

# Putting the pieces together

## Radeloff says he's 'pleased' with Ross's first scrimmage

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Fremont Ross and coach Rex Radeloff moved one step closer to "putting the pieces together" during Saturday's football scrimmage with Elyria.

Neither team's first-team offense managed to reach the end zone, but that was OK with Radeloff. The reserve squads tied 2-2.

"We wanted to get a look at all the players," Radeloff said. "We want to find them and put the pieces together. We answered some questions and we still have some that need to be answered."

"We played aggressive at times. We were inconsistent, both defensively and offensively, but we played with a lot of enthusiasm. I was pleased."

Radeloff said the Ross offense moved inside Elyria's 20-yard line on almost every possession but was unable to cross the goal line.

"We had a couple of dropped passes here and there," the coach said. "Number one, we did

get some questions answered on personnel. Number two, we came out injury free. That's one thing you want to happen in a scrimmage. I don't care about winning or losing."

In other scrimmages Saturday, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic traveled to Springfield, Clyde visited Bellevue, Margaretta traveled to Elyria Catholic, Oak Harbor visited Bowling Green, and Woodmore traveled to Ottawa Hills.

**St. Joe-Springfield**

Coach Tom Narducci called St. Joe's performance "fair to average."

"We're certainly not where we want to be," Narducci said. "I was disappointed with the hitting. We're not a championship-caliber hitting team yet."

The Crimson Streaks' first and second units each scored once on Springfield, a Division II team. Springfield also scored once on each St. Joe unit.

Junior Chris Denman hauled in a 65-yard scoring pass from se-

nior Mike Kerr for the first team, and junior Josh Hofstetter scored on a 35-pass catch from junior Ed Kiser.

"Springfield was a pretty good team," Narducci said, "so we got a pretty good dose of reality. I was hoping we would do a little bit better."

**Clyde-Bellevue**

Keith Taylor scored on a 13-yard run for Clyde's only score. Bellevue, however, scored four times.

"They exploited a lot of our weaknesses," Clyde coach Bob Bishop said. "They have a nice team."

Bishop said the Fliers had an especially tough time defending the run.

"Offensively, we're not disappointed," he said. "Defensively, we're not pleased at all. We didn't defend the run. They ran a lot of misdirection and we weren't prepared for it."

"We made some mistakes that

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# Ross blows past Tornadoes

Price,  
defense  
productive

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

TIFFIN — An opportunistic defense punctuated a grinding rushing game and propelled Fremont Ross to a 29-7 high school football victory over Columbian Friday night.

"I'm very proud of the way the defense played," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said, "especially the linebackers. Those were four linebackers who had minimal playing time."

"Ryan Vogel played some, but Eric Ernsberger did not play much last year and Shane Willer did not play at all — he was an offensive guard but was injured early in the season. Christian Tooman was a defensive back and now he is a cornerback. So we had four new linebackers playing and I thought they did an excellent job."

The Little Giants took the wind out of the Tornadoes early, scoring on a safety off a snap that sailed over Columbian punter Ryan Richardson's head into the end zone 3½ minutes into the game. Richardson fell on the ball with Bryan Myers of Ross on top of him.

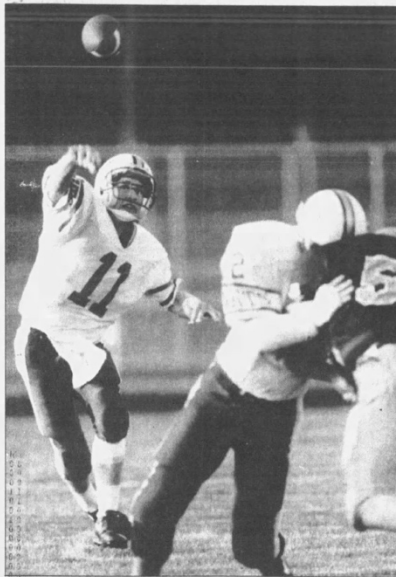
Three minutes into the second quarter, defensive end Jason Matney scooped up a bad pitch from Columbian quarterback



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TYRONE PRICE of the Little Giants rips off 16 of his 197 yards against Columbian Friday night during the first quarter at Tiffin.



**FREMONT ROSS** quarterback Brian Wilson throws a pass during the first quarter Friday night at Columbian Stadium in Tiffin. The Little Giants defeated the Tornadoes 29-7.

## Seilheimer shoots 31

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Chad Seilheimer fired a 4-under par 31 and Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic's 148 was 37 shots better than Danbury in a high school golf match at Sycamore Hills Golf Club Friday.

Seilheimer had birdies on the 10th, 14th, 16th and 17th holes. But the St. Joe junior had plenty of support.

Brad Darr shot 37 on the back nine at Sycamore Hills, and Shawn Dickman added a 39. Kevin Kayden carded a 41.

St. Joe improved to 4-1, while Danbury fell to 2-4.

# Oak Harbor mistakes costly

By TIM HARMON  
Staff writer

**OAK HARBOR** — Counter-punching for a half, Oak Harbor matched Rossford's big-play capability Friday night.

The Rockets, though, were victims of their own mistakes and the athleticism of Chris Holifield in the second half as the Bulldogs pulled away for a 27-14 victory in the season opener at Oak Harbor High School.

"We knew we were going to make mistakes," Oak Harbor coach Gary Quisno said. "I don't know if they made any ... not a lot, that's for sure."

Holifield, who rushed 24 times for 227 yards, put Rossford on top 21-14 midway through the third quarter with a 17-yard touchdown run. He added the conversion points on a pass from Mike Welch.

The score capped a 10-play, 86-yard drive.

"The kids executed well and the consistency factor was there, which gave us offensive punch,"

## Huron slips past Bellevue

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**HURON** — Brian Mamere's 67-yard punt helped set up the winning touchdown as Huron edged Bellevue 13-12 in the season-opener for both teams Friday night.

Two plays following Mamere's punt, Matt Grant fumbled and Ryan Brown recovered for the Tigers on the Bellevue 23.

Six plays and three penalties later, Mamere scored from the 1 with 6:50 left to play.

Huron led 7-0 at halftime, but Bellevue's Kelly McClain scored on runs of 14 and 3 yards. A conversion kick and a conversion run, however, failed.

Rossford coach Tom Ferguson said.

"We didn't play a whole lot of defense," Quisno said. "We knew Holifield was a tough back coming in, and we sure made him look good. We didn't tackle him..."

Oak Harbor tried to answer Holifield's go-ahead touchdown, picking up two first downs after starting the ensuing drive at

Rossford's 49, but mistakes began creeping into the Rockets' effort.

Steve Michaelis was called for clipping while pass-blocking for Roger Parker as Parker misfired on a pass to Matt Bradfield down the middle of the field. Instead of third-and-nine at the 25, the Rockets faced second-and-32 from the 48.

The Rockets had a chance to tie the score on their next possession, but Clay Hock dropped a pass in the end zone on third down.

"We couldn't convert when we needed to," Quisno said.

After stopping Rossford with 7:30 left to play, the Rockets lost the ball when Sam Ulery fumbled a punt at the Rockets' 21 and the Bulldogs recovered on the 14.

Welch gained 2 yards, Holifield lost 6 and Welch threw an incomplete pass before the Bulldogs turned Oak Harbor's missed scoring opportunity into a 14-point swing on the scoreboard.

Welch lofted a pass into the end zone, which first went through Bradfield's hands before settling into Holifield's.

Oak Harbor countered a 58-yard TD run by Mike Pruss and Holifield's 48-yard scoring run with 1-yard TD runs by Ulery and Parker in the first half.

Ulery finished with 128 yards rushing on 19 carries.

## Ross

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Josh Edler on an option and returned it 22 yards for the first Little Giants touchdown of the season.

That play was part of four tipped passes — three at the line of scrimmage — and four fumbles created by the Little Giants.

After that, it was the Ross running game with Tyrone Price taking a big step toward a second successive 1,000-yard season, and the ever-present defense led by the linebackers, tackles Richie Shull and Craig Smith and defensive end Doug Adams.

Price rambled for 197 yards on 21 carries, scoring three times on runs of 25, 15 and 1 yard. The

Little Giants ground out 302 yards on the ground as eight Little Giants picked up rushing yards. Ricky Price had 39 yards on nine carries and Melvin Ruseh 36 on eight to back up Tyrone Price.

After Matney's TD, Ross turned Shull's interception at the Columbian 25 off Willer's tipped pass into a quick six. Tyrone Price scored on the first play.

Bob Dorobek, who doubles up playing for the Ross soccer team and playing in his first gridiron game, hit the right goal post on his first point-after-touchdown kick but followed the next three Ross TDs with perfect placements. It was the first time the junior had faced any defensive pressure in a game situation.

Tyrone Price's second TD put Ross up 22-0 four minutes into

the second half before Columbian defensive back Justin Vondenbergh scooped up Ross quarterback Brian Wilson's fumble and scored from 16 yards out with 5:07 to play.

The Little Giants responded with a nine-play, 64-yard march for the final TD of the game. Price, who had runs of 29 and 17 yards in the drive, scored from a yard out with 1:34 left in the third period.

Radeloff liked what he saw of his offensive tackles, positions that drew his concern in the August drills.

"I knew that Mike Lance was going to get the job done and Aronell Bulger has been working so hard," Radeloff said, "and I would have been disappointed if those two did not have a good game. I think they both had ex-

cellent games."

Ross offensive coordinator Dan Fought agreed partially.

"I think the offensive line in general played a great second half," Fought said. "Once we made adjustments, we did a good job up front."

While Ross runners were chewing up the yardage, the Little Giants defenders were corraling the Tornadoes. Columbian was held to a minus-21 yards and netted 48 total yards in the game thanks to Edler's 69 yards of passing.

"At times, we took away the option pretty good," Ross defensive coordinator Chuck Lindsey said. "The tackle play was good and that freed up our linebackers."

And put the Tornadoes in jail where they had nowhere to run.

## Radeloff, refs reunite



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Ross head football coach Rex Radeloff questions an official's call during the first quarter of the Little Giants' season opener at Tiffin Columbian Friday. Even though Radeloff didn't like this call, he did like the result of the game. The Little Giants blew past the Tornados 29-7. **Complete high school report, B1-3.**



## High School

### Ross 29, Columbian 7

#### Score by quarters

Ross	2	13	14	0—29
Columbian	0	0	7	0—7

#### Scoring

Ross: Safety, 9:22 1st.

Ross: Jason Matney, 22-yard fumble return (kick failed), 9:35 2nd.

Ross: Tyrone Price, 25-yard run (Bob Dorobek kick), 8:55 2nd.

Ross: Price, 15-yard run (Dorobek kick), 7:40 3rd.

Columbian: Justin Vondenberg, 16-yard fumble return (Matt Gower kick), 5:07 3rd.

Ross: Price, 1-yard run (Dorobek kick), 1:40 3rd.

#### Team Stats

	R	C
First Downs	15	6
Rushes/Yards	55/302	27/-21
Passing Yards	17	69
Passes/Comp./Int.	7/3/1	21/7/1
Punts/Average	3/29.6	6/30.6
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	4/3
Penalties/Yards	6/70	4/37

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing: Ross — Price 21/197, Gary Rakes 7/15, Jerome Tucker 1/6, Brian Wilson 6/-7, Ricky Price 9/39, Melvin Rusch 8/36, Bryan King 2/16, Bryan Swint 2/0. Columbian — Josh Edler 10/-36, Gene Duffey 8/43, Chad Gitcheff 4/0, Ryuyan Richardson 2/-39.

Passing: Ross — Wilson 7/3/1 17. Columbian — Edler 19/7/1 69, Chris Murphy 2/0/0 0.

Receiving: Ross — Price 1/1, Jamie Reimer 1/2, Matney 1/14. Columbian — Ron Hickman 2/24, Jon Radebaugh 3/34, Tony Gooding 2/11.

Records: Ross 1-0, Columbian 0-1.

## ROSS VS. ST. JOHN'S

DATE ..... Sept. 11  
 STARTING TIME ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 SITE ..... Harmon Stadium  
 SERIES RECORD ..... Tied 1-1  
 LAST MEETING ..... Sept. 6, 1991

The Titans broke a 7-7 halftime tie with a touchdown in the third and one in the fourth quarter and went on to a 21-7 victory at Harmon Stadium.

In the first meeting between the schools, Ross defeated St. John's 27-8 in 1978.

**STAT TO REMEMBER** — After rushing for 348 yards in last year's season opener against Tiffin Columbian, Ross was limited to negative net yards against St. John's. The Titans sacked Ross quarterback Justin Perry several times.

**STRANGE BUT TRUE** — St. John's is coached by Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic graduate Fred Beier.

# Angry Titans visit

By BOB MARKER  
 Staff writer

Detroit Catholic Central is not on the Fremont Ross High School football schedule.

The Michigan school is on the Toledo St. John's slate, which is not necessarily good for Ross.

Catholic Central, the top big school in the Wolverine state, showed the Toledo school why it is rated so highly last Saturday night, thrashing the Titans 36-0.

"It was one of those games," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said.

"They (St. John's) are a good football team but they went against an excellent opponent who kind of steamrolled them because they had turnovers."

Several of the turnovers came on center-quarterback exchanges and bad snaps in the Titans' shotgun formation. There were also a couple of interceptions, according to Radeloff.

"Each time they had a turnover, Detroit scored on them," Radeloff said.

That scenario does not bode

well for the Little Giants.

"They are not very happy at this point in time," Radeloff said while attempting to smile, "they are going to be ready to play."

Ross opened its season with a 29-7 romp over Tiffin Columbian, a win that served as a confidence builder.

"The defense played well," Radeloff said, "controlling the line of scrimmage and holding them to minus-yardage rushing."

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# Ross

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The linebackers and secondary played well — it was a total game for the defense.

"Offensively, we started slow but the offensive line really played well and I hope we can continue. I think that is as good a first game as we have had in a long time."

The line helped tailback Tyrone "Toddie" Price rush for 197 yards on 21 carries for three touchdowns.

"Toddie showed that he is definitely a better running back than last year," Radeloff said. "He is stronger, quicker; he runs better with his eyes — he sees blocks and openings. He had some excellent runs ... by far the best runs he has ever had."

Radeloff feels the passing game will come around, pointing out that some plays checked off at the line were not picked up by all the players, creating some broken plays.

All that will be tested by the veteran St. John's team that has more than 30 seniors on the

squad. Still, the offense has just two returning starters: 6-foot-5, 263-pound tackle Ryan Daniels and wingback Chad Maxon.

Defensively, there are five returning starters: Daniels, 5-7, 247-pound tackle John Van-Koughnet, ends Dave Higgins and Ken Gillie, linebacker Pat Leonard and defensive backs Marvin Phillips, Jon Beier and Maxon.

Six of the Titans go both ways.

"The two tackles are excellent," Radeloff said. "One is short and thick and the other one tall and lean. Controlling those two will be important."

"Then getting to linebackers because they are active and like to move around, but if we can control the down people and create just a little running room for Toddie, then I think we will be in pretty good shape."

Offensively, the Titans usually line up with one back and two wings with two tight ends.

"They give a lot of looks and they will throw the football," Radeloff said.

"They are a good football team; that score is not indicative how they are going to come here and play."



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**FREMONT ROSS** fullback Ricky Price (31) tries to turn the corner against Toledo St. John's as the Titans' Jon Beier moves in for the tackle Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

# Ross fells the Titans

By BOB MARKER

Staff writer

Big plays. Very big plays.

Fremont Ross lived by them and Toledo St. John's died by them Friday night.

Charles Woodson turned in three, Bryan Myers two and a host of other Little Giants contributed their own in a 26-6 victory over the Titans at Harmon Stadium.

Ross, 2-0, pulled out its second victory although St. John's controlled the ball nearly 29 minutes and piled up 246 yards — tailback Jon Beier ran for 157 yards on 35 carries.

