruitful week for the Fremont Ross tennis team.

The Little Giants won their third straight Wednesday, sweeping Oak Harbor 5-0.

Ross has outscored its opponents 15-0 this week.

Eliot Parker topped Mike Hanthorn 6-1, 6-0 in singles action for the Little Giants while teammate Jacob Laurer defeated Chris Greggila 6-2, 6-3.

Jordan Will also earned a victory at singles for Ross, downing Devin Frank 6-2, 6-3.

The Ross doubles duo of Jason Damschroder and Jared Groot earned a win over Adam Schumaker and L.J. Wasserman 6-4, 6-2, while Mike Hollis and Jon Vestal were 7-5, 6-4 winners against Greg Grieger and Cory Brough.

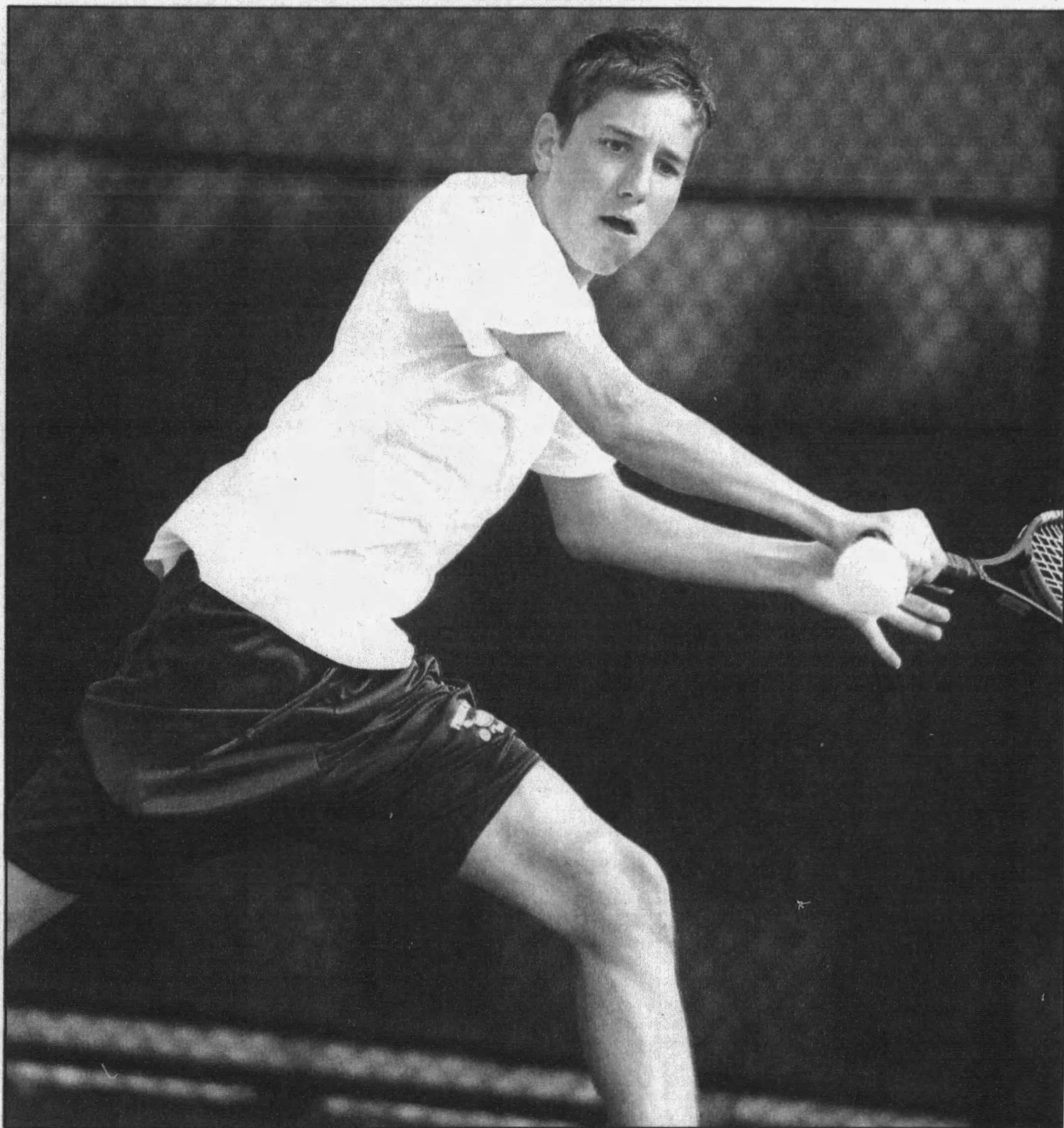
With the win, Ross improves to 4-8.

