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## Rockets take out Ross

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FREMONT -- Although the Oak Harbor defeated Fremont Ross 5-0 in Monday afternoon at Alumni Fields, the matches were closer than the final score indicates.

"There were a lot of good matches today," said Rockets coach Rick LaFountain after Oak Harbor improved to 11-2 this season. "The first singles match (between Greg LaFountain and Malcolm Leake) was close, along with the first doubles match."

Probably the most intriguing match of the day was the first singles contest.

LaFountain took the first set 6-3, then won the second 7-5.

"Malcolm is a great player and never gives up," said Greg LaFountain. "The second set was very close, (Leake) ran down a lot of balls and I just had to keep playing and keep my shots in play."

Both coaches were happy with the match and were quick to give credit to both players.

"Malcolm and Greg is always a great match and very fun to watch," Ross coach Lisa Wolfe said. "They were both raised to hit against each other and play against each other in the offseason in tournaments, so they know each other's style."

A battle at first doubles was taking place a couple of courts over.

Oak Harbor's team of Derek Witt and Brandon Wasserman defeated Ross's Ricky Ramirez and Jason Rexroth 7-5, 6-2.

"I was highly impressed with the play of Rexroth and Ramirez," Lafountain said. "They did a nice job today and deserve all the credit they get."

Oak Harbor's Bobby Lochotzki defeated Jordan Martin 6-0, 6-0 to give the Rockets an early edge in the match.

"I thought I played very well today, and so did Jordan," Lochotzki said. "I just wanted to come out, play my game and put the ball in play. I had a lot of momentum coming off of this weekend and I wanted to keep it going."

Lochotzki teamed with Cliff Goetz to win the Sandusky Bay Conference Doubles title at Baywinds in Sandusky.

Goetz shut out David Gipe 6-0, 6-0 and Oak Harbor's second doubles team of Kevin Young and Christoph Koeglmayr defeated Jacob Garlock and Michael Pickerel 6-2, 7-5.

"Today, we played our sectional lineup to give our players a feel for the tournament and also to get

used to where they'll be playing," Wolfe said. "Oak Harbor is a very talented team and are very deep."

The Little Giants enter sectional play Thursday, while the Rockets are looking forward to a rematch with Port Clinton on Friday.

"I think, other than sectionals, all of our players are looking forward to Friday and our match with Port Clinton," Rick LaFountain said. "The last match we played against them was 3-2 and we lost on a doubles match that went three sets. We want to avenge that loss badly."

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