The Little Giants gained 179 yards and ran 34 plays to the Titans' 71.

"Stats look good on paper," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said as a smile crept across his face, "but all along when they were driving the ball, driving the ball, we had to come up with a big play. You know, I guess it was our turn. We have had big plays pulled against us in crucial situations, but tonight, we made 'em."

"Geez! How many big plays? Name 'em all? You can't!"

But, as the late television variety show host Ed Sullivan would put it, the big plays you could name were "reallllllly big ones."

Bigger than the Titans.

St. John's, 0-2, gave the ball away six times, three on pass in-

## NEXT WEEK

The Little Giants resume their longstanding rivalry with Sandusky next Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

The Blue Streaks, who take on Cleveland St. Ignatius tonight, edged Ross 7-6 a year ago at Sandusky.

terceptions that killed drives and Ross turned two of three fumble recoveries into touchdowns.

"We killed ourselves," said St. John's coach Fred Beier, a Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic graduate. "Turnovers and penalties just killed us. Eighty-one or 82 (actually 71) offensive plays and score six points, that's ridiculous."

The Titans had 10 penalties for 60 yards and Ross nine for 89 yards. But the Little Giants lost only one fumble.

"We fumbled right away," Beier said. "Our turnovers created a couple of their scores and our early penalties killed us."

Woodson, a sophomore, scored on a 24-yard pass from Brian Wilson on the Little Giants' first offensive play 90 seconds into the game. Scott Root's recovery of a Jon Beier fumble set up the quick score.

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## Ross

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Woodson added an interception and returned a fumble 50 yards for the third Ross TD. His interception at the Ross 16 was returned to the 39.

Myers had a block that freed Ross tailback Tyrone Price on a 29-yard touchdown run and became a pickpocket to score the final Ross TD with 11 seconds remaining in the third period.

Wilson lobbed a pass to the St. John's 20 where Titan defensive back Marvin Phillips seemingly had an interception but Myers reached over Phillips' back, pulled it from his hands and ran untouched into the end zone.

"He threw a little short," Myers said in the noisy Ross lockerroom. "The guy grabbed it and I just concentrated real hard and pulled it away."

"But I liked the block better, because it sprung Toddie (Price). I'm all for blocking for Toddie; he's our main dude."

But it was Myers' theft that stunned Beier.

"We had the pass intercepted and he took it away for a touchdown," Beier said sullenly, "so it was one of those nights. Nothing went right. Our phones were even out in the second half — nothing went right."

But nearly everything went right in the Ross big-play parade.

Price, with 82 yards on 18 carries and the 29-yard TD run with 4:42 to play in the first half, turned in another big play defensively, intercepting a Titan pass at the Little Giants 10.



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**CELEBRATION TIME.** Members of the Fremont Ross Little Giants celebrate after Charles Woodson returned a St. John's fumble 50

yards for a touchdown early in the third quarter. It was the second TD of the game for the sophomore.

Linebacker Ryan Vogel capped the parade with an interception at the Ross 5 and a 64-yard return, driving the final nail into

the Titans' coffin.

Radeloff was not surprised that St. John's was about to control the ball.

"We knew they could move the ball and we knew we were going to have trouble with their size at times," he said. "We thought

they were going to wear us down; we knew it could happen."

Only it didn't.

# Football

## High School

### Ross 26, St. John's 6

#### Score by quarters

St. John's	0	0	6	0	-6
Ross	6	6	14	0	-26

#### Scoring

Ross: Charles Woodson, 24 pass from Brian Wilson (kick failed), 10:26, 1st.

Ross: Tryone Price, 29 run (pass failed), 4:42, 2nd.

Ross: Woodson, 50 fumble return (run failed), 8:17, 2nd.

St. John's: Jon Beier, 4 run (kick failed), 1:39, 3rd.

Ross: Bryan Myers, 46 pass from Wilson (Jason Matney pass from Wilson), 0:11, 3rd.

#### Team Stats

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First Downs	16	7
Rushes/Yards	46/171	28/87
Passing Yards	75	92
Passes/Comp./Int.	25/9/3	6/3/0
Punts/Average	2/38	4/28
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	1/1
Penalties/Yards	10/60	9/89

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing: St. John's—Scott Ulmer 2/-5, Beier 35/157, Kenneth Jones 7/28, Chad Maxon 2/-9. Ross—Wilson 3/-10, T. Price 18/82, Ricky Price 7/15.

Passing: St. John's—Ulmer 24/9/2—75, Maxon 1/0/0. Ross—Wilson 6/3/0—92.

Receiving: St. John's—Beier 1/7, Andy Murray 2/14, Greg Gugger 2/16, Maxon 1/6, Joe Dzierwa 2/12. Ross—Myers 1/46, Woodson 1/24, Kurt Stevenson 1/20.

Records: Ross 2-0, St. John's 0-2.



# Sandusky rushes past Little Giants

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

Tron Lofton scored three touchdowns while running for 204 yards as Sandusky dealt Fremont Ross a 35-14 setback Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

It was the Blue Streaks' first win against two losses and dropped the Little Giants to 2-1. Sandusky lost to Cleveland Benedictine and Cleveland St. Ignace.

"...they just did not want to go oh-and-three," Sandusky coach Larry Cook said.

"Sandusky played an excellent game," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said. "They took care of us. We could not control the line of scrimmage."

Lofton scored on runs of 19, 1 and 1 yards while handling the ball 28 times.

"We wanted to put the ball in

Tron's hands a little more than we had in the first two games," Cook said. "We wanted him to have it 25-26 times."

"We felt we could hurt them with the options to the outside."

Lofton and his running mates churned out 325 yards on the ground while outgaining Ross 352-178. Most of the Sandusky yardage came on options and sweeps around the ends.

"We could not control the options and sweeps at all," Radeloff said.

Ross, with Tyrone Price getting 61 yards on 16 carries, had 81 yards rushing while the passing game generated 97 yards.

The Blue Streaks' ball control offense dominated Ross in the first half, running 43 plays to the Little Giants' 14. Sandusky had the ball 18 minutes and 39 sec-

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BRIAN WILSON of Ross gets off a pass while being pressured by Sandusky's Jason Myers dur-

ing the Blue Streaks' 35-14 victory over the Little Giants Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

# Ross

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onds in the first half and had the ball 29:53 to the Little Giants 18:07 for the game.

"We are very happy with that," Sandusky coach Larry Cook said about his team's dominance.

"When you run only 14 plays, that means you are certainly not controlling the ball on the defensive side; they just took care of us," Radeloff said. "They handled us. They were a little bigger, a little stronger; they are a good football team."

Lofton scored on a 19-yard run around right end as quarterback Brian Barnum pitched the ball back off the option. Paco Romero's first of five points-after-touchdown kicks put Ross down 7-0 with 1:14 remaining in the first period.

Ross pulled even when it appeared Sandusky was on its way to another touchdown. Driving from their own 16, the Blue Streaks faced a second-and-six at the Ross 21 when Barnum tried to hit Milton Mines in the right flat. Ross sophomore Charles

Woodson batted the ball in the air, came down with it, and returned his second interception of the season 85 yards with 4:20 left in the half. Bob Dorobek's kick brought Ross even.



WOODSON

Woodson's return was the fifth longest in Ross history.

Sandusky, sparked by Lofton's runs of 17 and 14 yards along with a 15-yard face mask penalty on Ross, took the lead for good with 1:14 remaining in the first half. Lofton scored on 1-yard run for a 14-7 Sandusky lead at the half.

"Just one play," Cook said, "cost us total domination in the first half. We thought we should have come in 21-0... but the Woodson boy made a great play and ran it back — you can't take that away from them, but we were happy with our ball control."

Lofton's third TD made it 21-7 five minutes into the second half. Al Cooksey set up the score, blocking Ross punter Sean Sprouse's kick with the Blue Streaks taking over at the Ross 26.

Ross cut it to 21-14 on a seven-play, 57-yard drive. Woodson's diving catch on a 32-yard pass from Brian Wilson to the Sandusky 25 keyed the drive. Woodson caught an 12-yard aerial on the next play.

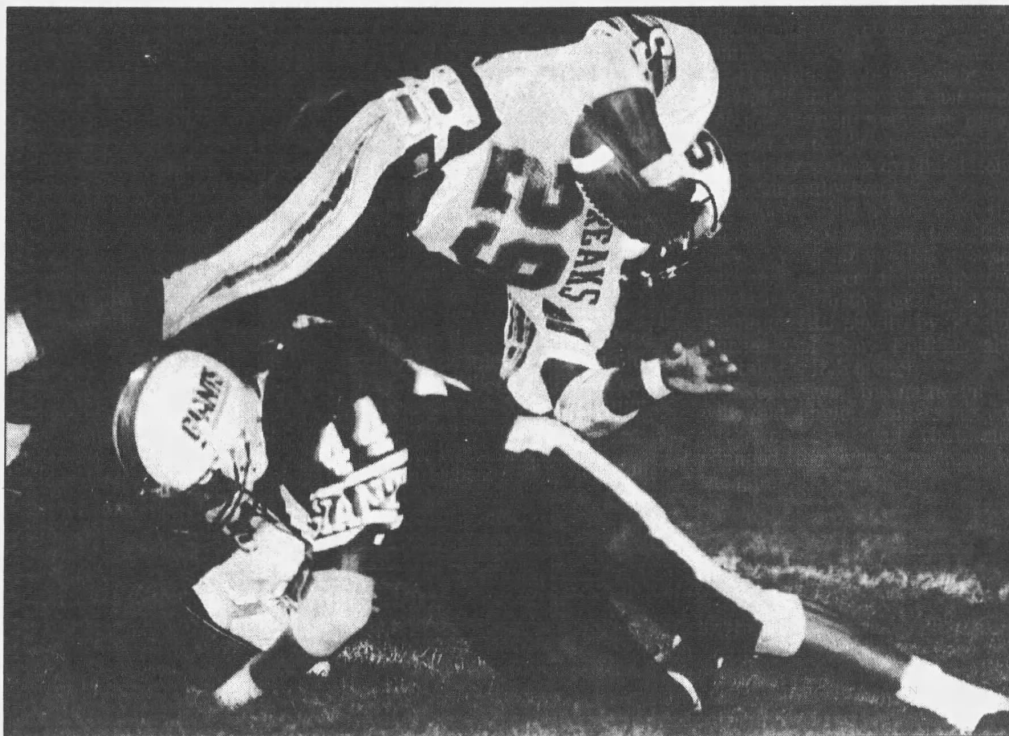
Tryone Price, after hauling in an 11-yard swing pass for a first down at the 2 on a fourth-and-10 play at the Sandusky 13, scoring from the 2 with 1:23 remaining in the third quarter.

Sandusky bounced back quickly, scoring on Barnum's 9-yard pass to Kirksey five seconds into the final quarter. LeAndre Moore's 7-yard run capped the Blue Streaks night midway through the final period.

Barnum's TD pass was one of his three completions in nine attempts. Radeloff had wanted to force Barnum to throw more.

"They did not throw the ball much; they did not give us the chance for our secondary to go after the ball," Radeloff said. "The one time they did, what a play by Poochie (Woodson). Other than that, they kept the ball on the ground — that's the difference in the game."

"Basically, they did what they wanted to on the ground. We just could not control them."



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TYRONE PRICE (44) of Fremont Ross tries to upend Sandusky's Tron Lofton during the fourth

quarter, but the Blue Streak running back scored — giving Sandusky a 28-14 lead Friday night.

# Football

## High School

### Sandusky 35, Ross 14

#### Score by quarters

Sandusky	7	7	7	14-35
Ross	0	7	7	0-14

#### Scoring

Sandusky: Tron Lofton, 19 run (Paco Romero kick), 1:14 1st.

Ross: Charles Woodson, 85 interception return (Bob Dorobek kick), 4:20 2nd.

Sandusky: Lofton, 1 run (Romero kick), 1:43 2nd.

Sandusky: Lofton, 1 run (Romero kick), 7:34 3rd.

Ross: Tyrone Price, 2 run (Dorobek kick), 1:23 3rd.

Sandusky: Al Kirksey, 9 pass from Brian Barnum (Romero kick), 11:55 4th.

Sandusky: LeAndre Moore, 7 run (Romero kick), 5:47 4th.

#### Team Stats

	S	R
First Downs	20	9
Rushes/Yards	57/324	22/81
Passing Yards	27	97
Passes/Comp./Int.	9/3/1	19/6/2
Punts/Average	1/34	3/25
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	1/0
Penalties/Yards	2/20	5/59

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing: Sandusky—Lofton 28/204, Moore 13/64, Paul Watson 9/52, Eric Irby 1/1, Torrez Rolison 1/0. Ross—T. Price 16/61, Brian Wilson 3/-5, Ricky Price 1/12, Woodson 2/30.

Passing: Sandusky—Barnum 9/3/1 — 27. Ross—Wilson 17/5/1 — 94, Shane Moran 1/1/0 — 3, Woodmore 1/0/1.

Receiving: Sandusky: Todd Kaufman 1/10, Milton Mines 1/8, Kirksey 1/9. Ross—T. Price 1/11, Brian Myers 3/41, Woodson 2/45.

Records: Sandusky 1-2, Ross 2-1.

# Ross offense looking for consistency

By BOB MARKER  
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Fremont Ross will open its second Great Lakes League football season Friday night at Toledo Whitmer with an offense that has shown flashes of brilliance tempered with complete breakdowns.

The Little Giants are averaging 23 points per game — 21 if you take off the touchdown scored by Ross defensive back Charles Woodson on an 85-yard interception return against Sandusky.

"We have been a little more explosive at times than I thought we would be," Ross offensive coordinator Dan Fought said.

But Fought added quickly, "We did a nice job early, but we have been blowing some assignments as of late."

"Overall, I would say, I am happy with the improvement we have shown, but we have to get more consistent and a get better effort out of a few people."

One area Fought feels has been consistent is the running game.

"I am happy with the running game and running backs," he said. "I think (quarterback Brian) Wilson has made improvement in each one of his starts; he feels more comfortable... he has been a very good second-half quarterback."

But where has the Ross offense faltered?

"Breakdowns have been happening on a team basis," he said while insisting he was not overusing the "team" label.

"We look very good at times as a team, and then we look very bad as a team," Fought said. "It's not an area, it's the whole team. We'll have bad assignments from nine to 10 people on one play but then we'll come back the next play and have everybody doing their assignment."

"It hard to explain when you are watching film; we (coaches) go through that question on Sunday, but that is what happens on a given play."

"Everybody is wholesale good or wholesale bad."

Fought feels his unit has made physical improvements across the board.

"But the mental approach has to stay on a more consistent basis," he said. "We tend to get

## Game at a glance

Ross must recover emotionally from a 35-14 loss to Sandusky last Friday.

Against Whitmer, the Little Giants' defense must control Justin Keller, who Ross coach Rex Radloff feels "may be the best quarterback in Northwest Ohio," and the Panthers option attack.

Offensively, Ross must control a stunting, quick-pursuing Whitmer 4-4 defense while getting more consistency from its running attack and continued development from the passing game.

tired around the second quarter and the fourth quarter."

He admitted that two-way players figure into that.

"But in the same token, when it comes gut-check time, those kids have to dig down a bit deeper," Fought said.

Ross has a trio of two-way starters with several other offensive players playing occasionally on defense. That trio is far less than Whitmer — the Panthers have eight two-way starters.

A tiring defense may be a chief reason why Whitmer has surrendered 84 points while losing two of three games.

"They have been getting caught in some of their stunts," Fought said. "They are a big-time stunting team and have been caught in stunts where the play broke to the outside and they had no contain left on the outside."

Whitmer uses approximately eight different defensive stunts, Fought said.

"But if they break down or we run by the stunt, a big play will occur because there is nothing left at the line of scrimmage."

Fought feels the Little Giants match up well size-wise with the Panthers.