BASEBALL

Smith, Sprouse lead Rockets

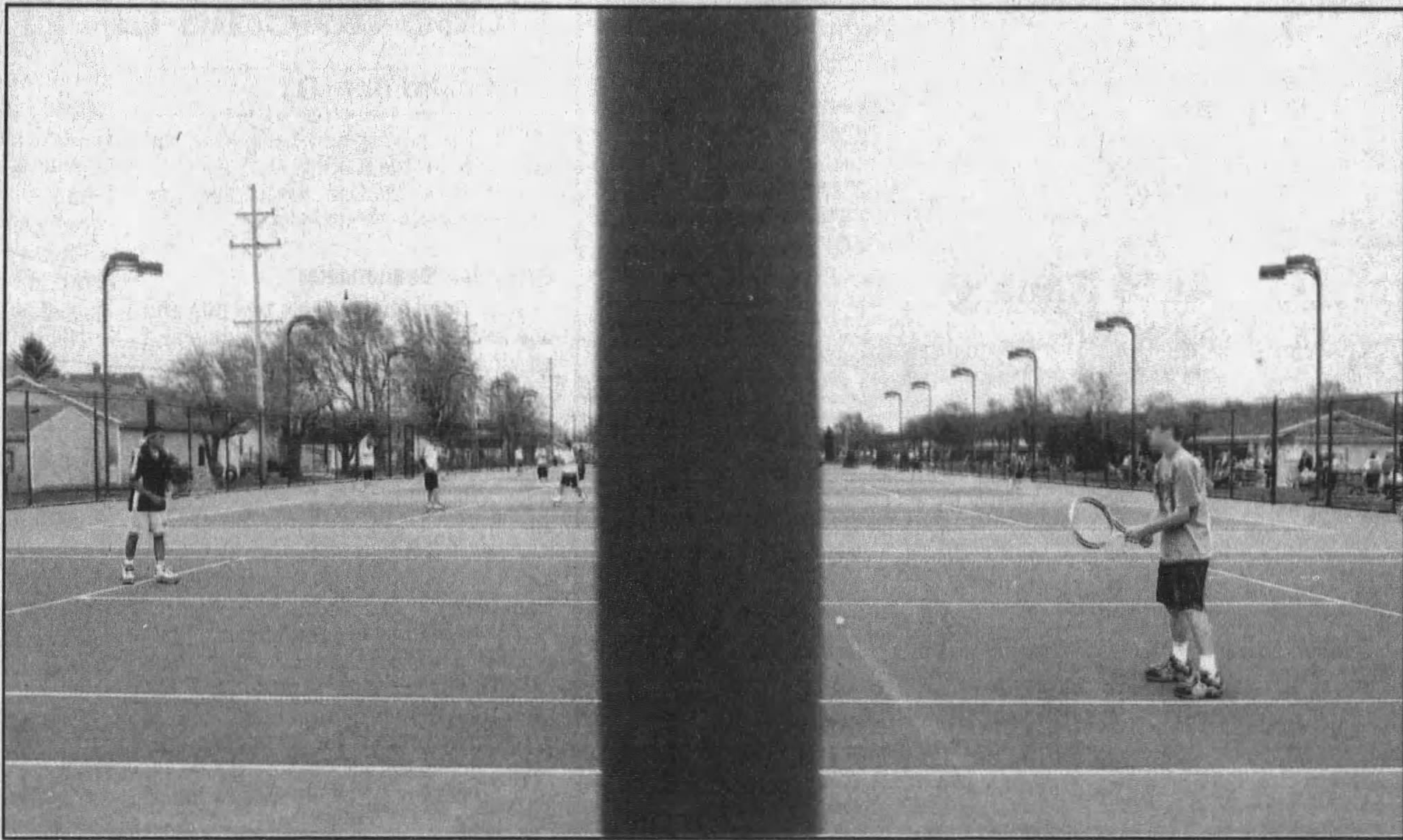
Ryan Smith pitched seven strong innings and Stephen Sprouse added three RBIs for Oak Harbor as the Rockets topped SBC foe Margaretta 3-1.

