

Little Giants preparing for fourth soccer season

By BOB MARKER
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Three-year letterwinner Bob Dorobek and seven other lettermen will lead coach Victor Huntley's fourth Fremont Ross soccer squad.

Dorobek, a two-sport performer, may fill a dual roll for Huntley.

The placekicker of the football team, Dorobek will operate mainly from an inside forward slot but could be called on to play in goal.

Huntley will carry 18 players on the varsity squad and another 21 on the junior varsity team. Forty-five showed up for tryouts.

"We have two exchange students who are looking very good," Huntley said.

Last year, Brazilian exchange student Francisco Rosito led the Little Giants in scoring.

Till Menzel of Germany and Stefan Stefansson of Iceland will fit into the Ross lineup at inside forward and right wing, respectively.

Returning lettermen include juniors Jason Fox, Mike Fraley,

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Juan Sanchez and Jason Sidell. Nathan Sachs and John Willey join Dorobek as senior returning lettermen.

"Our forward line looks sharp," Huntley said, "because we have kids that played on traveling teams and have been playing for many years. Their skills are pretty sharp. We just have to polish them up a little."

Huntley said the team's passing skills have improved.

"It also seems that the team is a lot more balanced," Huntley said, "because most of the defense is made up of experienced kids."

Sanchez, Sidell, Blody, Fraley and Willey are the defenders but they will have to operate in front of goalie Ken Flower, who played briefly in goal on the '92 junior varsity.

"That is one of the problems we have: goalkeepers," Huntley said. "We have to work on that. Flower has been playing well but we will also be bringing up Matt Brown from the JVs to work there, too. Dorobek will also play in goal."

In the middle of the offense will be sophomore Jason Strayer.

"He looks pretty sharp," Huntley said, "and his ball skills are very good."

"The two exchange students kick the ball very well."

Huntley feels that with the eight returning lettermen, his team will match up well with the opponents.

"We should be doing all right."

The Little Giants open the season at 5 p.m. Aug. 31 at Bedford, Mich.

Ross blanked in opener

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TEMPERANCE, Mich. — The Fremont Ross soccer team opened the season with a 6-0 loss to Bedford Tuesday.

Ross trailed 2-0 at halftime, and the Mules added four goals in the second half.

Soccer

“The field play wasn’t too bad,” Ross coach Victor Huntley said, “but we need a lot of work on goalkeeping.”

The game was played in a steady rain.

“The guys have got to get used to playing in the rain,” Huntley said. “We’ve been playing on dry fields for the last six weeks.”

Ross hosts Maumee at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Soccer loss^N

Maumee defeated Fremont Ross 6-0 in a rain-shortened soccer match Thursday at Ross High School.

The game was called at the half because of the rain and lightning storm that hit the area.

Andy Pollick and Jason Davidson scored two goals each for Maumee, while Ross managed only three shots on goals to Maumee's 19.

The Little Giants, 0-2, entertain Firelands at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Ross soccer team loses 6-0

Firelands scored three goals in each half and handed Fremont Ross a 6-0 soccer loss Saturday at Ross High School.

It was the third loss and third shutout suffered by the Little Giants in as many games. Firelands is 2-1.

Eric Youngles scored four goals for the Falcons with Ben Doane and Anthony Allsop adding one apiece.

Firelands outshot Ross 51-10 including 31-4 in the first half. Jason Strayer of Ross had four shots on goal and Nate Rhodes had two.

The Little Giants return to action at 5 p.m., Tuesday, hosting Bedford.

Ross soccer team finally scores goals

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Fremont Ross broke out of a scoring slump and defeated Emmanuel Baptist 4-1 for its first win in a Northwest Ohio Soccer League match Saturday at Ross High School School.

Till Menzel had the honor of scoring the first Ross goal of the season, taking a long pass from defensive back Jason Sidell and slipping the ball past goalie Nic Perazewski eight minutes into the game.

"The passes were more crisp," Ross coach Victor Huntley said. "The forward line was passing much better, and we made some plays work that we had practiced on earlier in the week."

The defense also contributed, and Ross goalie Ken Flower made eight saves.

"The halfbacks were controlling the ball and distributing it better," Huntley said. "They were clearing the ball out very well."

The win was the first on the field for the Little Giants, 2-3. The other Ross victory was a forfeit from Bedford on Tuesday.