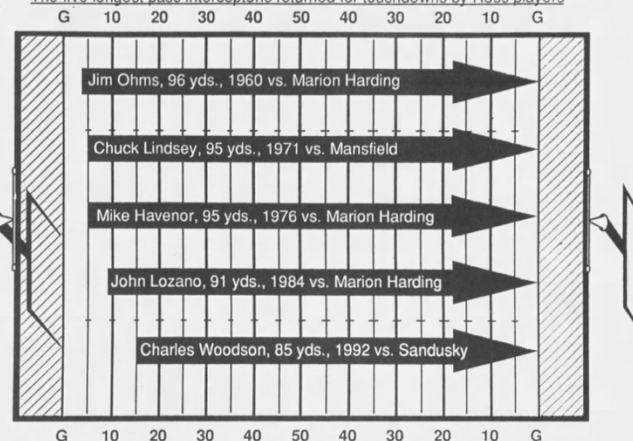
"We don't have to worry about pushing someone 300 pounds and hitting a brick wall," he said. That was in reference to Sandusky's Orlando Pace, a 6-7, 300-pound junior who plagued Ross last Friday in a 35-14 loss.

"We just have to pick up the stunts," Fought said.

While hoping the brilliance shines brighter than the gloom of breakdowns.

## The BIG Heists

The five longest pass interceptions returned for touchdowns by Ross players



## Fliers could fly against Edison in SBC opener

By TIM HARMON  
Staff writer

CLYDE — One of these days...

The phrase hints at broken promises.

But one of these days, the Clyde High School football team is going to open up its passing game.

"We like to think that this year, finally, we have a balanced offense — run-pass," Clyde coach Bob Bishop said. "Do a variety of things, and that's what you've got to be able to do."

"If it means throwing the ball 20 times, if we can, we would. I know people wouldn't believe that, but one of these days we just might do that."

Clyde junior quarterback Eric Hutchins has completed 16 of 30 passes (53 percent) in three games for 160 yards. His first two touchdown passes came last week — one to Josh Gregg and a 19-yarder to Aaron Wilson in overtime — in a 14-13 victory over Upper Sandusky.

Hutchins has thrown only two interceptions.

Wilson has caught five passes for 89 yards (17.8 yards per catch), and Gregg has five re-



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GREGG

ceptions for 83 yards (16.6).

When the Fliers (2-1) host Edison at 7:30 p.m. Friday night in the Sandusky Bay Conference opener for both teams, Wilson and Gregg might be busy.

"(The Chargers) are pretty tough up the middle, and the teams they have played have not been passing teams," Bishop said. "We're kind of in a fog as to how they play pass defense."

Edison, under first-year coach Tim Campana, has won two games while averaging nearly 30 points per game. The defense has allowed 36 points, including 28 to Minster.

The Chargers have knocked off Norwalk, which relies on short passes; lost to Minster, with its wishbone; and blanked Keystone 49-0.

"We don't know how good their

pass defense is," Bishop said. "Josh and Aaron are going to have to do a good job reading coverages and getting open."

Of course, to pass you have to protect the quarterback.

"We think this is going to be our best pass-blocking game," Bishop said. "Their linebackers are coming all the time on the blitz. We're going to have to pick them up."

While Edison defensive tackle Mac Kegarise likes to stay at home on the line, Jeremy Harris is a very active linebacker.

Kegarise at tackle and Harris at guard also lead the Chargers' offensive line, which quarterback Ben Simon and tailback Jason Krishna operate behind.

Bishop said the Chargers' offense attacks "everything."

"We have, through the computer, broken down their tendencies," he said. "We prepare (the defense) that way."

"That's the whole key to our preparation. They've done certain things in different formations. We have to respond, and if we don't blow assignments..."

"They're the type of team that you can't blow assignments against."

## AREA ROUNDUP

News-Messenger reports

League play begins this week in high school football, with Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic's visit to Oak Harbor Friday night the key matchup in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Margaretta, meanwhile, will try to bounce back from last week's 48-15 loss to Willard at home against winless Sandusky Perkins.

Another key early league game takes place in the Northern Ohio League, where two of last year's tri-champions — Bellevue and Bucyrus — will meet at Bucyrus.

In two Suburban Lakes League openers, Gibsonburg visits Genoa and Northwood travels to Elmore for a game against Woodmore.

St. Mary's at Oak Harbor

St. Mary's has suffered back-

to-back losses to the co-favorites in the Midland Athletic League — Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic and Seneca East.

The Panthers, who opened the season with a shutout victory over Norwalk St. Paul, have not scored in their last seven quarters. St. Mary's was blanked for the final three quarters against St. Joe, and Seneca East handed it a 13-0 loss last Saturday.

Bellevue at Bucyrus

Both teams enter league play with two wins. Bucyrus lost 27-10 to Lexington last week while Bellevue routed Perkins 55-0.

This is the biggest game for Bellevue in the next three weeks. After games against Upper Sandusky and Norwalk, the Redmen follow with a stretch of games against Galion, Shelby and Wil-

lard.

Margaretta at Perkins

The Polar Bears were cooled off last week by the Crimson Flashes, but they get a schedule break against Perkins before back-to-back games against St. Mary's and Oak Harbor.

Opponents have outscored the Pirates 125-18, and Perkins hasn't scored in two weeks.

Gibsonburg at Genoa

Gibsonburg is looking for its first points of the season, while Genoa hopes last week's 40-6 victory over Lake will spark its entry into league play.

Woodmore hopes to rebound after two straight losses against a winless Northwood team, which has improved since a 30-13 loss to Edon to open the season.

TIM HARMON

## ROSS AT WHITMER

DATE .....Sept. 25  
STARTING TIME .....7:30 p.m.  
SITE .....Whitmer Memorial Stadium  
DIRECTIONS: From Fremont, take U.S. 20 west to I-280 north to I-75 north. Take I-75 north and exit at Alexis Road. Turn left and go about 5-6 miles on Alexis. The Whitmer school complex is on the left. Turn left on first drive past the school. The travel time is approximately 1 hour.

TICKETS: No presale. All tickets sold at the gate.

SERIES RECORD .....Tied 3-3  
LAST MEETING .....Sept. 20, 1991

Whitmer used an option attack to rush for 238 yards on 18 plays in the second half while scoring 27 points in a 34-7 victory. Brian Gardner ran for 162 yards on 13 carries and Chris Reese added 111 on 12 more as the Panthers rolled up 360 yards on the ground. Both Gardner and Reese have graduated.

The Whitmer ground-pounding attack offset 119 yards on 19 carries by Ross tailback Tyrone Price.

The Little Giants' touchdown was scored on a 19-yard run by Alec Shaw. It cut the Whitmer lead to 14-7 early in the second half.

# Ross

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Running counters and taking pitches off options, the 6-1, 175-pound Woodson rushed for 161 yards on 11 carries. Defensively, he intercepted two Justin Keller passes.

It was a track meet until the Ross defense began to solidify three minutes into the second quarter.

Whitmer struck quickly after the Ross offense opened with three plays for a net 2 yards, forcing a Ross punt. Sean Sprouse's 28-yard boot came back quickly. Jeff McKinley caught it, cut to his right, cut back at the Ross 30 and sailed into the end zone on a 66-yard return, putting Ross down 6-0 only 90 seconds into the game.

Woodson just as quickly brought Ross even, skirting right end for 57 yards on a counter play. Bob Dorobek's kick gave Ross a temporary lead 7-6 with 9:43 remaining in the first quarter.

The Panthers retook the lead four minutes later, driving 67 yards in nine plays with quarterback Justin Keller running an

option off left tackle for the final 14 yards. Keller's pass to Jeremy Fritz gave Whitmer a 14-7 lead at the 5:21 mark.

The Panthers were back in business a few seconds later when Fritz's kickoff went off the side of his foot and was recovered by Chris Reese at the Ross 36. Seven plays later, Mack scored from the 1, putting Ross down 20-7 with 1:41 still to play in the opening quarter.

Ross closed the gap to 20-13 early in the second period. Tyrone Price had runs of 12 and 13 yards before going up the middle for the final 18 with 9:42 left in the half. Woodson's 13-yard run on a third-and-nine to the Whitmer 27 kept the drive alive. Price finished with 107 yards on 20 carries.

"Neither team wanted to play a whole lot of defense in the first quarter, that's for sure," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said. "It was one of those quarters but the one factor this whole ball game was we never quit."

"We may not have played well that first quarter but we certainly played good the second, third and fourth; we got to put

four together. That's the whole secret of winning ballgames."

"I told the kids it was going to turn into a track meet," Gucciardo said, "just be ready to hold onto your shirts and see how many times we can score."

Ross tied the game on Wilson's 21-yard run and Dorobek's kick with 6:26 to play in the third quarter.

On its next series, Ross threatened to take the lead, driving from its 43 to a fourth-and-five at the Whitmer 12 seconds into the final period before Wilson's pass to Stevenson bounced off his hands and Whitmer's Brian Wis-kochil hauled it in, returning it to the 26.

"It was a touchdown if it was a little lower," Radeloff said. "It was the same play that we used in the overtime."

"But what an exciting game. It was certainly fun to be in but again, it was for three quarters; it certainly wasn't the first quarter. Take away that and it was an easy victory for us because they scored all 20 in the first quarter."

Instead, Whitmer took it away from the Little Giants.



# Ross falls in OT

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

TOLEDO — Whitmer scored 20 first-quarter points but had to punch across a touchdown in overtime to defeat Fremont Ross 26-20 Friday night in a Great Lakes League football opener.

Tony Mack's 5-yard scoring run gave the Panthers the overtime lead and on the Little Giants' first play of the extra session, a strong Whitmer rush sealed the win, a victory that left Whitmer coach Pat Gucciardo breathless.

"Nobody wins those games," Gucciardo gasped as his team celebrated around him near the spot where Mack had scored his second TD of the game.

After Whitmer, 2-2, went ahead in the overtime, the game quickly ended for the Little Giants, 2-2. Quarterback Brian Wilson, trying to roll toward his right end on a pass play intended for Ross tight end Kurt Stevenson, never had a chance. The Panthers ran through the right side of the Ross line, forcing Wilson to back peddle before he was hit and fumbled. Matt Vaillant fell on the ball for Whitmer and the game was over.

"Somebody had to win this or we would have gone all night," Gucciardo said amid the well-wishers that streamed from the stands.

"We wanted to control the ball and not throw it up in the air back there where those two speedsters (Tyron Price and Charles Woodson) could run them down," Gucciardo gasped. "So we decided to go to our old conventional offense which we have not used for three weeks."

"It kept them (Ross) a little offbalance but I think our kids just rose to the occasion and played good knock-down football just like their kids did."

The Whitmer win dulled a brilliant performance by Ross sophomore Charles Woodson.

"He's a great player, a great player," Gucciardo said. "They did everything they could with him."

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## Next for Ross

At Findlay,  
7:30 p.m., Oct. 2

Last night

Findlay 28  
Marion Harding 24

# Football

## High School

### Whitmer 26, Ross 20 (OT)

#### Score by quarters

Ross	7	6	7	0	0-20
Whitmer	20	0	0	0	0-26

#### Scoring

Whitmer: Jeff McKinley, 66 punt return (kick failed), 10:34, 1st.

Ross: Charles Woodson, 57 run (Bob Dorobek kick), 9:43, 1st.

Whitmer: Justin Keller, 14 run (Jeremy Fritz pass from Keller), 5:21, 1st.

Whitmer: Tony Mack, 1 run (pass failed), 1:41, 1st.

Ross: Tyron Price, 18 run (kick failed), 9:42, 2nd.

Ross: Brian Wilson, 21 run (Dorobek kick), 6:26, 3rd.

Whitmer: Mack, 5 run (kick failed), OT.

#### Team Stats

	R	W
First Downs	15	14
Rushes/Yards	39/292	39/232
Passing Yards	0	75
Passes/Comp./Int.	7/1/1	12/7/2
Punts/Average	3/32	3/21
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	2/20	7/86

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing: Ross—Wilson 4/18, T. Price 20/107, Ricky Price 4/6, Woodson 11/161. Whitmer—Keller 15/73, McKinley 13/105, Chris Reece 4/10, Mack 4/17, Jeff Howard 2/22, Nate Mef-ferd 1/5.

Passing: Ross—Wilson 7/1/1—0. Whitmer—Keller 12/7/2—75.

Receiving: Ross—T. Price 1/0. Whitmer—McKinley 2/16, Reece 2/20, Sean Marsh 1/14, Steve Nowak 1/12, Fritz 1/13.

Records: Ross 2-2 (0-1), Whitmer 2-2 (1-0).



# Ross QB out for Findlay game

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

Fremont Ross will attempt to halt a two-game losing skid Friday against Findlay, but the Little Giants will do it without starting quarterback Brian Wilson.

Wilson, a senior, broke a knuckle on his right hand during a 26-20 overtime loss against Toledo Whitmer last Friday. His availability will be on a week-to-week basis.

Ross coach Rex Radeloff said Shane Moran, a sophomore, will replace Wilson. Moran has played briefly this season.

Moran will get his first varsity start against a team that shocked the Little Giants a year ago. Marlon Berry's 13-yard dash to the left corner of the end zone with less than 10 seconds remaining gave Findlay a 21-14 win — and the Little Giants' fourth straight loss.

Findlay's 1991 victory snapped a nine-



MORAN



WILSON

game losing streak that Ross had imposed on the Trojans.

Ross takes a two-game losing streak into Friday's game.

"It was disappointing," coach Rex Radeloff said about his team's Great Lakes League loss to Whitmer. "We pretty well outplayed them the majority of the game except that first quarter."

The Panthers put 20 points on the board

in the first seven minutes.

"I thought we outplayed them to the point where we should have won the ball game," Radeloff said.

As for Findlay, Radeloff put himself in coach Jim Caserta's shoes.

"I would think," he said about the Trojans "4-4" defensive alignment, "they will stunt — if they had scouts at Whitmer and I am sure they did — they see that the stunts hurt us. Everytime the Whitmer linebackers came, we had difficulty controlling them."

"That is what we are working on this week."

Offensively, Radeloff says the Trojans are predominantly ground-oriented with the interior the main focus of the attack. Berry is still a threat.

"He's a good, hard runner; both running backs are around 200 pounds so they have some size and power," Radeloff said.

"They throw the ball decent at times — I would not say consistently, but they do mix it up."

On offense, Radeloff wants to get his running backs, chiefly Tyrone Price and Charles Woodson, into the secondary.

"I think our speed; if we can get them free, they have no one that can match their speed, but we got to be able to do that," Radeloff said.

Radeloff said his team has bounced back from the Whitmer loss and the positive attitude he has picked from his squad has to do with the Trojans.

"Findlay is a natural rivalry for the communities and especially the players; I think the players look forward to playing Findlay probably more than Sandusky," he said. "The kids and the coaches are tired of losing. What we have to do is put together a whole game. If we can do that, we will be in good shape."

# Little Giants beat Trojans

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

FINDLAY — Jim Caserta was a coach of few words. Fremont Ross was a team of many yards. Caserta said it simply.

"We just got beat at every phase of the game," he said after watching his team absorb a 31-7 loss to Ross at Donnell Stadium Friday night.

What other words Caserta added backed up his first assumption.

"There's no bones about it," he continued, "They were better prepared than we were; they

played with more emotion — we took a whipping."

"There's no other way to say it."

Tyrone Price rushed for 222 yards on 29 carries as the Little Giants' ground machine generated 329 yards.

Findlay, 1-4, had 40 yards on 23 attempts. The Little Giants, 3-2, had 25 first downs, 16 more than Findlay.



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"The line really created a lot of holes," Price praised. "I told them all I wanted was a little crack in the defense, and I would get what I am asked to get."

The Ross line featured tackles Richie Shull and Mike Lance, guards Doug Adams and Troy Ritzman and center Craig Smith who also played a guard when Eric Ernsberger played briefly at center and tight ends Kurt Stevenson and Jason Matney.

The Little Giants were playing without starting guard Shane Willer, out indefinitely with a shoulder injury.