Sprouse got Oak Harbor on



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ELIOT PARKER of Fremont Ross returns a shot during his match against Oak Harbor's Mike Hanthorn Wednesday. Parker won in two sets as the Little Giants blanked the Rockets 5-0. It was the third straight victory for Ross this week.



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FREMONT ROSS junior Jacob Laurer, right, waits for the serve during a match against Maumee Valley Country Day in the Port Clinton doubles tournament Friday in Port Clinton. Other schools participating included Bellefontaine, Edison, Port Clinton, St. Joseph Central Catholic, St. John's Jesuit and St. Mary Central Catholic.

Little Giants take fifth

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Jason Damschroder and Jared Groot (second doubles), and Mike Hollis and Jon Vestal (third doubles) each finished the Port Clinton doubles tournament in fourth place Friday.

The Little Giants finished fifth as a team while Maumee Valley Country Day won the event. MVCD also won Ross's doubles tournament earlier this season.

St. Joseph Central Catholic was eighth Friday.

Eliot Parker and Jacob Laurer finished sixth at No. 1 doubles, and Jordan Will and Adam Gruber wound up fifth at No. 4 for the Little Giants.

"Our kids were very competitive," Ross coach Rick LaFountain said. "They weren't blown out in any match except Maumee. A couple matches could have gone either way and with a little luck third wasn't out of the question. Overall, it was a positive night. It will help prepare us for five matches and the GBCs on Saturday next week."

LaFountain was very impressed with Port Clinton's new facilities and suggested that all the competitors enjoyed the opportunity to play under the lights.

Damschroder and Groot won their first match before losing



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ERIC BARBOUR of St. Joseph Central Catholic returns the ball during a match against Bellefontaine Friday.

their next two while Will and Gruber lost their first match before winning their next two.

Port Clinton's Jason Drusbacky and Brendan Shirkey narrowly defeated Parker and Laurer 10-9 (7-4) in their final match.

"That was a fun match," LaFountain said. "Eliot and Shirkey are friends and I know Jason. They were just banging volleys back and forth. From a

spectators' standpoint it was fun to watch."

BASEBALL

Hershey helps power Ross

Paul Hershey hit his first home run and Mike Abbott notched the victory with six strikeouts in five innings and added an RBI at the plate as Fremont Ross avenged an earlier Greater Buckeye Conference setback to Lima Senior with a 9-1 win.

Abbott (2-0) allowed four hits and one earned run while walking only one. Joey Garza finished and struck out three and walked none while allowing one hit in two innings.

"The pitchers threw extremely well," Little Giant coach Andy Dennings said. "We had some problems on the basepaths early but corrected that and played solid baseball the rest of the way."

Aaron Opelt went 3-for-4 with an RBI, and Brad Cobb and Kyle Cook each drove in two runs for Ross (9-4, 3-1).

"We took advantage of our opportunities. We squandered some baserunners in the first game and made some things happen today," Dennings said in comparing the two games against Lima this year.

Hershey homered in his only at-bat.

"Paul made a nice adjustment," Dennings said. "He's worked hard on his swing. He hit the ball really well to dead center."

Cody Ruiz and Abbott each added one RBI as Ross issued Lima (8-7, 3-1) its first GBC loss.

Smith drives in six

Woodmore scored 10 runs in the first inning to help catapult Jordan Shaw to his first victory — a 17-0 five-inning Suburban Lakes League win over Gibsonburg.

