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Little Giants hand Sandusky GBC dual defeat

News-Messenger reports

FREMONT -- The Little Giants won 11 events during a 72-55 Greater Buckeye Conference dual meet victory against Sandusky on Wednesday.

Justin Hines won the 110 and 300 hurdles for Ross, which received first-place efforts from Kristopher Esparza (1,600 and 3,200 runs), Andy Leemaster (800 run), Terence Davis (200 dash), Boston Beckley (discus), Josh Ballenger (shot put) and the 400, 800 and 1,600 relay teams.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD SANDUSKY 74, FREMONT ROSS 61

FREMONT -- The Little Giants claimed eight events during Greater Buckeye Conference dual meet against Sandusky on Wednesday.

Victoria Logan won the shot put for Ross, which recorded first-place efforts from Brooke Ratcliff (discus), Alesha Overmyer (300 hurdles), Carlea Harper (100 dash), Ellen Silva (400 dash), Carly Young (pole vault), Jericha Martin (long jump) and the 800 relay team.

SOFTBALL SJCC 9, PORT CLINTON 3

FREMONT -- Sonya Kwiatkowski struck out 14 Port Clinton hitters as St. Joseph Central Catholic routed the Redskins at the Naderer Athletic Complex on Wednesday.

The Crimson Streaks jumped ahead 9-0 after two innings after scoring four times in the first and five times in the second.

"I'm proud of the way the girls bounced back after a loss against Genoa," SJCC coach Mark Boukissen said. "We were a lot more aggressive at the plate, which led to a lot more hits. The girls hit the ball where it was pitched."

Abby Crockett went 4-for-4 with a triple, a double, two singles, two runs and four RBI for the Crimson Streaks (1-1 overall). Whitney Drown added two bunt-singles and a run while Lindsay Crockett smacked a triple, drove in a run and scored twice. Kayla Yeckley, Sam Heishman and Ann Beaschler each chipped in a single for SJCC.

For Port Clinton (0-2 overall), Courtney Kast had a single and scored a run, Kristen Brahier added a single and Kenzie Payne and Nikki Bogard scored a run apiece.

FREMONT ROSS 3, TOLEDO WAITE 0

TOLEDO -- Jordyn Gallagher pitched a four-hit shut out while two Fremont Ross hitters were 5-for-5 during a non-conference win against Toledo Waite on Wednesday.

Gallagher (2-1) struck out seven and walked none for the complete game victory.

The Little Giants took a 2-0 lead after one-half inning and added an insurance run in the seventh.

Lead-off hitter McKenzie Schneider was 2-for-2 while Katelyn Ruiz went 3-for-3 with an RBI for Ross (2-1).

In the first, Schneider hit a single, stole second base and scored on Missy Lewis' sacrifice bunt. Lewis advanced to second on an overthrow, went to third on a passed ball and scored on another passed ball.

In the seventh, Tashia Novitski singled and was replaced by pitch-runner, Sara Gowitzka. An RBI-single off the bat of Katelyn Ruiz scored Gowitzka with the Little Giants' final run.

LAKE 3, OAK HARBOR 0

OAK HARBOR -- Liz Weber, Melissa Florio and Katie Perry all had hits for Oak Harbor, which was shut out by non-conference foe Lake on Wednesday.

Weber fired a one-hitter, but the Flyers found a way to score three runs. She struck out 12 and walked two.

MARGARETTA 3, WESTERN RESERVE 0

CASTALIA -- Courtney Parr had 16 strikeouts and no walks as Margaretta defeated Western Reserve in a non-conference game Wednesday.

The Polar Bears (1-1 overall), who broke a scoreless tie with a run in the fourth, added two insurance runs in the sixth.

Lauren Schaufler and Alyssa Napka each hit a double for Margaretta, which received three RBI from Sarah Weyer.

BASEBALL PORT CLINTON 14, OLD FORT 4

PORT CLINTON -- After building an 11-1 lead after three innings, Port Clinton cruised past Old Fort in a non-conference game Wednesday.

Warnke drove in two runs, scored twice and was the winning pitcher for the Redskins. Stephanson and Pusateri each added three runs and two RBI, while Mahler contributed two hits.

Nick Yeakle scored a run and drove in another for Old Fort, while Zach Thompson, Caleb Gippert and Matthew Argabright scored tallies and Spencer Schlepp added an RBI.

Editor's note -- First names were not submitted for Port Clinton.

WOODMORE 13, MOHAWK 10

ELMORE -- Woodmore held off Mohawk in a high-scoring non-conference game Wednesday.

The Wildcats overcame a 3-0 deficit with a six-run third inning. Woodmore took a 12-5 lead after five innings before allowing the Warriors to plate five of the final eight runs.

Cameron Shirer and Billy Kuhlman sparked the Wildcats' offense. Shirer went 2-for-3, including a double, and scored twice. Kuhlman added two runs and a double. Jack Rospert and Brian Melnek chipped in two runs apiece.

MARGARETTA 8, WESTERN RESERVE 7

CASTALIA -- Margaretta (1-2) won its first game this season after slipping past Western Reserve in a non-conference contest Wednesday.

Jed Cullen and Colton Gast had two hits apiece in the Polar Bears' nine-hit attack. Gast drove in three runs and Cullen scored three times. Corey King added a run and Frank Moses added an RBI.

Michael Ryerson was credited with the win after pitching four innings, allowing six hits, five earned runs and six walks. He struck out three.

GIBSONBURG 4, ST. WENDELIN 3

FOSTORIA -- Gibsonburg broke a 3-all tie with a run in the sixth inning before defeating non-conference opponent St. Wendelin on Wednesday.

The Golden Bears (2-0) rallied to take a 3-2 lead in the fifth after trailing 2-0 after four innings.

Pat Cantrell, Michael Molina and Ricky Billow each had two hits for Gibsonburg.

Jacob Stevenson pitched three scoreless and hitless innings in relief of Molina. Stevenson struck out six and walked one.

BOYS TENNIS TIFFIN COLUMBIAN 3, FREMONT ROSS 2

The Little Giants won matches at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, but dropped both doubles matches and the No. 3 singles contest Wednesday.

Malcolm Leake (No. 1 singles) and Ricky Ramirez (No. 2 singles) captured their wins in straight sets for Ross, which fell to 0-2 overall.

CLYDE 4, UPPER SANDUSKY 1

The Fliers dropped only the No. 1 singles match en route to a non-conference win against Upper Sandusky on Wednesday.

Tan Pratuangpong (No. 2 singles) and Adam Turner (No. 3 singles) posted victories in straight sets for Clyde (1-1 overall).

Jeremy Hohenstein and Blaine MacFarland claimed the No. 1 doubles match for the Fliers, while Cody McGrath and Zack Downing were victors in the No. 2 doubles contest.



Fremont Ross athlete Terence Davis (top left) takes the handoff from Aaron Spencer during the 800 meter relay Wednesday before the Little Giants' boys track and field team defeated Greater Buckeye Conference rival Sandusky in a dual meet Wednesday at Alumni Field. (Submitted photo | Brenda Soule)