Kicking with the wind, Ross built a 3-0 first-half lead.

Nate Sachs scored the second Ross goal, taking another long pass from Sidell and hitting the left corner of the net. Jason Strayer took a pass from Darren Cheal to score the third Ross goal at the 31:22 mark of the opening half.

Junor winger Eric Slemmer capped the Ross scoring, taking a pass from Cheal on an indirect kick and depositing it in the left corner five minutes into the second half.

Soccer victory

Till Menzen and Jason Strayer scored two goals apiece Tuesday as Fremont Ross defeated Toledo Bowsher 5-2 in a high school soccer match.

Nate Rhodes added a goal for the Little Giants, 3-3 and 2-0 in the Northwest Ohio Soccer League.

Ross soccer team rolls 4-1

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Fremont Ross broke away from a scoreless tie with with four second-half goals and defeated Toledo Waite 4-1 in a Northwest Ohio Soccer League match Saturday at Ross High School.

Ross is 3-0 in the league and 3-3 for the season after its third straight win.

German exchange student Till Menzel opened the scoring for Ross, heading in a shot past Waite goalie Tom Mooney nine minutes into the second half.

Ross followed with goals by Jason Strayer, Nate Rhodes and Darren Cheal to take a 4-0 lead midway through the 40-minute half.

Waite's goal was on a penalty shot by Geronimo Aranda with five minutes remaining in the match.

Strayer's goal came off a throw-in by Nate Sachs while Cheal set up Rhodes' boot to the left corner of the net with a pass from the middle to the right wing.

Cheal topped off the Little Giants' scoring with a direct kick to the left corner from 25 yards away.

Ross goalie Ken Flower benefitted from a strong defense that permitted 13 shots on goal. Flower turned back three. Ross fired 17 shots each half.

Soccer loss

Defiance avenged three years of losses to Fremont Ross Tuesday, defeating the Little Giants 3-1 in a high school soccer match at Ross High School.

"We played very disorganized in the first half," Ross coach Victor Huntley said, "but in the second half, the kids played brilliantly."

Defiance grabbed a 2-0 half-time lead before Ross responded with a goal by Till Menzell.

Menzell headed in a corner kick from Nate Rhodes for the Ross second half goal.

"It was a beautiful play," Huntley said.

Still, Ross fell to 3-5. The Little Giants play at Toledo Christian at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Ross wins one, loses one

Springfield scored late in the second half to break a 2-2 tie and defeat Fremont Ross 3-2 in a high school soccer match Monday at Ross High School.

Trailing 2-0, Nate Rhodes and T.J. Fisher scored in the first half to pull Ross even going into the second half. Ross is 4-7.

In a junior varsity game, Ross defeated Port Clinton 3-2. Neal Sachs' shot to the left corner of the net from 35 yards out with three minutes to play was the game-winner. Bill Flower and Corey Sterling scored the other Ross goals. The Little Giants are 4-4.

Ross soccer fall to Ashland

Ashland defeated Fremont Ross 6-1 in a high school soccer game Saturday in Ashland.

Nate Sachs scored the only goal for the Little Giants, 4-7, in the second half of play.

The Little Giants host Whitmer at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Also the Little Giants will play Woodward at 7 p.m., Oct.. 19, in A Division I sectional game at Lucas Country Recreation Center.

Soccer victory^N

Eric Slemmer's fluke goal gave Fremont Ross a 4-3 high school soccer victory over Toledo Whitmer Tuesday at Ross High School.

Slemmer scored the winning goal with 12 minutes to play when his throw-in from the left sideline rolled off a Whitmer^N player, past goalie Josh Metzger and into the net.

Slemmer also assisted on an earlier Ross goal by Nate Rhodes off another throw-in.

"We were passing well and running the field well," Ross coach Victor Huntley said. "They were in sync."

Jason Strayer's goal off a long pass from Darren Cheal put Ross up 1-0 seven minutes into the game. Whitmer bounced back, tying the game in the 14th minute on the first of two David Wachowiak goals. His second in the 26th minute put the Panthers up 2-1.

Rhodes' header off Slemmer's throw-in pulled Ross even with two minutes to play in the first half.

Early in the second half, Cheal looped in a direct shot from 25 yards away for a 3-2 Little Giants' edge, but Fred Puig tied it for Whitmer after taking a pass from John Blaze.