Ross was especially dominating in the first half, running off 40 plays to 17 for Findlay and finished with 69 plays to 44 for the Trojans.

"Our offensive line controlled the line and we got some running lanes," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said, "and defensively, it was a great effort."

"It was a good, solid game, and I think everyone got in."

Charles Woodson scored twice on runs of 19 and 9 yards while Bryan King went up the middle from 18 yards out for his first high school touchdown. Sopho-

## Next for Ross

Home, Northview,  
7:30 p.m., Oct. 9

Last night

Whitmer 35  
Northview 0

more quarterback Shane Moran, making his first varsity start, scored the first Ross TD and

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# Ross

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Price added the final six-pointer on a 6-yard run with 8:19 to play.

Price started quickly, picking up 58 yards of the Little Giants' 63-yard opening drive. Moran went the final 2 yards after checking off into a quarterback sneak.

Ross led 12-0 at the half on Woodson's 19-yard run.

King, who had seen sparse action before Friday, made it 18-0 five minutes into the second half.

Price ran 54 yards to the Findlay 13 on the first play of the next Ross series and Woodson scored two plays later on a 9-yard run.

"We felt that if we created just a little bit of a running lane," Radeloff said, "that Toddie or Charles was going to have an excellent night because they are just that much quicker than any person they had on the field."

A 52-yard pass from Bryan Swint, who took over for Moran midway through the third quarter, to Bryan Myers to the Findlay 17 set up Price's TD.

Moran was 5-of-9 passing for 54 yards and Swint, a senior, completed his only pass, a touch pass just over the defender into Myer's hands who took it in full stride. Myers had four catches for 88 yards.

Radeloff praised both quarterbacks.

"Moran came in and did an excellent job and I am proud of Bryan Swint," he said. "He's a young man who has paid his dues all the way through the program ... he came in and did the job he was asked to do. That was an excellent pass he threw."

Ross was just as dominating defensively as it was offensively.

Little Giants linebacker Ryan Vogel had a pair of quarterback sacks for 12 yards in losses as Ross held the Trojans to 137 total yards. Ricky Price and Myers intercepted Findlay passes as the Trojans quarterback duo of Andy Viera and Zach Dennis completed 7-of-21 attempts.

"We are still having a little problem with the option," Ross defensive coordinator Chuck Lindsey said, "but I thought they made adjustments better than they had in the past — but we still have a long way to go."

The Little Giants front four of Troy Ritzman, Craig Smith, Richie Shull Jason Matney along with inside linebackers Jon Winters and Eric Ernsberger held the Trojans' inside attack in check. Fullback Josh Miller led Findlay with 26 yards on six carries with 13 of the yards coming on Findlay's first play of the game.

Findlay scored with 45 seconds left against the Little Giants second team. Darrell Ramsey's fingertip grab of Viera's 11-yard pass in the back of the endzone got the Trojans on the board.

But that was just a "face-saver" for the Trojans. The rest of the night belonged to Ross.

# Ross begins GLL stretch run

By **BOB MARKER**  
Staff writer

A year ago, Sylvania Northview was the tonic that helped the Fremont Ross High School football team cure a sick season.

The Little Giants limped into Sylvania with a four-game losing streak and 1-4 record but Ross rolled out with a 34-6 romp, launching itself toward a Great Lakes League championship game with Fostoria a month later.

Ross is hoping the same scenario unfolds beginning this week. This time, however, Northview comes to Fremont for Friday night's homecoming game at Harmon Stadium.

"We are approaching it from a standpoint that to reach a championship game in that last one, we have to win the next four," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said.

Northview, 2-3, is 1-1 in the

GLL after absorbing a 35-0 loss to Whitmer last Friday. Ross, 3-2, dominated Findlay 31-7 a week ago and is looking for its first league win.

"Even though the win against Findlay was an excellent win, we needed that for confidence," Radeloff said, "the next four games are crucial games."

"The kids understand that and we have to take it a game at a time like we normally do, but still the approach is to set up a final game for the championship. The only way we can do that is to win this Friday night."

"That's our motivation; it was last year. It was doubly important last year because of losing four in a row."

Northview has five returning lettermen on offense and seven on defense. Six of the Wildcats go both ways. Defensively, Radeloff rates 5-9, 220-pound senior Chris Gomoll as the Wildcat to

watch. Gomoll lines up at nose guard on the "50" defense.

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## At a glance

Northview will have to control the Ross running attack.

The Wildcats will have to contend with Little Giants' tailback Tyrone Price and be aware of where versatile sophomore back Charles "Poochie" Woodson is in the alignment.

The Ross defense must contend with a Northview offense that has been erratic. Forty of the Wildcats' points have come in one game.

Offensively, Ross must have steady performances by sophomore quarterback Shane Moran and backup Bryan Swint.

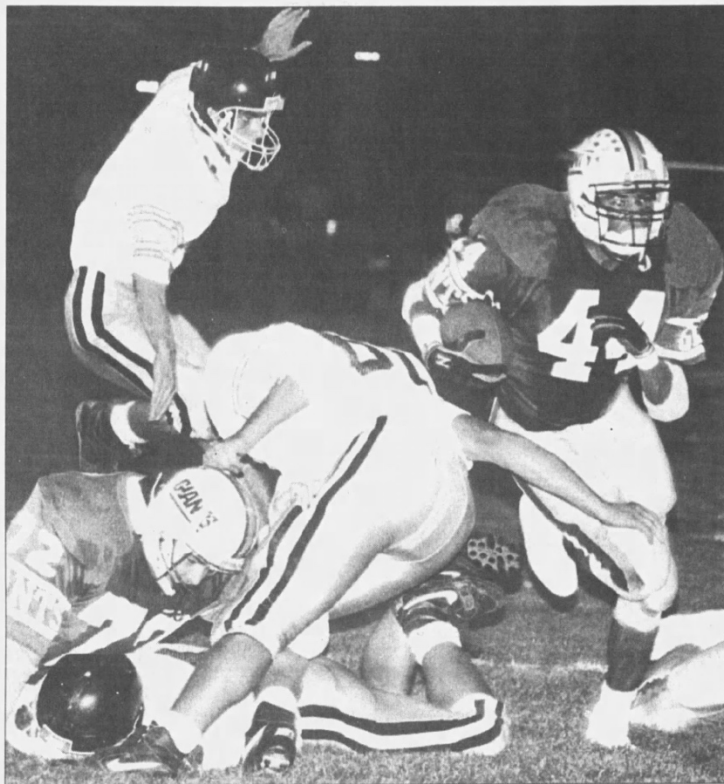
## After game treat for athletes

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Members of the Fremont Ross High School fall sports teams and the marching band will be treated Friday after the Northview-Ross Homecoming football game Friday night.

Other students may take part for \$1. Adult admission is \$2.

Videos from all of the fall sports will be shown throughout the night, which is sponsored by the Ross Athletic Boosters.



News-Messenger/Gary Geller

TYRONE PRICE of Fremont Ross runs through a hole as Shane Willer clears the way Friday night during the Little Giants' 35-10 victory over Sylvia Northview at Harmon Stadium.

# Woodson outruns Wildcats

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

Charles Woodson was no ordinary "pooch" Friday night as Fremont Ross rolled past Sylvia Northview 35-10.

Ross is 1-1 in the Great Lakes League race after winning its fourth game against two losses. The Wildcats are 1-2 and 2-4.

Woodson, whose nickname is "Poochie," was a greyhound with speed to spare over the grass at Harmon Stadium, returning a kickoff and two punts for touchdowns while rolling up 284 all-purpose yards.

His 88-yard tight-roping kickoff return was the fourth longest in Ross history, giving the Little Giants a 23-10 halftime lead.

Woodson's return followed a 47-yard field goal by Northview's Brad Ladd with 18 seconds remaining in the half. Woodson strolled into the end zone with one second remaining.

In the second half, both Woodson punt returns covered 64 quick yards. The second return topped off a night in which the Ross defense sparkled while the offense never quite shifted into gear despite 124 yards by tailback Tyrone Price.

"What can you say?" Ross coach Rex Radeloff said. "The difference offensively was Charles Woodson on the kickoff and punt returns."

"On the kickoff, he was almost down, but anytime he handles the ball, he shows his athletic ability. On the punt returns, though, we had some good initial blocks and then he just outran them."

"On the kickoff, boy, I mean what a play. He broke tackles and in the open, I don't know, but I don't think there are many people around who could catch him."

For sure, no Wildcat could catch this "Poochie."

Price went over 100 yards for the fourth time this season.



WOODSON

"They were hard yards, hard!" Radeloff said. "They stuffed him. They did a good job of keeping him in check all night."

"He would get the 5 and 6 yards, but he could not get loose."

It was the same for Northview; the Ross defense would not let loose of any Wildcat.

Little Giants linebacker Christian Tooman had four tackles for losses and assisted Troy Ritzman and Jason Matney on a sack.

"He's coming along pretty good playing a new position," Ross defensive coordinator Chuck Lindsey said about Tooman. "He started working at safety the last two years and he just came up at practice this fall and said 'Coach, those guys (Price, Woodson and Ryan Smith) have a little more speed than I have and I want to play — where can I play?'"

"I said, 'Well, try outside linebacker.' The first couple of games, it was new to him. Now, he's catching on to what it's about. He calls our defense and makes a lot of the adjustments."

Tooman credited the defensive line with his success.

"They were containing their linemen and creating holes and we were just filling them," he said.

As for his new position, Tooman said, "I love it. There's a lot more freedom, a lot less pressure and a lot more stickin'."

"Christian had a great game," Radeloff said. "He stayed in position and the whole defense did a lot better tackling than it had in the last few weeks."

The Little Giants allowed 34

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## Lakota wins sixth straight

By SCOTT KIRSCH  
Staff correspondent

KANSAS — Lakota's 27-7 win over Northwood on Friday night is, according to coach Jack Burgess, more than just another victory. To the Raiders it represents a milestone.

"We have reached every original goal we've had," Burgess said, "So now everything else is gravy."

Burgess, however, did say the best is yet to come.

"We still haven't played what we consider our perfect game," he said. "We're getting to the part of our schedule where we can't afford to have breakdowns. Each week the teams are getting tougher."

The Raiders are 6-0 for the first time, according to school records, and 3-0 in the Suburban Lakes League.

Burgess said they are constantly discovering differ-

### Next for Lakota

Home, Woodmore

7:30 p.m., Oct. 16

Last night

Genoa	34
Woodmore	6

ent combinations in personnel and offensive patterns. One of those combinations being the wishbone offense installed to better utilize the agility of quarterback Gregg Prenzl and the speed and running ability of backs Chad Miller and Chad Plouck.

"We knew coming in they were a running team," Northwood coach Ken James said after the Raiders fell to 0-6 and 0-2 in the SLL. "But they ran a little more out of the wishbone than we ex-

pected."

The Raiders' wishbone was effective enough to amass 287 yards rushing. Plouck had 114 yards including an 11-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

"We're going to face some defenses in the next few weeks that are a little stronger and we've got to do some things to get them moving," Burgess said. "We may not be able to just run over people. We have to do some things to stretch out their defense and the wishbone is one way of doing that."

Burgess said perhaps the biggest improvement from last year may have been evident in the first quarter, after Chad Smith's 5-yard touchdown run at the 5:26 mark gave Northwood the lead and momentum.

On the ensuing series, Lakota capped of a 54-yard drive with

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### Next for Ross

Home, Bedford

7:30 p.m., Oct. 16

Last night

Oregon Clay	42
Bedford	0

# Ross

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nets yards with the Northview TD coming on a 1-yard run by John Eberle after Chris Gomoll's 57-yard fumble return to the Ross 1 late in the first quarter.

"They (Northview) were excited early," Radeloff said. "I knew if we did not come out fired up, we could struggle early, but I have to give them a lot of credit. They did some pretty good things defensively that created problems."

The Little Giants took the lead early in the second quarter, driving 73 yards on 10 plays. Price scored from the 4. After a Northview penalty moved the ball in-

side the 1, quarterback Shane Moran scored on an option around right end for the two points and an 8-7 lead two minutes into the period.

Price's second TD, a 2-yard run, and placekicker Bob Dorobek's pass to Tooman on a fake kick made it 16-7 with 4:21 to play in the half.

Ladd's field goal tightened it briefly before Woodson began working his magic. Taking the ball in the middle of the field, Woodson cut to the right sideline, was hit, put his left hand on the ground to regain his balance and broke free at the Ross 30. The race down the sidelines easily went to the "Pooch."

The second half belonged to the Ross defense. Northview did not get a first down and never got beyond their own 37.

# Football

## Ross 35, Northview 10

### Score by quarters

Northview	7	3	0	0-10
Ross	0	23	0	12-35

### Scoring

Northview: John Eberle, 1 run (Brad Ladd kick), 2:05, 1st.

Ross: Tyrone Price, 4 run (Shane Moran run), 10:00, 2nd.

Ross: T. Price, 2 run (Christian Tooman pass from Bob Dorobek), 4:21, 2nd.

Northview: Ladd, 47 field goal, 0:18, 2nd.

Ross: Charles Woodson, 88 kickoff return (Dorobek kick), 0:01, 2nd.

Ross: Woodson, 64 punt return (kick failed), 11:43, 4th.

Ross: Woodson, 64 punt return (kick failed), 2:26, 4th.

### Team Stats

	N	R
First Downs	2	11
Rushes/Yards	29/37	46/146
Passing Yards	-3	46
Passes/Comp./Int.	9/1/1	5/2/0
Punts/Average	6/31	4/29
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	4/2
Penalties/Yards	5/32	3/20

### Individual Statistics

Rushing: Northview—Joe Raker 5/9, Chris Robinson 1/0, Eberle 15/29, Tony Mitsopoulos 1/-4, Bob Shaffer 3/4, Kimbal Urrutia 1/1, Mike Radzinski 1/1. Ross—Moran 3/-23, T. Price 23/124, Ricky Price 4/20, Woodson 10/29, Jamie Reimer 1/-10, Bryan Swint 2/3, Melvin Rusch 2/3, Gary Rakes 1/0.

Passing: Northview—Raker 9/1/1—3. Ross—Morain 5/2/0—46.

Receiving: Northview—Mitsopoulos 1/-3. Ross—Woodson 1/39, Reimer 1/7.

Records: Ross 4-2 (1-1), Northview 2-4 (1-2).



# Little Giants ready for the Mules' wishbone

## Wilson may return at quarterback

By **BOB MARKER**  
Staff writer

A year ago, Bedford nearly had the last kick.

Fremont Ross, after taking a 20-0 lead with 2½ minutes left in the third quarter, had to hang on for life as the Mules scored 13 fourth-quarter points.

"They went to the wishbone after the half and they ran pretty good on us," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said.

Friday, Ross will host the Mules in a Great Lakes League game at Harmon Stadium.

Bedford is winless in six games with an 0-4 GLL mark. The Mules will bring the wishbone to Fremont but unlike last year, Radeloff and his crew are expecting it.

"Really," he said, "it is not a true wishbone. They do run the triple option off it but not like you see on television. It's more like a belly (series) where they hand off to the halfbacks or the quarterback keeps it. On the tapes, I have not seen the quar-

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## Ross career rushing leaders

Rank	Player	Years played	Yards
1	Jim Tiller	1954-57	3,755
2	Terry Carter	1987-89	3,516
3	John Lewis	1949-51	2,787
4	Rob Lytle	1970-72	2,593
5	Tom Liggins	1969-71	2,579
6	Tyrone Price-a	1990-92	2,318
7	Terry Bates	1975-76	2,304

Source/Ross record book

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terback pitch it yet."

The wishbone or whatever formation the Mules have used the season, has not given them much of an offensive kick — opponents have outscored Bedford 169-30.

Quarterback Scott Parachek, a 6-foot-2 junior, runs the Bedford 'bone while the main blocking back in the formation is 6-4 senior fullback Darrin Klod. The halfbacks are juniors Brian Prater and Greg Bushroe.