Shaw (1-2) allowed only two hits and one walk while striking out five.

Wyatt Kiser took the loss for the Golden Bears.

Carl Smith accounted for six total bases with a homer and double and drove in six runs for the Wildcats (11-6, 5-2). Jordan Hepler had two singles and Billy Dyer added a double and three RBIs.

Lakota drops SLL contest

Brent Hoerig scored two runs and Lakota outhit Lake but lost 7-4 in the Suburban Lakes League.

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TENNIS

Ross falls to Ashland

Jordan Will and Mike Hollis dropped a close decision at doubles for Fremont Ross — as did teammates Jacob Laurer and Jason Damschroder — in a 5-0 loss to Ashland.

Laurer and Damschroder lost the first set to Ashland's Taylor Long and Jim Norris 6-2 before winning the second set by the same score. Long and Norris registered a 6-0 win in the deciding set.

Eliot Parker, Jon Vestal and Jared Groot competed at singles for the Little Giants (4-9).

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Julie Edge and Ashley Brugnone each singled as Brooke Sprouse took the loss for the Rockets (7-8).

Giants fall in GBC

Stephanie Nagle scored two runs but Marion Harding defeated Ross 7-4 in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

Harding scored four runs in the top of the sixth.

Beth Shaffer (5-7) took the loss for the Little Giants (9-8, 2-4).

Paige Kingsborough singled twice, drove in two runs and scored once, and Rachael Daugherty and Megan Wasserman each singled for Ross. Mindy Meggitt added one run.

Wildcat comeback falls short

Woodmore scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth but couldn't come all the way back in a 6-5 Suburban Lakes League setback to Lake.

Lake scored one run to go ahead for good in the top of the seventh.

The Wildcats outhit Lake 5-4 but Jenna Beam suffered the loss.

Bettsville loses out of conference

Bettsville recorded only four hits in a 14-0 loss to Danbury.

Ashley Vallejo took the loss and Mindy Hunker tallied one hit for the Bobcats.

TENNIS

Ross loses in GBC

Only Jordan Will (No. 3 doubles) extended his match to three sets as Ross fell to Findlay 5-0 in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

Jon Dy defeated Will 5-7, 6-2, 6-3. The Little Giants are 4-10, 1-2.

Barbour on top of game

Eric Barbour (No. 2 singles), Mike Hrupcho and George Hossler (1 doubles) won their matches but S lost to Tiffin Calvert 3-2 in the Mid Athletic League.

Barbour lost only one game each for the Crimson Streaks (3-9).

TRACK AND FIELD

Lakota boys, Old Fort girls victorious

The Lakota boys won 14 events to a quadrangular meet with 204.5 points.

Old Fort was second with 76.5 points and Bettsville finished fourth with 10.

Morgan Magers and Lisa Ortiz participated in two winning races as Old Fort girls won 10 events to cap their portion with 166 points.

Lakota was second with 99.5 points. Bettsville fourth with 12.

Ron Diaz won the 100-meter dash, jump and high jump, and Kyle Du won the 800 for the Raiders. Joey T won the pole vault, Nathaniel House shot put and Cory Meyer the discus.

Shane Heminger won the 400 and son Lowery the 300 hurdles for Lakota.

Dustin Miller won the 1,600 and 3,000, and Joel Foos the 200 for the Stockad.

Magers won the 400 and Ortiz won the 1,600. Emily Ellis, Lucy Stults, Magers and Ortiz also comprised a winning 300 relay.

Alyssa Lucius won the shot put, Bettsville the 800 and Emily Cleveland the 100 for Old Fort.

Cari Boice won the discus and Jenna Naderer the pole vault for Lakota.

Parker helps Ross squeeze past Sandusky

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It was fitting that the final match of a tight contest between the Fremont Ross and Sandusky tennis teams was also one of the closest.

Eliot Parker rallied at No. 1 singles to top Sandusky's Blake Albert and give the Little Giants a 3-2 victory.

Parker had dropped the first set to Albert 7-5 before taking the second set by the same score.