Slemmer gave Ross the win with an assist from the Panthers.

Ross outshot the Panthers 18-12. Goalies Ken Flower and Bob Dorobek turned back six shots for Ross.

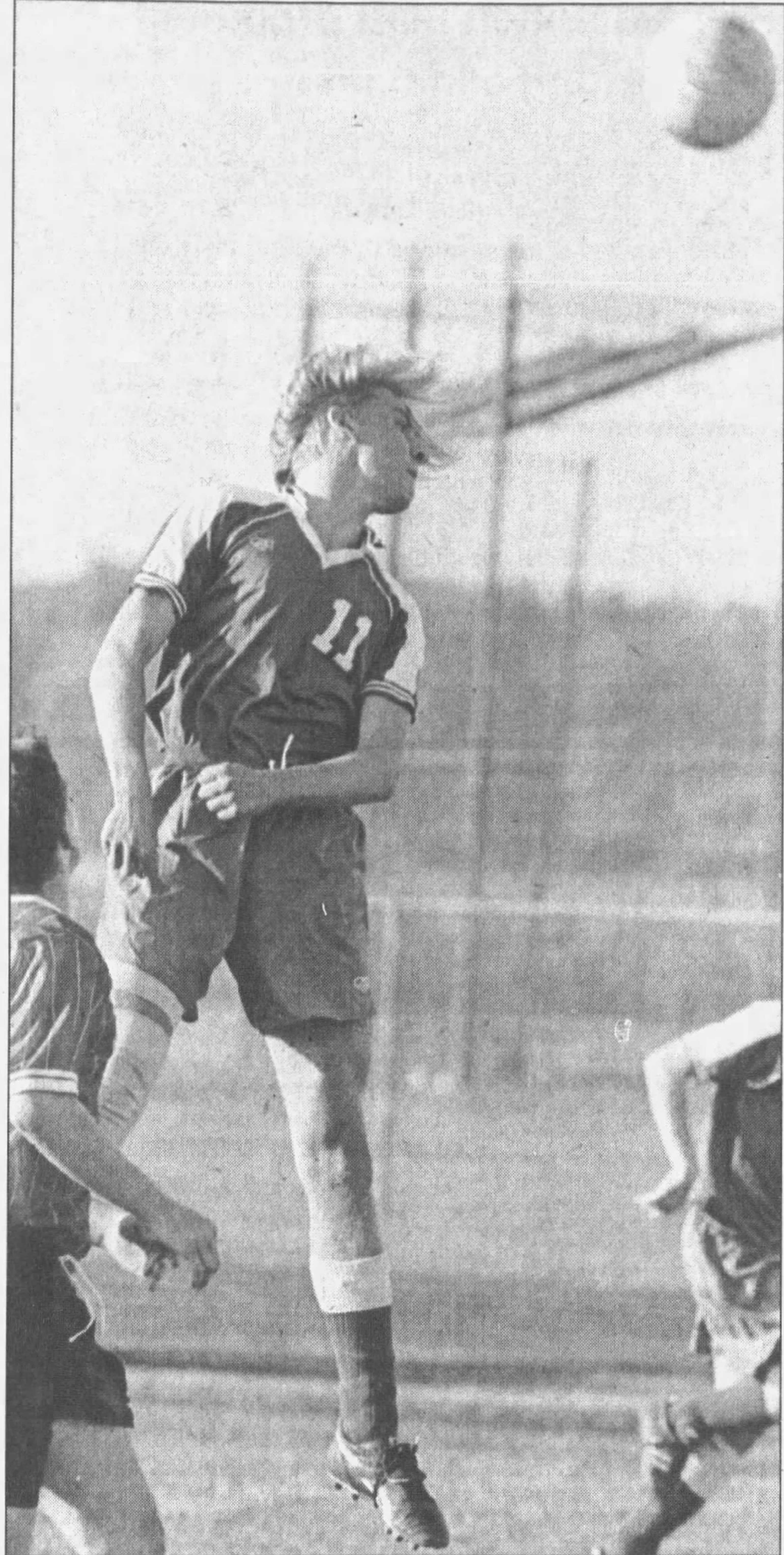


Little Giants win

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Jason Strayer of Fremont Ross battles for control of the ball with Eastwood's Jamison Miller Thursday. Strayer

scored the winning goal in the Little Giants' 4-3 soccer victory over the Eagles at Ross High School.