"He does not hand off much to the fullback," Radeloff said.

While Radeloff and his staff are preparing for the Mules, Ross may have a pair of players coming back from injuries.

Brian Wilson, the Little Giants' starting quarterback the first four games, may be ready to play along with outside line-backer Ryan Vogel. Wilson suf-

fered a cracked knuckle on his right hand during the Whitmer game while Vogel missed last week's 35-10 win over Northview because of a groin injury.

How much or whether or not Wilson starts Friday depends on how well he handles the ball while wearing a protective pad on his right hand.

Radeloff said, "We have to wait to see if he can take a snap and handle the ball."

He would not give a yes or no about Wilson starting.

"Ask me Friday," he said. "If

Wilson can do it, though, he will probably be the starter."

That does not mean he has been unhappy with sophomore Shane Moran, the starter the past two games at quarterback.

"Moran has done a good job," he said, "but Wilson was the starter and he did not lose the job; an injury caused it."

While Wilson and Vogel return, Ross will probably lose right tackle Mike Lance. The 220-pound junior injured a shoulder on a kickoff against Northview.

Junior tight end Jason Matney

will be moved into the tackle slot, Radeloff said.

**NOTES:** Ross sophomore Charles Woodson has hit for the "football cycle." Woodson has scored on an intercepted pass, fumble return, punt return, a pass reception, a rushing play and a kickoff return ... Tailback Tyrone Price is now sixth on the all-time Ross rushing list with 2,318 yards. His 124 yards against Northview pulled him past Terry Bates, who rushed for 2,304 in his career.

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CHRISTIAN TOOMAN (19) and Ryan Vogel of Fremont Ross combine to tackle Bedford ball carrier

Brian Prater Friday night at Harmon Stadium. The Little Giants defeated the Mules 28-14.

# Little Giants beat Bedford

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

Brian Wilson threw two touchdown passes and Tyrone Price rushed for two TDs, leading Fremont Ross to a 28-14 victory over Bedford Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

The win, coupled with Napoleon's 21-13 victory over Toledo Whitmer, puts Ross into virtual three-way tie with Oregon Clay and Whitmer in the Great Lakes League football race. Ross and Whitmer are 2-1 in the league, while Clay is 3-1.

The Little Giants, 5-2, had a hard time shaking the winless Mules, 0-7 and 0-5 in the GLL.

"I knew they were going to play hard," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said, "even though they may not have won any games."

"We were a little sporadic, but we had our moments along with the rough edges here and there."

Bedford coach Bill Regnier called it "one of his team's better games."

"We keep coming — we are young and inexperienced but they started to play a little better this game," Regnier said.

Ross broke a 7-7 deadlock with six seconds remaining in the first half, scoring on a 4-yard Wilson to Matt Hale pass on a fourth-and-goal play. Hale, a senior, made his first catch just past the goal line before being knocked back to the two by the Bedford defense.

It was Wilson's first action since breaking a knuckle on his right hand against Whitmer three weeks ago.

"I am happy with the way Wilson came back," Ross offensive coordinator Dan Fought said, "but he is rusty in his mental part of the game in seeing the defense; overall he did a nice job of handling and throwing the football."

Ross scored 4½ minutes into the game when Wilson lofted a soft pass to Charles Woodson that covered 31 yards. The connection came on third-and-26. Bob Dorobek converted on the first of his four point-after kicks for 7-0 Ross lead.

The Mules pulled even early in the second period, driving 59 yards in nine plays. Quarterback Scott Parachek kept the ball out of the wishbone formation, rolling around right end for 30 yards to the Ross 1 to key the drive.

## Next for Ross

At Oregon Clay  
8 p.m., Oct. 23

Last night

Oregon Clay	34
Northview	0

Darrin Klod scored from the 1 two plays later.

Price, who ran for 182 of the Little Giants 194 rushing yards, scored from 15 yards out three minutes into the second half. Wilson's 29-yard pass to Woodson to the Bedford 21 set the TD run. Woodson finished with five pass receptions for 99 yards.

"We felt we had to stop Price number one, Woodson number two," Regnier said. "We felt if we forced them to pass, we would be alright, but the quarterback threw pretty well."

Bedford cut the Ross lead to 21-14 on its next series, driving 67 yards in 13 plays with Parachek sneaking in from the 1 with 1:27 remaining in the third quarter. The drive took over seven minutes.

Price set up the final Ross TD, intercepting a Parachek pass at the Bedford 42 and returning it to the 35. Price carried on all five Ross plays, scoring on a 10-yard run with 8:41 to play.

Ross had 340 total yards with Wilson and backup Bryan Swint passing for 146 yards. Wilson was 7-of-14 for 127 yards. Bedford had 135 yards rushing and 52 in the air.

"They did not do anything we did not expect them to do," Chuck Lindsey, the Little Giants defensive coordinator said, "but we just did not get into the right position at times. There were times when we were in position, but did not make the play."

Besides Wilson's return, Ross also had a new left tackle. Jason Matney, a tight end for the first six weeks of the season, moved over to the tackle slot, replacing the injured Mike Lance.

"I think he had a pretty good game," Radeloff said. "Moving him down to tackle was good for us."

"Defensively, we were up and down and offensively, at times, too, but when we needed to make the play, we did."

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# Second-half outburst gives Lakota win over Woodmore

By SCOTT KIRSCH  
Staff correspondent

KANSAS — Lakota continued its quest for an undefeated season Friday night with a 36-8 Suburban Lakes League victory over Woodmore.

The Raiders outscored the Wildcats 29-0 in the second half, improving to 7-0 and 4-0.

"Every week we get to the top of the mountain," Lakota coach Jack Burgess said after the Raiders won their first homecoming game in 10 years. "Then there appears to be a bigger one in front of us. I wish we could relax, but we can't."

Gregg Prenzlin's 48-yard touchdown to Josh Matz midway through the third quarter helped break the game open.

The Wildcats, 3-4 and 2-2, led 8-7 at halftime on Wade Weaver's 14-yard TD pass to Steve Donnell

## Next for Lakota

At Genoa  
7:30 p.m., Oct. 16

Last night

Eastwood	21
Genoa	20

and a two-point conversion after Prenzlin's 3-yard TD run opened the scoring.

"In the second half, we took them out of the game and their spirits were broken," Burgess said. "But coming in at halftime, it was a matter of how many adjustments we could make."

"I believe tonight we quit and I'm angry," Lee said. "I am so tired of the emotional low these

guys go through.

"We try as coaches to put our kids in positions to do the job and from there if they don't do the job, we will not succeed."

Jason Hollinger's 4-yard fumble return for a touchdown made it 22-8 after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, Prenzlin threw a 16-yard TD pass to Matz and Eric Milligan returned an interception 38 yards for a score.

Lakota limited to Woodmore to 67 yards rushing and 88 passing.

Prenzlin accounted for 192, including 119 passing, of Lakota's 252 yards of offense.

The Wildcats hurt their cause with three lost fumbles.

"When you play a good football team you can't make mistakes like we did tonight," Lee said. "Lakota's versatility hurt us tonight, but they didn't do anything that we didn't expect."

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The game, though, despite its highs and lows, helps the Little Giants set the tone for next week's clash at Clay, 6-1.

"We wanted to point ourselves toward Clay," Radeloff said. "It's just like one more championship game coming, but we have three to go.

"I really worry about games like (with Bedford) this against

opponents with no wins or one win because they have nothing to lose and you don't know what to expect from them. It's tough to mentally prepare yourself. It's a lot easier going against teams like Fostoria and Whitmer and even Napoleon because they have been playing well

"It's a mental game ... that's all it is. Physically, everyone is about even, but it's the mental preparation that is the key to victory. And against a good football team next week, we will be mentally sharp."

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# Football

## High School

### Ross 28, Bedford 14

#### Score by quarters

Bedford	0	7	7	0-14
Ross	7	7	7	7-28

#### Scoring

Ross: Charles Woodson, 31 pass from Brian Wilson (Bob Dorobek kick), 7:32, 1st.

Bedford: Darrin Klod, 1 run (Chad Stock kick), 10:14, 2nd

Ross: Matt Hale, 4 pass from Wilson (Dorobek kick), 0:06, 2nd

Ross: Tyrone Price, 15 run (Dorobek kick), 8:50, 3rd

Bedford: Scott Parachek, 1 run (Stock kick), 1:27, 3rd

Ross: Price, 10 run (Dorobek kick), 8:41, 4th

#### Team Stats

	R	B
First Downs	9	16
Rushes/Yards	39/135	35/194
Passing Yards	52	146
Passes/Comp./Int.	7/3/2	15/8/1
Punts/Average	4/33	2/33
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/0
Penalties/Yards	3/32	4/30

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing: Bedford—Parachek 11/60, Brian Prater 7/16, G.W. Phebus 3/8, Klod 1/1, Doug Fuller 6/13, Toby Houghtler 11/37. Ross—Wilson 5/-20, Price 24/182, Woodson 2/10, Melvin Rusch 2/18, Gary Raker 2/4

Passing: Bedford—Parachek 7/3/2 — 52. Ross—Wilson 14/7/1 — 127, Bryan Swint 1/1/0 — 19.

Receiving: Bedford—Scott Krupp 1/15, Matt Moran 2/37. Ross—Woodson 5/99, Kurt Stevenson 1/24, Hale 1/4, Jerome Tucker 1/19.

Records: Bedford 0-6 (0-5), Ross 5-2 (2-1)

## Ross (5-2) at Oregon Clay (6-1)

DATE.....Oct. 23  
STARTING TIME.....7:30 p.m.  
SITE.....Clay High School, Oregon  
DIRECTIONS: U.S. 20 west to Ohio 590 north to Ohio 2. Go west on Ohio 2 to Stadium Road and turn right (north). The Oregon Clay High School and stadium will be about 2 miles on the left side just past the traffic signal. Parking is around the stadium and high school.  
SERIES RECORD.....Ross leads 7-1  
LAST MEETING.....Oct. 18, 1991

Ross scored 28 first-half points and went on to a 34-13 victory. Tyrone Price scored twice while running for 120 yards on 20 carries as Ross won its third straight game and pulled to the .500 mark. Quarterback Justin Perry completed 5 of 9 passes for 76 yards. Flanker Allen Dorsey completed a 38-yard scoring pass on a reverse to wide receiver Nick Wolf and Alec Shawl returned a punt 77 yards for another Little Giants' TD.

## Little Giants must control the line of scrimmage

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

Some would wonder why Rex Radeloff likes weeks like this one.

A week in which his Fremont Ross Little Giants are preparing to play once-beaten Clay at 8 p.m. Friday in Oregon.

Clay, Radeloff says and insists it's not hype, is loaded this season. Evidence of that is a 34-28 overtime loss to Fostoria, the state's top-ranked Division II team. Plus, the Eagles have outscored opponents 234-68. Clay

has won the last three game with shutouts.

"I think they have become a real rivalry," Radeloff said. "As far as I am concerned, I like preparing for Clay. John Johnson, the head coach, is a good friend of mine and maybe that is the reason. It's just fun preparing for them."

But maybe not fun playing the Eagles.

Last year, Ross gave the youthful Eagles something to re-

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member, a 34-13 loss. This year, Clay is senior-dominated, most of whom felt the Little Giants' stomping a year ago.

Radeloff calls the offensive front five of the Eagles one of the best Ross will have faced this season.

"If we can control the line of scrimmage — which we must do — and force them to throw the ball, I think we will be in good shape," Radeloff said. "We have been very successful doing that in the past against them."

"We've had our troubles controlling the line of scrimmage (this season), but we really have to do that this week."

Chad Mauder, a 6-foot-2, 260-pound senior defensive and offensive tackle is the centerpiece of the Clay line. He anchors a group that is not all that big, but is quick and strong.

The quarterback is Mike Connelly, a 6-4, 190-pound senior who

Radeloff said is a good touch passer. He also runs the option well.

"He runs the dive option and the down the line option," Radeloff said, "he seldom pitches the ball — 90 percent of the time, if not more, he will keep the football."

Defensively, the tackles anchor the "5-3" alignment. Mauder is the right tackle with 5-7, 235-pound senior James Vindas at the other.

The Eagles have five players going both ways with five returning starters on defense. Ten of the defensive starters are seniors.

ROSS NOTES: Jason Matney's switch from tight end to tackle when regular tackle Mike Lance was injured brought smiles from the Ross coaches. He graded out as the top lineman. He will likely remain in the tackle slot. Matney's emergence will allow Lance to play either at tackle or guard. As Radeloff put it: "One thing you cannot have enough of, that's good, solid offensive linemen."

## Ross career rushing leaders

Rank	Player	Years played	Yards
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Source/Ross record book

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News-Messenger/Bob Marker

Radeloff and offensive coordinator Dan Fought deviated from the normal "I" formation and opened with split backs against Bedford last Friday. Radeloff said the formation will be used more along with the "I" this week. Tyrone Price, who now has 2,500 yards rushing in his high school career, and sophomore Charles Woodson were the backs. Woodson will still be used in the "I" as a tailback or fullback, flanker and slotback. "Of-

fensively, Charles has come a long way and he can handle all those positions," Radeloff said. "Now the defense has to defend both Toddie (Price) and Charles — that makes it tough on the defense."

The game was set back a half-hour because the Ohio State University band will perform in a 6:15 p.m. concert and on the field prior to and at halftime of the game.

# Clay stuns Little Giants

By **BOB MARKER**  
Staff writer

**OREGON** — Clay scored with 52 seconds remaining to climax a wild fourth quarter, stunning Fremont Ross 24-21 in a Great Lakes League football game Friday night.

"It was a heck of a high school football game," a weary looking Ross coach Rex Radeloff said in the quiet Little Giants' locker-room. "Everything was left on the field on our part and their part. They played extremely well the whole game and we played well when we had to, especially in the second half.

"...it's one of those games where you hate to see a loser."

Clay coach John Johnson was as ebullient as Radeloff was quiet.

"This was a great team victory," Johnson said. "Every kid on this team, from the kid who did not even get on the field, was screaming his butt off.

"That's as big a victory I have had since I have been at this school. When you can beat a Fre-

## Next for Ross

Home, Napoleon  
7:30 p.m., Oct. 30  
Last night

Napoleon	27
Northview	7

mont Ross team which is well-coached, you can't beat that; it's a big-time program."

The Little Giants, 2-2 in the GLL race and 5-3, gave the Eagles one too many chances and Clay quarterback Mike Donnelly and receiver Jason Toth took advantage of it as time seemingly stood still for the Eagles.

Starting at their own 39 with 1:29 left in the game and no timeouts remaining, Donnelly hooked up with Toth on a 43-yard pass to the Ross 23 on a third-and-10 play. Donnelly passed to Jason Brinkman for 13 yards to the 10 and on the next play, hit Toth who squeezed into the end zone with 52 seconds left.

The drive ended a final three minutes in which time was put back on for Ross in one of its possessions and taken off on one of Clay's possessions. In both cases, the Ross coaching staff protested and won.

Ross coach Rex Radeloff, though, refused to criticize the officials.

"I don't want to make any comments about officials or about anything," he said, instead praising the players of both teams. "I think the players left if out there and played hard. Whether there was human error at times with the clock, that's going to happen.

"I don't think that had an effect on the game whatsoever. I would not use that as an excuse or point a finger at anybody — not in this game. Not the way these kids played."

Clay led 10-0 at the half on Donnelly's 20-yard run on a quarterback keeper off the option in the first quarter and

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Toth's 35-yard field goal with 1:32 remaining in the first half.

"It could have been worse," Radeloff said.

Ross took the lead with a pair of third-quarter touchdowns. Ross quarterback Brian Wilson, won completed 13 of 25 passes for 179 yards, hooked up with Charles Woodson on a 25-yard scoring aerial. Bob Dorobek's first of three extra points cut the Eagles' lead to 10-7 at the 5:03 mark.