Parker downed Albert 6-4 in the deciding set to help Ross (5-10, 2-2) claim the win.

The Little Giants' Jordan Will also claimed a singles victory. Will defeated Kyle Riesterer 6-0, 7-5 in straight sets.

Jacob Laurer also competed at singles for Ross, falling to Bryce Cremean 6-4, 6-3.

The Ross duo of Mike Hollis and Jon Vestal topped Sandusky's Tim Murray and Alex Fitzhum 6-1, 6-4 at doubles.

Jason Damschroder and Jared Groot were involved in a close doubles matchup for the Little Giants, falling to Ben Hixon and Dan Flittner 7-6 in the first set before rebounding for a 7-6 victory in the second.

Hixon and Flittner won the third set 6-2.

Clyde falls in SBC

Port Clinton swept Clyde 5-0 to take an SBC victory.

Matt Cammarn, Nate Stickney and Derek Foreman competed at singles for the Fliers. Clyde's Cory Dickman and James Wott competed at first doubles while teammates Tom Covey and Bobby Hintz competed at second doubles.

BASEBALL

Miller wins fifth

Cory Miller picked up his fifth win on the mound as St. Joseph Central Catholic topped MAL foe Bettsville 15-2.

Miller allowed one earned run on one hit while striking out one over three innings. Austin Windau took the loss for Bettsville,

pitching five innings while allowing three earned runs on nine hits with four strikeouts.

Grant Barbour went 3-for-4 with two doubles for the Crimson Streaks while teammate Robbie Roth added a double and three RBIs.

Miller also knocked in three runs for SJCC (14-5, 6-1).

Kevin Steele singled for Bettsville (0-19, 0-7).

Gibsonburg downs Otsego

Josh Sanchez scattered four hits over six innings to help Gibsonburg post a 9-2 SLL victory over Otsego.

Sanchez struck out four to

pick up the win.

Andy Gruner and Thor Brinker each rapped out a pair of hits and a double for the Golden Bears (6-13) while teammate Yale Linhoff added a double.

Woodmore falls in SLL clash

Elmwood held Woodmore to two hits as the Wildcats fell to their SLL foe 7-0.

Jordan took the loss for Woodmore, working 5¹/₃ innings and striking out three.

Shaw and Brett Golightley each singled for the Wildcat (13-7, 6-3).

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TENNIS

Giants sweep singles

Fremont Ross won each of its singles matches to defeat Oak Harbor 4-1.

Eliot Parker topped Adam Schumaker 6-0, 6-0 at first singles, Jacob Laurer beat LJ Wasserman 6-0, 6-0 at second singles and Jordan Will defeated Curtis Wood 6-0, 6-0 at third singles for the Little Giants.

Jason Damschroder and Jared Groot also stopped Mike Hanthorn and Steve Perry 6-4, 6-2 at No. 1 doubles for Ross (6-10).

Chris Greggila and Devin Frank picked up the Rockets' point by defeating Mike Hollis and Jon Vestal 6-2, 6-4 at No. 2 doubles.

TENNIS

Ross wins third straight

Jordan Will captured a two-set victory at singles as Fremont Ross won its third straight match, topping Oregon Clay 3-2.

The Little Giants swept the doubles action, with the combination of Jason Damschroder and Jared Groot defeating J.J. Harris and Derek Ferguson 6-3, 6-4.

Mike Hollis and Jon Vestal also won at doubles for Ross (7-10), defeating the Oregon Clay duo of Barry Sanders and Dan Bachmayer 6-2, 6-4.

TENNIS

Ross takes four matches

Jacob Laurer (No. 2 singles), and Mike Hollis and Jon Vestal (No. 2 doubles) each won three-set matches as Ross defeated Marion Harding 4-1 in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

Laurer defeated Matt Fickle 2-6, 7-5, 6-4 and Hollis and Vestal topped Jon Beightler and Dick McCurry 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Jordan Will (No. 3 singles), and Jason Damschroder and Jared Groot (No. 1 doubles) won in straight sets for the Little Giants.