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TIL MENZEL of Fremont Ross hits a header Thursday during the Little Giants match with Eastwood at Ross High School.

Strayer boots game-winner

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Jason Strayer's goal with less than a minute to play gave Fremont Ross a 4-3 high school soccer victory over Eastwood Thursday at Ross High School.

The Little Giants scored three second-half goals to wipe out a 3-1 Eastwood lead.

"I lit a little fire under them at halftime," Ross coach Victory Huntley said. "In the second half, they began passing and shooting. We scored on a couple of beautiful plays."

Strayer's second goal of the game came off a crossing pass from the right corner from winger Bob Dorobek at the 39:07 mark of the second half.

Earlier, an Eastwood goal by Jamison Miller off a corner kick from Nils Kleumarkern was waved off when Miller was called for a hand ball in front of the goal.

Eastwood led 2-0 before Til Menzel scored the first of his two

goals late in the first half on a corner kick that bounced off an Eastwood defender.

Miller and Jeff Giesbuler scored the Eagles first-half goals.

Five minutes into the second half, Miller scored his second goal for a 3-1 Eastwood lead.

Miller's goal seemed to fire up the Ross defense. The Eagles got only three more shots in the final 35 minutes of play. Ross goalie Matt Brown made five saves in the half.

Ross cut Eastwood's lead to 3-2 on Strayer's 10-yard shot to the left corner off Nate Sachs' pass at the 18:30 mark of the half. A half-minute later, Menzel deflected Sachs' pass into the net, pulling Ross even.

The Little Giants, 6-8 and winners of two in a row, outshot the Eagles 21-10.

Eastwood slipped to 4-8-1.

Ross travels to Toledo Tuesday to play Woodward.

Soccer win

Jason Strayer scored three goals as Fremont Ross defeated Toledo Woodward 8-1 in a high school soccer match Tuesday at Toledo.

Ross improves to 6-8 and is second to Toledo Christian in Division I of the Northwest Ohio Soccer League with a 4-1 record.

Til Menzel, Bob Dorobek, Nate Rhodes, Jason Fox and Stephen Stephensen also scored for the Little Giants.

Ross kicks Columbian 7-2

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Fremont Ross scored five goals in the second half to hand Tiffin Columbian its 10th consecutive high school soccer loss Thursday at Ross High School.

The second-half barrage broke open a 2-0 game, and Ross went on to a 7-2 victory.

Til Menzel and T.J. Fisher scored in the first half for the Little Giants, 8-8 and winners of four straight matches.

Menzel, who added two more goals in the second half, took a pass from Eric Slemmer to score the first goal in the game's 16th minute. Fisher's header off a corner kick from Nate Rhodes put Ross up 2-0 midway through the first half.

Ross broke the game open with three goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Menzel scored his second on a breakaway and Jason Stray scored two straight for a 5-0 Ross lead. Stray scored on a crossing pass from Rhodes and on a breakaway.

Columbian's Micah Dickerson hit a pair of goals with passes from Dave Porter to cut the Ross lead to 5-2, but Ross added two goals in the final six minutes.

Stephen Stephensen's assisted Menzel's third goal, and Matt Blody scored on a penalty kick.

Ross travels to Ottawa Hills at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Correction

Jason Strayer scored a goal and had two assists in a 7-0 Fremont Ross win over Toledo Woodward Tuesday in the Division I Sectional Soccer Tournament. Strayer's name was misspelled in Wednesday's edition.

Also, Ross will play Anthony Wayne in the second round of the sectional tournament at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Lucas County Recreation Center. The News-Messenger received incorrect information that the Little Giants were scheduled to play Toledo Christian.

Ross wins

Fremont Ross defeated Ottawa Hills 4-2 Thursday, solidifying a second-place finish in Division I of the Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League.

Till Menzel scored three goals and Darren Cheal one for the Little Giants, 10-8 and 5-1 in league play. One of Menzel's goals was on a penalty shot. Nate Rhodes and Jason Strayer assisted on the other two Menzel goals.

The Little Giants play Anthony Wayne at 1 p.m. Saturday in the second round of the sectional tournament at the Lucas County Recreation Center.