Two minutes later, Tyrone Price intercepted Donnelly's pass after it was tipped by Woodson, giving Ross the ball at the Clay 34. Ten plays later, Wilson sneaked in from the one for a 14-10 Ross lead. Wilson passed for 14 yards to Price, 9 yards to Bryan Myers and 8 yards to Woodson to the 1.

"We regrouped, made a couple of changes and we finally came out and played the way I thought we should have been playing."

The Eagles regained the lead, taking over at the Ross 39 after a 20-yard punt into the wind by Shane Moran. Keyed by a 16-yard pass from Donnelly to Jed Mienke and fourth-and-one conversion at the Ross 2, Donnelly scored off an option with 5:52 left in the game.

The Little Giants bounced back, driving 61 yards in four plays. Wilson found Woodson, who came back for the pass while eluding a Clay defender, at the Eagles 35 and the Ross sophomore split the remaining Eagles to complete a 50-yard scoring play with 3:48 remaining in the final quarter.

Clay turned the ball over on its next possession as Scott Root intercepted at the Ross 34.

Clyde, using two timeouts and a rock-hard defense, forced Ross to punt with Moran's punt going out of bounds at the Clay 39 with

1:29 to play. It was the chance the Eagles needed and Ross paid for it, regardless of the time adjustments.

"We made the plays when we had to," Radeloff said, "and there was a couple of times at the end that hurt us."

The Clay defense, led by the front wall of David Kachmarik, James Vindas, Mike Erwin, Chad Mauder and Mark Lones, held Ross to 26 rushing yards in the first half and 45 for the game. The passing game, led by Wilson and Woodson, kept Ross afloat.

"Maybe, if we had a little more time — obviously part of our success tonight was getting the ball to Charles Woodson and we had more time to the ball to him, we probably would have scored again," Radeloff said.

Time, however, did not stand still for the Little Giants.

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# Clay 24, Ross 21

## Score by quarters

Ross	0	0	14	7-21
Clay	7	3	0	14-24

## Scoring

Clay: Mike Donnelly, 20 run (Jason Toth kick), 7:27, 1st.

Clay: Toth, 25 field goal, 1:32, 2nd.

Ross: Charles Woodson, 25 pass from Brian Wilson (Bob Dorobek kick), 5:03, 3rd.

Ross: Wilson, 1 run (Dorobek kick), 0:08, 3rd.

Clay: Donnelly, 1 run (Toth kick), 5:52, 4th.

Ross: Woodson, 50 pass from Wilson (Dorobek kick), 3:48, 4th.

Clay: Toth, 10 pass from Donnelly (Toth kick), 0:52, 4th.

## Team Stats

	R	C
First Downs	13	13
Rushes/Yards	29/45	38/158
Passing Yards	179	91
Passes/Comp./Int.	25/13/2	21/6/2
Punts/Average	4/27	6/29
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	3/25	6/52

## Individual Statistics

Rushing: Ross—Wilson 8/-14, Tyrone Price 19/56, Woodson 2/3. Clay—Donnelly 7/36, Greg Mahaney 22/89, Gary Batch 7/18, Chad Wheeler 2/15.

Passing: Ross—Wilson 25/13/2 — 179. Clay—Donnelly 21/6/2 — 91.

Receiving: Ross—Woodson 8/124, Bryan Myers 3/28, Kurt Stevenson 1/13. Clay—Mahaney 1/7, Jed Mienke 2/21, Jason Brinkman 1/10, Toth 2/53.

Records: Ross 5-3 (2-2), Clay 6-1 (4-1).

# Ross hosts improved Napoleon

## Little Giants bouncing back from disappointing loss to Clay

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

An improving Napoleon team is the next opponent for a Fremont Ross football team which was stunned by Oregon Clay last Friday night.

The Eagles scored with 52 seconds remaining to defeat the Little Giants 24-21. The loss forced Ross, 5-3 and 2-2 in the Great Lakes League, to adjust its goals.

The loss erased one goal: a championship game against Fostoria on the final night of the season.

"Surprisingly, the players aren't down whatsoever," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said. "I did not know what to expect coming into this week, but we had a good practice Monday and had an excellent practice Tuesday."

"The kids want to finish on an up note; they want to be seven-and-three; they want to go into that Fostoria game on a winning note."

Winning notes are what Napoleon, 4-4 and 3-2, has been playing the past two weeks. After absorbing a 35-12 loss to Fostoria

Oct. 9, the Wildcats shocked Toledo Whitmer 21-13 and rolled over Sylvania Northview 27-7 last week.

Quarterback Craig Good, wide receiver Jason Gubernath and running back Tim Brown lead the Wildcats. Good and Gubernath hooked up on a scoring pass last year against Ross and Brown scored the other Wildcats' touchdown in a 21-13 Ross win.

Napoleon has six players going both ways. Defensively, linebacker/defensive end Matt Bisher leads the 4-4 alignment. Ross will have to contend with a pair of large sophomore tackles: 220-pound Shane Stoner and 245-pound Joe Gustwiller.

"Napoleon's confidence level is a factor," Radeloff said. "They've won some games and they beat Whitmer — that was a real plus."

"They really believe that was a turning point in their program."

Radeloff, however, is shaking that off, instead concerning himself with his team.

"We are concerned with ourselves," he said. "We are con-

### NAPOLEON (4-4) AT ROSS (5-3)

DATE.....Oct. 30  
STARTING TIME.....7:30 p.m.  
SITE.....Harmon Stadium  
SERIES RECORD.....Series tied 2-2  
LAST MEETING.....Oct. 25, 1991

The Great Lakes League game was delayed for an hour because of lightning. When it got started, play was hampered by rain, but the muddy conditions did not slow tailback Tyrone Price.

Price scored two touchdowns while running for 195 yards on 34 carries, leading the Little Giants to a 21-13 win — the fourth straight victory for the Little Giants.

The Little Giants had two touchdowns called back because of penalties.

Price scored on runs of 6 and 5 yards, and quarterback Justin Perry added the other touchdown on a 2-yard run as Ross amassed 283 yards rushing.

cerned with doing things the way we want them done. We will be prepared and we know it will be a tough, hard football game."

"It makes no difference what anyone else thinks about how we are going to play. I know one thing, we're going to play hard just like we did Friday night against Clay."

"People who went to that game saw an exciting game. That was a hard fought, excellent, well-played high school

game. When you look at basic fundamentals of blocking, tackling and going hard, that's what it's all about."

"I watch other games and it does not get better than that; the contact, the speed — that's the best I have seen."

At least since the Fostoria game last season?

"That's about right," Radeloff said. "We need more of the same against Napoleon."

# Ross foils Napoleon's plan

Little Giants win sixth game, 14-6

By **BOB MARKER**  
Staff writer

Charles Woodson touched the ball just enough Friday night to push Fremont Ross to a 14-6 high school football win over Napoleon at Harmon Stadium.

Ross, 6-3, slipped ahead of the Wildcats in the Great Lakes League race with its third win in five league games. Napoleon fell to 4-5 and 3-3.

"We did almost exactly what we wanted to do," Napoleon coach Mike Burke said. "We wanted to keep the ball out of number 20's hands and we almost did."

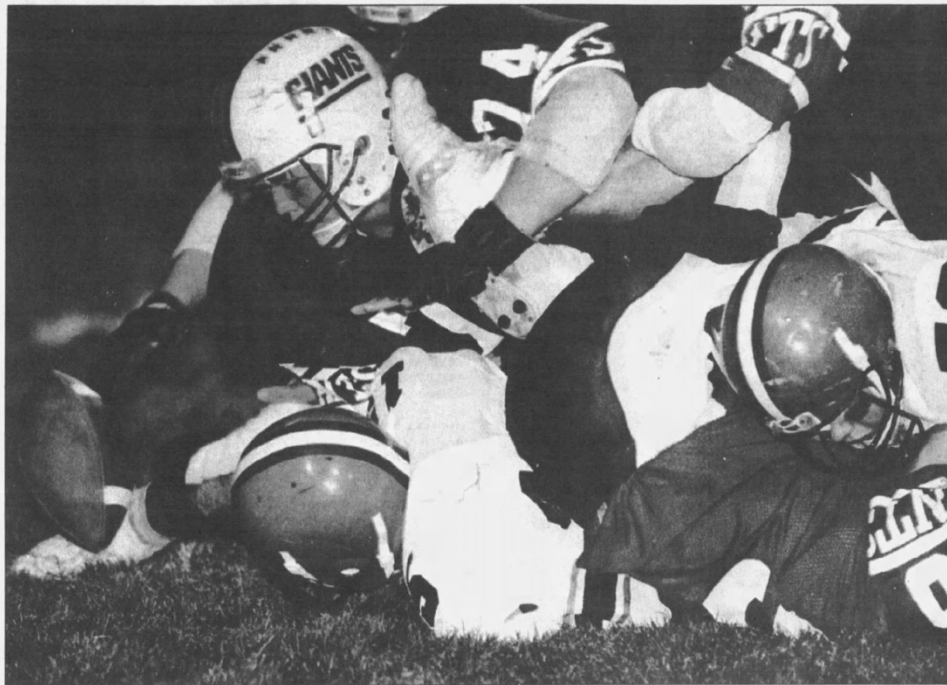
Woodson had to steal the ball to touch it.

After a scoreless first half, the sophomore's 34-yard return of his sixth interception and a Napoleon personal foul at the end of the return set up the Little Giants' first touchdown late in the third quarter.

On the first play from the 28, Woodson avoided getting caught 7 yards behind the line on a reverse, turning it into a 16-yard run to the 12. Bryan King, carrying the ball for the ninth time this season, broke through a hole over left guard Shane Willer, stumbled at the 5, regained his balance and scored with nine seconds left in the period.

"The big play was the reverse," Ross coach Rex Radloff said. "That was a 7-yard loss turned into about a 20-yard gain."

"That was his second big play. The interception, that, hey, I'm saying, 'Please, go the distance.'"



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

**FREMONT ROSS** defensive lineman Craig Smith (74) gets a close look at a fumble by Napoleon quarterback Craig Good (below Smith) during second-quarter action Friday night at Harmon Sta-

dium. The scramble was for naught as Good was ruled down before the fumble. The Little Giants went on to a 14-6 Great Lakes League victory over the Wildcats.

## Clyde set for SBC title clash

News-Messenger reports

**SANDUSKY** — A fast start is one thing Clyde High School football coach Bob Bishop was looking for against Sandusky Perkins Friday night.

Bishop didn't envision a 21-0 first-quarter lead, however.

The Fliers went on to beat the Pirates 35-7, setting up a chance to at least share the Sandusky Bay Conference championship.

Clyde, 7-2 and 6-1, can gain its first SBC title since 1974 with a

□ **Oak Harbor beats Huron, 83**

victory over Oak Harbor next week at home. The Rockets are also 7-2 and 6-1 after a 31-17 victory over Huron Friday night.

"We know that they are always well-coached," Bishop said of next week's showdown.

"We're glad it's at our place."

"I really think it's going to be a good game. It's going to be two good teams going at each other."

If Port Clinton defeats San-

### Next for Clyde

Home, Oak Harbor  
7:30 p.m., Nov. 6

Last night

Oak Harbor	31
Huron	17

Five different players scored for Clyde, and seven different runners carried the ball.

"That kept Craig (Cheek) and Keith (Taylor) from getting beat on," Bishop said. "We were short on tailbacks, and we had to make some combinations."

Tony Oakleaf completed his first varsity pass and Dave Lozier scored his first varsity touchdown in the victory as well.

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See **ROSS, B2**

### Next for Ross

At Fostoria  
7:30 p.m., Nov. 6

Tonight

Fostoria at Northview

# Price piling up yards on all-time list

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

Tyrone "Toddie" Price moved past Rob Lytle and Tom Liggins into fourth place on the all-time Fremont Ross rushing list.

Price, a 6-foot-1, 170-pound senior, had 109 yards on 53 carries in the Little Giants' 14-6 win over Napoleon Friday night at Harmon Stadium. He now has 2,663 yards in his three seasons.

Price moved up from sixth, passing Lytle's 2,593 and Liggins' 2,579.

"I really never thought about yardage; it kept piling up," Price said. "At the beginning of this year, I did not even know where I was in yardage. I just wanted to come out and have a winning season."

The next step for Price is John Lewis' 2,787, a distance of 124 yards.

"At the beginning of the year, all I wanted to do was get a thousand yards," Price said amid congratulations being offered by his coaches and teammates.

Price said he is well aware of who Lytle and Liggins are.

"Rob talked to be before the beginning of the season," Price said. "He helped me out a little and I watched them on film and they were just great. But I did not know I was that close to them in yardage."

"Now that I have passed them, it's a great honor."

Ross coach Rex Radeloff praised his tailback.

"If every young man could come through a program and have an attitude like he has, that's what makes it pleasurable coaching," Radeloff said. "It's the young men and the attitude like he exhibits, and really, every athlete we have that plays football."

"The things I ask of them are, number one, you have to have good work habits and two, when you come out here and put forth a good, positive effort, then good things are going to happen."

"And for Toddie, that's what happened for him."

"He has put a lot of time and effort into it. He's a great athlete and he deserves it."



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

TYRONE "TODDIE" PRICE (44) is hit from the side by Napoleon defender Mat Bisher in second quarter action Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

## Ross

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Napoleon bounced back, driving 63 yards on 16 plays, cutting the Ross lead to 7-6 with 5:03 to play in the game. Quarterback Craig Good rolled right on the two-point conversion try and ran into Woodson and defensive end Jason Matney at the 2, preserving the Little Giants' lead.

"Napoleon is the type of team that will grind it out and grind it out; they took all the seconds they could every single play," Radeloff said.

"They just want to slow the game down. They don't want Charles or Toddie (Price) have a chance to run it. That was their game plan."

Ross put the game on ice on its next series, chewing 3½ minutes off the clock before Price scored from the 2 with 90 seconds remaining. Bob Dorobek's second PAT kick made it 14-6. Price had runs of 23 and 15 yards while gaining 56 yards in the 61-yard, eight-play drive.

Price's 23rd carry gave him 109 yards, cementing him solidly in fourth place in the Ross career rushing leader list with 2,663 yards. Price passed Tom Liggins and Rob Lytle.

"We thought we could do a pretty good job on Price," Burke said, "and we did."

"We thought we could control the ball, and in the first half I thought we did that. But, we needed a score in the first half."

Napoleon came close to scoring for Burke in the second quarter. After a 10-yard punt slid off Ross punter Shane Moran's foot and out of bounds at the Little Giants' 12, the Wildcats had their chance.

The Little Giants stopped Napoleon in four plays as Good's scramble on a fourth-and-11 play came up short at the Ross 8.

Napoleon outgained Ross 82 to 30 in the first half and finished with a 188-138 total yardage advantage.

"Things might have been a little different if we had scored in that first half," Burke insisted. "We came in with a sound game plan — control the ball, play hard defense and hit Price with two or three guys every time he got the ball and try to prevent Woodson from getting the ball."

Napoleon punter Mark Glick did a good job of them, kicking all but one of his five punts out

## Ross career rushing leaders

Rank, Player	Yards
1 Jim Tiller	3,755
2 Terry Carter	3,516
3 John Lewis	2,787
4 Tyrone Price	2,663
5 Rob Lytle	2,593
6 Tom Liggins	2,579
7 Terry Bates	2,304

Source: Ross record book

News-Messenger/Bob Marker

of bounds. The fifth was taken by sophomore Brian Reinbolt on a fair catch.

"I did not anticipate that type of first half," Radeloff said, "but I knew they were going to play tough."

"Our point of attack was good offensively, but it was always backsides personnel giving us problems — the pursuit was great. In that defense (4-4), you got to get outside or throw the ball and we weren't throwing the ball very good."

"When you are in that type of ball game, you have to be patient. That really was a key. Something good is going to happen."

Woodson made sure of that even if he had to become a thief.

