

2019 Division I Sectional Tournament

Lehmann scores 13 in Ross setback

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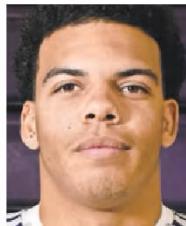
MILLBURY - Fremont Ross led after one quarter of its Division I sectional semifinal at Lake, but even then, coach John Cahill did not think the Little Giants were playing that well.

Perrysburg caught up quickly, then scored 12 straight points in the second quarter in a 49-39 victory over the Little Giants.

"Perrysburg went matchup zone and we knew to an extent that they played it," Cahill said. "We worked against it and actually did really good on it in practice. We just did not execute.

"When you don't see the ball go in, it becomes a challenge."

Ross led 15-11 early in the second quar-



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ter before Perrysburg (13-10) clamped down defensively, which led to offensive opportunities. Perrysburg led 23-15 a short time later.

"We stopped turning the ball over," Perrysburg coach Dave Boyce said.

Bryce Root's bucket with 25 seconds left provided Ross' only points the final 6:38 of the quarter. Perrysburg led 23-17 at halftime.

"We didn't handle Perrysburg's pressure very well," Cahill said. "That's surprising because we have done a pretty good job of handling pressure the second half of the season. We overthought it."

Ross trailed 28-23 after triples from

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Hayden Lehmann and Ben Gedeon. Lehmann had 13 points.

Perrysburg scored 12 of the next 16 points for a 40-27 lead with 47 seconds left in the third quarter. Jabryis Heidelberg scored before a 3-pointer from Lehmann made the deficit 43-38 with 2:57 left in the game.

"(Heidelberg) is quick," Boyce said. "We just don't have anybody really that can hang with him in the man-to-man. We went to zone to try to contain him a bit."

Heidelberg scored 10 points.

The Little Giants scored one more point and committed four turnovers from there.

"We were not playing well," Cahill said. "It's hard to battle through when the ball is not going through the hoop. When we made our run, Perrysburg responded."

The Little Giants' (5-18) loss capped Cahill's first season as head coach.

"I like our seniors," Cahill said. "They will always be my first senior group here at Fremont. I wish I could have done a better job. I wish we as a staff could have done a better job."

"There are no do-overs. You can't go back."

Bryce McKinstry, who missed the early portion of the season while his wrist healed, had nine rebounds.

"We have been through injuries and things that have happened," Cahill said. "We did not have a full team until about a month ago. It felt like we were playing well. We played the best second half of the season last week in a win at Clay."

Ross beat Clay for its only Three Rivers Athletic Conference victory. It beat Tiffin Columbian late in the season and topped Clyde.

"I knew this was going to be a challenge this year," Cahill said. "I did not realize it was going to be this hard, but I am not going anywhere. We are going to work. I am excited."

"I am going to set the calendar when I get to the school tomorrow for 28 days and we will get to work after that."