

Bowsher outshoots Ross 3-0

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TOLEDO — Toledo Bowsher scored twice in the opening 10 minutes of the second half and went on to defeat Fremont Ross 3-0 in a high school soccer sectional tournament match Monday.

Playing in a strong crosswind at the Lucas County Recreation Center, the Rebels and Little Giants were scoreless in the first half. Ninety seconds into the second half, that changed.

Robby Merkel sprung open in the center of the goal box and knocked a 3-yard shot into the right corner of the net past Ross goalie Fred Schnee.

Eight minutes later, Matt Albright scored on a penalty shot when the Little Giants were caught tripping in the box.

Merkel's second goal, from 5 yards out into the right corner, topped off the Bowsher win with 11 minutes remaining.

The Rebels, 8-4, outshot the Little Giants 21-10. Ross, 2-11-3, had five shots in each half.

Center-forward Greg Byrnes had the best scoring opportunity for Ross. With 35 minutes remaining in the match, Byrnes tapped the ball away from Bowsher goalie Jamie Ray and had a wide-open net, but his 5-yard boot missed on the right side.

Byrnes had four shots for the Little Giants, and Bob Dorobek added three.