## Golf

### PGA

#### Tour Championship

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP) — Scores after Friday's second round in the \$2 million Tour Championship, being played on par-71, 7,000-yard No. 3 course at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club:

Paul Azinger	70-66-136
David Frost	69-68-137
John Huston	70-68-138
Jay Haas	72-66-138
Dan Forsman	71-67-138
Lee Janzen	70-69-139
Craig Stadler	69-71-140
Thomas Leifman	70-70-140
Greg Norman	70-70-140

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Akron Kenmore 21, Akron Firestone 15  
Akron Manchester 30, Sandy Vall. 15  
Alexander 20, Meigs 3  
Alliance 14, Wooster 39  
Amanda-Clearcreek 54, Topsy Vale 6  
Amherst 14, Westlake 6  
Ashland 23, Marion Harding 6  
Aurora 20, Cuyahoga Hts. 7  
Austinville 14, Warren Harding 7  
Aven Lake 17, Bay 15  
Barberton 20, Ravenna 9  
Beallville 22, Buckeye Trail 0  
Bellair 41, St. Marys, W.Va. 0  
Bellevue 17, Willard 20  
Belpre 33, Federal Hocking 12  
Berne 20, Cleveland 12  
Berne Union 18, New Albany 0  
Bethel-Tate 27, Williamsburg 0  
Blount-Carroll 14, Logan Elm 6  
Brookville 41, Day Northridge 7  
Bucyrus 16, Norwalk 14  
Caldwell 22, Waterford 8  
Canal Winchester 6, Hamilton Twp. 3  
Canfield 14, Salem 8  
Canton GlenOak 24, New Philadelphia 0  
Canton S. 34, Minerva 21  
Cedarville 27, Greenview 14  
Chippewa 21, Norwayne 12  
Cin. Adirondack 43, Cin. Turpin 6  
Cin. CAPE 60, N. Bend Taylor 0  
Cin. Deer Park 34, Cin. Madeira 6  
Cin. Elder 23, Cin. Mosler 20  
Cin. Harrison 21, Cin. Winton Woods 19  
Cin. Labadie 20, Hamilton Basin 7  
Cin. Lockland 46, Cin. N. College Hill 8  
Cin. Loveland 20, Cin. Indian Hill 0  
Cin. Mariemont 45, Cin. Reading 9  
Cin. Norwood 20, Cin. Northwest 12  
Cin. Oak Hills 20, Cin. Colerain 14  
Cin. Princeton 21, Cin. Sycamore 9  
Cin. St. Xavier 46, Col. DeSales 14  
Cin. Summit 40, Covington (Ky.) St. Joseph 8  
Cin. Walnut Hills 20, Cin. Hughes 0  
Cin. Western Hills 49, Cin. Allen 0  
Cin. Woodward 41, Cin. T-8 4  
Cin. Wyoming 45, Cin. Finneytown 0  
Circleville 19, Fairfield Union 14  
Claymont 13, Cambridge 9  
Cle. Hay 16, Cle. East 14  
Cle. Kennedy 49, Cle. East Tech 22  
Cle. South 22, Cle. Rhodes 20  
Clear Fork 25, Lucas 19  
Clyde 28, Perkins 7  
Col. Brookhaven 28, Col. Eastmore 0  
Col. Independence 21, Col. East 12  
Col. Northland 24, Col. Marion-Franklin 6  
Col. South 20, Col. Linden-McKinley 12  
Col. Walnut Ridge 24, Col. Briggs 7  
Col. Westland 24, Dublin 3  
Colonel Crawford 21, Riverdale 9  
Columbiana Crestview 20, Ligon 0  
Columbus Grove 28, Allen E. 25  
Cornett Vall. 28, Edison N. 13  
Copley 13, Norton 12  
Cortland Lakeside 13, Liberty 7  
Cory-Lawson 16, Liberty-Benton 7  
Coventry 20, Tuscarawas Vall. 12  
Crestline 40, Buckeye Central 18  
Crestview Perry 12, Bluffton 6  
Cuyahoga Falls 20, Nordinia 7  
Danville 41, Fredericktown 9  
Day, Chamaine-Julesime 20, Cin. Bacon 14  
Delphos Jefferson 22, Paulding 0  
E. Canton 41, Tula 9  
E. Knox 21, Cadiz 14  
E. Liverpool 40, Weirton, W.Va. 7  
E. Palestine 21, United Local 12  
Elgin 20, Sparta Highland 21  
Elmwood 11, Woodmore 6  
Elyria Cath. 21, Akron Hoban 17  
Euclid 34, Willoughby S. 13  
Fairbanks 17, Centerburg 7  
Fairfield 24, Lima Sr. 7  
Fairless 20, Indian Vall. 18  
Field 39, Garfield 21  
Gahanna 20, Westerville S. 22  
Galton 28, Tiffin Columbian 16  
Gallipolis 25, Marietta 14  
Genoa 7, Osgood 9  
Gibsonburg 14, Northwood 6  
Granville 41, Heath 9  
Harden Northern 15, Vanhook 9  
Heron Lakeside 20, Beasley 0  
Hillside 27, Worthington Killbuck 22  
Hillsboro 21, New Richmond 7

Liberty Center 42, Bryan 18  
Little Miami 20, Springboro 3  
Ligon 41, Warren Local 9  
London 40, Jonathan Alder 13  
Loudonville 20, W. Holmes 12  
Louisville, W. Branch 15  
Lucasville Vall. 14, Oak Hill 12  
Madison Plains 1, Johnstown 7  
Mansfield Madison 24, Mansfield Sr. 14  
Maple Hts. 14, Lyndhurst Brush 10  
Mapleton 14, Collins Western Reserve 8  
Marlington 20, Dover 13  
Marysville 21, Delaware 9  
Mason 20, Youngstown S. 20  
Massillon Perry 42, Lancaster 27  
Maumee 27, Millbury Lake 9  
Mayfield 22, Bedford 6  
McComb 21, Van Buren 0  
McDonald 24, Lewisville 7  
Medina 20, Brunswick 27, OT  
Medina Buckeye 14, Lorain Cath. 3  
Mentor 42, Eastlake 6  
Midpark 22, Brecksville 22  
Mifflin 20, Lorain Southview 9  
Milan Edison 15, Margaretta 6  
Mineral Ridge 18, Petersburg Spring 14  
Minster 1, Portsmouth E. 6  
Mingo 17, Toronto 0  
Minter 21, Delphos St. Johns 7  
Mohawk 21, N. Ballinore 13  
Monroeville 22, Black River 14  
Montpelier 21, Evergreen 21  
Morgan 34, River View 0  
Mt. Gilead 40, N. Union 9  
Mt. Vernon 20, Watkins Memorial 10  
N. Canton Hoover 27, Canton Timken 0  
N. Canton 17, Port 27, Walden 0  
New Lexington 20, W. Muskingum 18  
Newark 13, Plymouth 6  
Newark 13, Friday 9  
Newton Falls 20, Young, Wilson 14  
Niles 25, Howland 17  
Oak Glen, W.Va. 29, Winterville 26  
Oak Harbor 21, Huron 17  
Oerlin 25, Findlay 7  
Oentangy 14, Licking Vall. 13, OT  
Olimus-Park 14, N. Olmsted 14  
Ontario 40, Wyndford 0  
Oregon Clay 60, Oregon Stritch 7  
Pike 35, Marysville 12  
Pickerington 17, Reynoldsburg 0  
Piketon 22, Zane Trace 14  
Pleasant 29, Ridgedale 6  
Poland 20, Campbell Memorial 20  
Portsmouth 20, Col. West 0  
Rayland Buckeye 20, Edison S. 0  
Revere 28, Wadsworth 6  
Rocky River 28, Fairview Park 3  
Rossford 27, Perrysburg 19  
S. Range 24, Vienna Mathews 8  
Sandusky 42, Elyria 7  
Smithville 21, Canal Fulton NW 12  
Spencer 14, Parkway 9  
Spring, North 16, Kettering Fairmont 8  
Spring, Northeastern 20, Bellefontaine 16  
Spring, South 24, Xenia 14  
St. Clairville 20, Meadowbrook 7  
St. Henry 42, Coldwater 8  
St. Marys 31, Lima Shawnee 20  
Steubenville 20, Zanesville 9  
Stevensville Cath. 20, Coshocton 14  
Streetsboro 20, Woodridge 19  
Strongsville 21, N. Royalton 7  
Swanton 21, Delta 6  
Sylvania Southview 17, Anthony Wayne 7  
Tallmadge 28, Medina Highland 7  
Tecumseh 29, Spring, Shawnee 12  
Thomas Worthington 21, Groveport 0  
Tol. Boeher 40, Tol. Rogers 20  
Tol. St. Francis 21, Tol. Scott 0  
Tol. St. John's 28, Tol. Wal 15  
Tol. Start 22, Tol. Woodward 14  
Tol. Whitmer 38, Bedford, Mich. 6  
Tri-Volley 21, Sheridan 13  
Triad 20, Mechanicsburg 6  
Trimble 21, Racine Southern 21  
Union Local 20, River 14  
Uniontown 25, Massillon Jackson 19  
Union 40, Adena 7  
Upper Arlington 13, Grove City 12  
Upper Sandusky 20, Shelby 0  
Uriona 21, Kenton Ridge 9  
Utica 21, Big Walnut 19  
Vermilion 13, Lorain Sr. 7  
Vinton Co. 40, Miller 0  
W. Gaucha 21, Chariton 9  
Webb-Jessit 21, Kent Rosevelt 12  
Wellington 14, Avon 0

# Football

## High School

### Ross 14, Napoleon 6

#### Score by quarters

Napoleon	0	0	0	6	—6
Ross	0	0	7	7	—14

#### Scoring

Ross: Bryan King, 12 run (Bob Dorobek kick), :09, 3rd.

Napoleon: Tim Brown, 1 run (run failed), 5:03, 4th.

Ross: Tyrone Price, 2 run (Dorobek kick), 1:30, 4th.

#### Team Stats

	N	R
First Downs	10	9
Rushes/Yards	40/145	35/130
Passing Yards	43	8
Passes/Comp./Int.	13/7/1	5/1/0
Punts/Average	4/25	5/32
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	7/71	4/28

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing: Napoleon—Craig Good 8/51, Brown 17/49, Ben Meyer 1/3, Doug Betts 14/42. Ross—Brian Wilson 5/-22, Price 23/109, Charles Woodson 3/15.

Passing: Napoleon—Good 13/7/1 — 43. Ross—Wilson 5/1/0 — 8.

Receiving: Jason Gubernath 5/39, Betts 2/4. Ross—Woodson 1/8.

Records: Napoleon 4-5 (3-3), Ross 6-3 (3-2).



# Fostoria's Redmen vaunted

## Little Giants seek mental edge

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

It's a given fact. When Ross plays Fostoria Friday night, the game will be physical. Very physical.

Not a given fact is the mental preparation.

The Great Lakes League football game at Fostoria Memorial Stadium is the finale for Ross and may determine if the Redmen are to defend their Division II state championship.

"At this point in time," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said, "it is understanding how they want to attack us offensively and defensively. You don't have to worry about emotions; you may want to keep it in check."

"Right now, our seniors are ready to play; our juniors want to go out with a positive note for preparation for next season — that's the way we are approaching it."

Fostoria is a mind-boggling team for which to prepare. After going 14-0 last season and winning the state title, the Redmen are 9-0 this year. Fostoria is a team with speed, solid blocking and a quick, hard-hitting defense.

The Redmen have clinched at least a share of the GLL crown with a 5-0 mark. Ross, 6-3, is 3-2 in the GLL and could secure at least a tie for second with a win if Whitmer defeats Oregon Clay (4-1) Friday.

Damon Moore, a lightning quick, 6-1 junior, leads the Redmen offensively at quarterback and defensively at safety.

Moore has completed 56 of 105 passes for 1,003 yards, a 17.9 yards per completion average. He has passed for 11 touchdowns, seven to leading receiver Todd M. Lucius, and has been intercepted three times. Moore has also rushed 59 times for 567 yards (9.6 per carry) and nine touchdowns.

Lucius is averaging 24 yards for 23 pass receptions.

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CHARLES WOODSON of Fremont Ross tries to spin away from a Napoleon defender last Friday. The sophomore leads the Little Giants with six

interceptions and is tied for the scoring lead with running back Tyrone Price, both with 72. See Ross statistics, B2.

## Ross senior happy to be playing

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

Aronell Bulger remembers it too clearly.

It was a sunny, fall afternoon four years ago when Bulger saw his football days pass before him. A freshman at Fremont Junior High School, Bulger was lying on his back on the football practice field behind Fremont Ross High School. He was writhing in pain.

"I did not know what was wrong with me," said Bulger, 6-foot, 215 pound senior. "I remember Toddie (Price) coming

up to me and saying, 'Hey man, what happened to you. Your knee is over here and your leg's over there!'"

He's able to smile about the injury now.

"I looked down and my right knee cap was on the side of my leg," he said. "I knew my football career was over."

Not quite. Bulger, after months and many, many hours of reha-



BULGER

bilitation, has come back to win a starting offensive tackle slot for the Fremont Ross Little Giants football team.

He says he's looking forward to playing his best game Friday at Fostoria. The final game of his high school career, however, seemed an improbability that day four years ago.

When Ross athletic trainer Joe Hershey got to Bulger that day, he thought the worse.

"When I moved it (right knee) front to back and side to side," Hershey recalled, "you could

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# Ross

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Running back Jason Doogs is a hard runner averaging 8.5 yards every time he touches the ball. The 5-10, 180-pound senior has 1,234 yards on 146 carries. He has scored 13 touchdowns.

The Redmen have a quintet of two-way players. Eight offensive players lettered and nine defensive returnees are lettermen.

Radeloff said this year's Fostoria team is probably better offensively.

"I look at Damon Moore as an excellent athlete at quarterback," Radeloff said. "He's got speed and he's having an excellent year passing. That's probably not a surprise but he is doing an excellent job throwing the football. Doogs can run inside and outside with speed which creates problems.

"Defensively, they lost one of the best defensive players I've seen play... that was (Tom) Bretigam. He was a super high school player."

Bretigam is playing middle guard for Bowling Green State University Fostoria this season.

"I know Craig Smith (Ross junior center) is glad to see him gone," Radeloff smiled. "I think he had a number of sleepless nights before the game and several after the game."

Last year's season finale was emotionally draining for both teams, Radeloff felt.

"Kids understand what happened last year," he said. "They know it was a great high school game, one of the most exciting that I have been associated with."

Fostoria is averaging 38 points per game and allowing nearly 12. Ross is putting 25 points per game on the board while opponents are averaging 15.

"It's going to be an exciting ball game," Radeloff said. "Whatever the situation is, whatever people say — they are probably talking about it not being a ball game.

"I guarantee you one thing. Our kids will be mentally ready to play. They are going to go out and play the hardest they have for the year."

## ROSS (6-3) AT FOSTORIA (9-0)

DATE ..... Nov. 6

STARTING TIME ..... 7:30 p.m.

SITE ..... Memorial Stadium, Fostoria

DIRECTIONS: Fostoria Memorial Stadium is visible from Ohio 12 as you enter Fostoria.

For parking convenience, there is parking on the east side of the stadium. As you enter Fostoria, turn left at the concrete block plant — there will be a root beer/hot dog restaurant on the left — and then right at the first street.

SERIES RECORD ..... Ross leads 28-10-1

LAST MEETING ..... Nov. 2, 1991

The Redmen handed the Little Giants a 14-6 loss in a game where statistics did not give the true reflection of the game.

Ross was limited to 51 yards while Fostoria had 300 yards on 73 offensive plays to the Little Giants' 38.

Yet the Redmen could not breathe easily until the final minute.

"I figured we would win by two touchdowns," Fostoria coach Dick Kidwell said.

The Redmen scored on their first possession before the Little Giants closed the door with a defense that gave up yardage between the 20s but very little inside those yard lines.

Ross closed to 7-6 with 10:50 remaining in the game and threatened to take the lead, falling on a fourth-and-10 play at the Fostoria 15 when Redmen middle guard Tom Bretigam foiled a triple reverse.

The Redmen drove 64 yards on their final possession, scoring with 34 seconds left.

# Undeclared Redmen blank Little Giants 34-0

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

FOSTORIA — Damon Moore ran and passed Fostoria to its 24th consecutive victory Friday night, a 34-0 romp over Fremont Ross.

The victory secured the Redmen's second successive Great Lakes League football championship with a 6-0 league mark and thier second straight 10-0 regular season mark. Ross finished 6-4 and 3-3 in the GLL.

It was the first time Ross has been shut out since the third game of the 1991 season, 31-0 by Sandusky.

Moore figured in all 34 points, scoring three touchdowns and a two-point conversion, passing for two TDs and a two-point conversion.

"This was an easier game than I thought it would be," Fostoria coach Dick Kidwell admitted, remembering his team's narrow 14-6 win last year.

"He had too many weapons for us and we could not control them," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said quietly.

Offensive weapons and a defense that tossed up a brick wall.

The Redmen limited Ross to 110 yards, 29 on the ground on 20 carries while their offense racked up 433 total yards, 276 on the ground and 157 on Moore's 7 of 12 passing.

Fostoria survived 123 yards in penalties which included four

pass interference calls.

"We had a lot of respect for their offensive talent, partiucular (Charles) Woodmore and (Tyron) Price," Kidwell said, "but we thought we could hold Price down and control the line of scrimmage with our defense."

He was right. Fostoria held Price to 21 yards on 12 carries. Price entered the game with 1,138 yards rushing.

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SHANE WILLER winces in pain as some teammates, including Jamie Reimer (87), watch the final moments Fostoria's 34-0 win.

News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison



TYRONE PRICE (44) of Fremont Ross tries to follow the block of the Little Giants' Bryan King Friday night against Fostoria at Memorial Stadium. The Redmen won the game 34-0.

News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

## Browns know Oilers not struggling

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Cleveland coach Bill Belichick has heard this story once too often.

It's the one about a team in harm's way, ripe for an upset, similar to what's been said this week about the struggling Houston Oilers, the Browns' foe in the AstroDome on Sunday.

Don't set up such a scenario with Belichick. He's not buying it.

"It's a bunch of garbage," Be-

lieichick heard the same story before last week's game against the Cincinnati Bengals, who broke a five-game losing streak against the Browns.

"They (Cincinnati) were coming off a loss to Houston and a

the Super Bowl.

The Oilers rank third in the NFL in total offense and the run-and-shoot offense still leads the league in passing offense. The Browns rank 22nd against the pass.

Warren Moon is the top rated passer in the AFC and he's expected to return Sunday after suffering a concussion when he was slammed to the turf by Pittsburgh cornerback Rod Woodson.

## Ross

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Woodson was almost a non-entity, playing sparingly on offense in the first half and never becoming a factor in the second half.

"The things Woodson could do scared us to death," Kidwell said. "When he was on the sidelines half the time, I could breathe a lot easier."

Woodson, a sophomore, had 12 touchdowns this season, five of them defensively.

"We thought we could utilize him (Woodson) through the air but they did a good job defending him," Radeloff said.

"Our defense has come so far," Kidwell said. "We were not a good defensive team early in the year, but now we are an awfully good defensive team."

It was the Redmen's first shut-out this season after registering five in 1991.

The defending Division II state champions, helped Ross dig an early hole, recovering a fumble by Little Giants quarterback Brian Wilson on the second Ross offensive play of the game at the Ross 31. Moore scored seven plays later from 3 yards and added the extra points for an 8-0 lead.

Ross never got field position after that miscue. The deepest Ross penetration was the the Fostoria 43 on two occasions.

Fostoria scored on its second possession, taking over at the Ross 34 after Shane's Moran's 22-yard punt. Moore rolled around right end on the drive's sixth play, scoring from 17 yards out, and then lofted a pass to Tony Hammond for the extra points and a 16-0 lead.

The Redmen took the breath away from Ross less than a half-minute before halftime, scoring on a 42-yard Moore pass to Todd

M. Lucius. It was the 14th high school career TD catch for Lucius, a Fostoria school record. Lucius finished with 112 yards on three catches.

"The pass was a big key," Kidwell said. "Damon called that play ... we got single coverage and got 22 (Scott Root of Ross) to step up and Damon put the ball there."

Radeloff agreed.

"I thought it could have been a heck of a lot worse in that first half," he said. "I felt pretty good setting there at 16 but then they scored that late one; that hurt us."

Fostoria tacked the final 12 points on the board in the third quarter. Price intercepted a Moore pass at the Ross 16 on the Redmen's first possession of the second half, but on the Little Giants' first play, defensive end Max Reinhard returned the favor, intercepting Wilson's pass and returning it to the 12. Moore scored on the next play.

Fostoria closed out the scoring on an 11-play, 58-yard drive with Moore passing 7 yards to Hammond for the six-pointer with 1:17 remaining in the third quarter.

While Moore was baffling the Ross defense with the option and pinpoint passing, tailback Jason Doogs was chewing up the yardage through the Ross interior: Doogs, 180-pound senior, rolled up 171 yards on 28 carries.

Radeloff took the loss personally.

"I'm disappointed and I will take total responsibility," Radeloff said. "Offensively, I was very disappointed, but that's my fault. I thought we were ill-prepared. Mentally, we did not perform well."

"I think it was a great credit on their part; they did a great job offensively and defensively — we just got to do a better job."

That will have to wait another year.

# Football

## High School

### Fostoria 34, Ross 0

#### Score by quarters

Ross	0	0	0	0	—0
Fostoria	16	6	12	0	—34

#### Scoring

Fostoria: Damon Moore, 3 run (Moore run), 8:00, 1st.

Fostoria: Moore, 17 run (Tony Hammond pass from Moore), 3:33, 1st.

Fostoria: Todd M. Lucius, 42 pass from Moore (pass failed), 0:28, 2nd.

Fostoria: Moore, 12 run (run failed), 9:04, 3rd.

Fostoria: Hammond, 7 pass from Moore (run failed), 1:17, 3rd.

#### Team Stats

	R	F
First Downs	10	22
Rushes/Yards	20/28	54/273
Passing Yards	82	157
Passes/Comp./Int.	24/10/2	12/7/1
Punts/Average	6/31	1/36
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	4/35	9/123

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing: Ross—Brian Wilson 2/-9, Tyrone Price 12/22, Charles Woodson 2/4, Bryan King 3/10, Melvin Rusch 1/1. Fostoria—Moore 14/63, Jason Doogs 28/171, Hammond 3/25, Scott Mora 3/6, Toby Shepherd 6/8.

Passing: Ross—Wilson 14/5/2 — 45, Bryan Swint 10/5/0—36. Fostoria—Moore 12/7/1 — 157.

Receiving: Ross—Woodson 1/1, Bryan Myers 1/9, Jamie Reimer 4/39, King 2/17, Dan Gibbs 1/4, Rick Moyer 1/12. Fostoria—Hammond 3/34, T.M. Lucius 3/112, Todd G. Lucius 1/12.

Records: Ross 6-4 (3-3), Fostoria 10-0 (6-0).



# Football

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### All-District Team

COLUMBUS (AP) — The 1992 Associated Press Northwest All-District high school football team as selected by a media panel from the district (by position with school, height, weight and grade):

#### DIVISION I First Team

**OFFENSE:** Ends—Terrill King, Toledo Rogers, 6-foot-1, 175 pounds, Sr.; Rob Whitfield, Mansfield Madison, 5-11, 175, Sr. Linemen—Orlando Pace, Sandusky, 6-7, 300, Jr.; Ryan Daniels, Toledo St. John's, 6-5, 260, Sr.; Mike Lenix, Toledo Waite, 6-7, 255, Sr.; Brett Ellis, Toledo St. Francis, 6-0, 2-5, Sr.; Matt Loughman, Mansfield Madison, 6-0, 210, Sr. Quarterback—Joe Schag, Mansfield Madison, 6-0, 170, Sr. Backs—Nate Whitcomb, Mansfield Madison, 6-0, 200, Sr.; Jon Beier, Toledo St. John's, 5-10, 178, Sr.; Mike Getzinger, Toledo Start, 6-0, 220, Sr. Kicker—Tim Seder, Ashland, 5-10, 170, Sr.

**DEFENSE:** Linemen—Al Kirksey, Sandusky, 6-2, 215, Sr.; Bryan Robinson, Toledo Woodward, 6-4, 245, Sr.; Dave Kachmarik, Oregon Clay, 6-2, 215, Sr.; Joe Toensing, Toledo Waite, 6-2, 195, Sr. Linebackers—Romulus Durant, Toledo Waite, 5-11, 205, Jr.; Kent Rafey, Toledo St. Francis, 6-1, 212, Sr.; John Billy, Toledo Start, 6-0, 195, Jr.; Duane Bradley, Mansfield Senior, 6-0, 195, Sr. Backs—Chioke Bradley, Mansfield Senior, 5-10, 185, Jr.; Charles Woodson, Fremont Ross, 6-1, 175, Soph.; Al Peake, Toledo Start, 6-4, 200, Sr. Punter—Sean O'Loughlin, Toledo Central Catholic, 5-9, 175, Sr.

**Back of the year:** Jon Beier, Toledo St. John's.

**Lineman of the year:** Rob Whitfield, Mansfield Madison.

**Coach of the year:** John Johnson, Oregon Clay.

#### Special Mention

Paul Gibbs, Jacob Duwve, Robert Yenrick, Donnie Brown, Toledo Waite; Airron Richardson, Jake Gerharter, Jason Coleman, John Coleman, Toledo Start; Andy Briggs, Ryan Gray, Greg Faulk, Ashland; Kyle Wojciechowski, Scott Kepp, Adam Nowowiecki, Toledo Bowsher; Marvin Tanner, Mike Meyer, Mansfield Senior; Tyrone Price, Fremont Ross; Tron Lofton, Rric Irby, Matt Schee, Jason Myers, Sandusky; Charlie Harshman, Casey Smith, Andy Patrilla, Toledo St. Francis; Sylvester Harris, Bill Young, Toledo Woodward; Mike Donnelly, Greg Mahaney, Jason Toth, Mike Erwin, Oregon Clay; Justin Kelley, Matt Vaillant, Jay Szykowny, Toledo Whitmer; Ken Gillie, Toledo St. John's; Jason Rome, Scott Simon, Toledo Central Catholic; Ty Ward, Lima Senior; Lee Montgomery, Tom Snow, Brent Billingsly, Josh Hrivnak, Mansfield Madison; Marlon Berry, Darrell Ramsey, Findlay; Dwayne Shy, Lamont Bills, Toledo Rogers.

#### Honorable Mention

Tony Cowell, Toledo Waite; Chad Maxon, Toledo St. John's; Jeff McKinley, Toledo Whitmer; Leaunti Jefferson, Ben Kitzler, Jeff Black, Mansfield Senior; Ryan Ohl, Jason Schag, Mansfield Madison; Ryan Sponsler, Ashland.

# Woodson tops Fremont Ross award winners

News-Messenger reports

Charles Woodson led the list of award winners for the 1992 Fremont Ross High School football team.

Woodson, a sophomore, was voted the most valuable player for the Little Giants by his teammates. Woodson, a first-team Associated Press All-Northwest Ohio selection, led Ross in interceptions with six and tied Tyrone Price for the scoring lead with 72 points.

In addition to the MVP, Woodson also was presented with the outstanding defensive back and outstanding sophomore award by Ross coach Rex Radeloff.

Woodson's defensive statistics included returning a fumble 50 yards and a pass interception 85 yards, both for touchdowns. He also returned a kickoff 88 yards for another TD and had a pair of 64-yard punt returns for touchdowns against Sylvania Northview — the first time that has happened in Ross history.

He was second on the team in tackles with a team-leading 44 solo stops and 35 assists.

Other special awards went to Price as the outstanding offensive back; Aronell Bulger as the outstanding offensive lineman; and Richie Shull as the outstanding defensive lineman. All are seniors.

Price rushed for 1,160 yards — 5.63 per attempt and 116 per game — while finishing as the fourth all-time career rushing leader at Ross. In three seasons, Price ran for 2,684 yards on 469 attempts, a 5.7 per carry average. Price was also the only Little Giant senior to win three football letters.

Shull, a defensive tackle, had 70 total tackles — 31 solo and 39 assisted. He had one quarterback sack for a minus five yards and one pass interception.

Bulger was in on 483 offensive plays, grading out at 75 percent for assignments executed.

In addition, linebacker Christian Tooman was named the most improved senior and Mike Lance won the most improved junior award.

Tooman, moved from defensive back to a linebacker slot this season, led the Little Giants in tackles with 89. he had 40 solo and 49 assisted tackles.



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Lance, an offensive tackle and guard, was in on 319 plays offensively, grading out at 67 percent.

Senior Phil Karlovetz was the recipient of the True Grit Award. The True Grit Award goes to a player who is not necessarily a starter but a player who dedicates himself to the betterment of the team with hard work and leadership.

Radeloff also announced Little Giants selected for the All-Great Lakes League team. Price was first team on offense and junior center Craig Smith second team. Woodson, Tooman and senior defensive end Ryan Vogel earned first-team defense laurels while Shull was a second-team pick.

GLL honorable mentions went to Bulger, flanker Byran Myers, guard Troy Ritzman, defensive back Scott Root, linebackers Shane Willer and Eric Ernsberger.

The remainder of the GLL selections will be announced after the playoffs.

Root, Price, Ritzman and Shull received captain trophies.

Radeloff also announced the GLL all-academic awards presented to seniors who have maintained at least a 3.0 average over the past six semesters: Dan Gibbs, Matt Hale, Myers, Price, Jamie Reimer, Root, Kurt Stevenson, Bryan Swint, Tooman, Vogel and Willer.



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## All-GLL teams

The All-Great Lakes League football teams selected by the coaches and officially announced today:

### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Mike Donnelly, sr., 6-3, 190, Dave Kachmarik, sr., 6-2, 215 and Ben Pfeiffer, sr., 6-2, 200 of Clay; Jason Doogs, sr., 5-9, 180, Todd M. Lucius, sr., 5-9, 160 and Damon Moore, jr., 6-1, 185 of Fostoria; Tim Brown, sr., 6-1, 202 and Jason Gubernath, sr., 6-4, 172 of Napoleon; Jeff McKinley, sr., 5-9, 160 of Whitmer; Tyrone Price, sr., 6-1, 170 of Ross; Colin Chiles, sr., 6-2, 185 of Northview.

Placekicker: Jason Toth, sr., 5-11, 155 of Clay.

Lineman of the year: Kachmarik.

Back of the year: Doogs.

### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Darrin Klod, sr., 6-4, 192 of Bedford; Tony Hammond, sr., 5-10, 180 and Shawn Nye, jr. 6-2, 215 of Fostoria; Christian Tooman, sr. 6-2, 160, Charles Woodson, soph., 6-1, 175 and Ryan Vogel, sr., 6-0, 160 of Ross; Todd Eltimsahy, sr. 6-0, 207 of Northview; Greg Mahaney, sr. 5-11, 165 of Clay; Justin Keller, sr., 6-4, 190 and Matt Vaillant, jr., 6-1, 195 of Whitmer; Mark Glick, sr., 6-1, 188 of Napoleon.

Punter: Bradd Ladd, sr., 6-2, 205 of Northview.

Lineman of the year: Glick.

Back of the year: Hammond.

Co-coaches of the year: John Johnson of Clay and Dick Kidwell of Fostoria.

## **AP All-Ohio**

Fremont Ross sophomore Charles Woodson earned special mention on the Associated Press Division I Ohio High School All-State football team announced today.

Woodson was a first-team Northwest Ohio District selection at defensive back.