

Chudzinski boots five as Little Giants blank Streaks

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FREMONT — Suzanne Chudzinski needed a four- or five-goal outburst to put herself back on pace for the 100-goal plateau she's been chasing since this season started.

Tuesday, she took 15 shots and scored four of them to lead Fremont Ross to a 5-0 victory over Sandusky in the Greater Buckeye Conference. The goals brought Chudzinski's season and career grand totals to 20 and 83 with six regular-season games to play.

"[Monday], I didn't have any goals," Chudzinski said. "I'm still playing with



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two bad ankles." Those ankles didn't bother her enough Tuesday to keep her from scoring a few goals, though. In the 15th minute, Chudzinski fired a shot from 15 yards out that easily found the back of the net to give the Little Giants (4-5-1 overall, 1-1-1 GBC) a 1-0 lead.

Less than six minutes later, Chudzinski took another shot from the same area. And she put her sec-

ond goal in net to put Ross ahead 2-0.

"The best thing to do is take shots from outside," said assistant coach Mark Chudzinski. "Any time you put that ball in the air, you have to reach up for it and make a play."

Chudzinski made yet another scoring play in the 25th minute. Morgan Bauer, who assisted on two of Chudzinski's goals, fed Chudzinski a pass which she skipped in for goal No. 3.

She slipped a fourth into the net before halftime for a 4-0 advantage.

"I told the girls at the beginning of the game that we had to be the first ones

to the ball and the first to the goal," Mark Chudzinski said.

The Little Giants did just that in the first half, as the Blue Streaks looked somewhat sluggish in defense of Chudzinski. But their intensity dialed up dramatically in the second half, when they held Chudzinski scoreless and Ross to just one goal.

"We looked much better in the second half because we had a much better attitude," said Blue Streaks coach Tanya Hahn. "If we would have played with that attitude the whole game, we would have done much better."

Late in the second half,

Bauer netted a goal on a free kick Chudzinski practically placed at her feet. All Bauer had to do was tap it in for a cinch goal.

Samantha Reyes, who scored Fremont's lone goal in a 3-1 loss Monday to Bowling Green, nearly netted another goal against the Blue Streaks. Tera McDonald crossed the ball to Reyes, who booted the ball off the right post and away from the net.

Despite that miss, several Little Giants stepped up in the absence of Lizzy and Emma Ellenberger, who missed the game with injuries. Lizzy has a bone bruise, and Emma sustained a concussion last

Saturday.

"I've got three players who are out, and I have three more with injuries after today," Mark Chudzinski said. "They have a bump to the head or a twisted ankle. We really miss Lizzy and Emma Ellenberger."

The Little Giants are thankful Amanda Herr has remained injury-free. She pitched a shutout with 20 saves.

"Amanda has been amazing for us," Suzanne Chudzinski said. "She's improved 100 percent from last year to this year."

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Record-setting day for Chudzinski

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FREMONT — Suzanne Chudzinski already had her name in the Fremont Ross record books.

Wednesday, she etched her name there in bold print.

Chudzinski, a Little Giants senior, scored a school-record 10 goals against Margareta to finally reach the 100-goal milestone and lift her team to a 14-1 win in the team's season finale.

"I just can't believe that it went this quick," said Little Giants assistant coach Mark Chudzinski, Suzanne's father. "She started back when she was 4 and 5. She played for the (Fremont) Emeralds when she was 8 and I started coaching the Emeralds."

"To see her come this far in high school, it's unbelievable."

Suzanne had her eye on 100 career goals after last season ended, but she was stuck on 90 with this one regular season game remaining. She thought seven goals — a mark that would've broken her Ross single-game record of six — was a possibility against the Polar Bears.

But 10? Who would've thought that?

"This is like the trifecta," Mark said. "She got the 100, she got 10 in a game — that's a school record — and 37 for this year, that's a season record."

Suzanne, for one, was elated to reach the 100-goal milestone. She scored it midway through the first half on a breakaway, and she booted it from close range into the back of the net for a 12-1 Little Giants lead.

Immediately afterward, Suzanne threw her arms toward the sky as her teammates shouted "100" from the sideline.

"It was just a rush," Suzanne said. "I got it on a breakaway and just took off. I could see it, I took a shot and it was just a rush. Everyone knew that was the last one I needed. I got sup-



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FREMONT ROSS' SUZANNE Chudzinski (center) celebrates her 100th goal Wednesday at home against Margareta.

port from my team, and that was great."

Emma Ellenberger actually assisted on six of Suzanne's goals, including a pair she scored in the game's first few minutes. Suzanne actually had a hat trick 10 minutes into the game, and she closed the half with a Ross single-game record of seven goals.

Even more impressive, Suzanne scored her seven first-half goals in about 25 minutes. For she spent two stints on the sidelines to rest up for the second half.

"That helped," Suzanne said.

After she scored No. 100, Ross coach Ron Huss pulled her a third time before inserting her later in the game on defense. And that allowed Rachel Hum-

berger and Lilly Overmyer to score.

Emma and Lizzy Ellenberger also scored earlier in the game.

"Everybody pitched in and got playing time," Suzanne said. "It was a great way to end the season. Everyone had fun, and it was just a good game."

Suzanne had a chance to match or, perhaps, break the single-game state record of 13 goals. But she only took one shot after scoring her 100th and focused mostly on defense.

"There comes a point in the game where you felt so many other girls deserved a shot to get some goals, as well," Mark said. "So we took her out, put her on defense and put all the seniors in."

The game is one Huss

will remember always. Not just because of Suzanne's achievement, but because it was his last home game coaching the Little Giants.

"This is my last season," he said. "I'm stepping down. My granddaughter's going to have major heart surgery again next year. I thought long and hard about it, but I have to be there for my family. The girls understand."

Huss coached the girls team for 9 1/2 years, and his Ross coaching career spans two decades. This season wasn't necessarily his best record-wise at 7-8-2, but his players showed toughness when key players sustained injuries.

"We had a tough season this year because we had a stretch where we had four

games each week," said Huss, whose team plays its Division I sectional opener next Tuesday against Celina at 7 p.m. "We had four players out with injuries."

"The thing that really impressed me about the girls this year is when they faced this adversity, they stepped up and played with a lot of heart. They didn't throw the towel in."

Suzanne, bad ankle and all, never threw the towel in — and she was rewarded with a few school records that should be hers for years, maybe decades, to come.

"I didn't know if I was going to do it or not, but I'm really happy that I did," Suzanne said.

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Crudzinski, Ellenberger lead Little Giants

Suzanne Crudzinski scored four goals while Emma and Lizzy Ellenberger had a goal apiece in a 7-1 Fremont Ross victory over Huron.

Crudzinski staked the Little Giants to a 2-0 lead less than 10 minutes into the match. Emma Ellenberger scored her goal late in the first half on a direct penalty kick, and Lizzy Ellenberger scored after Emma assisted her in the 35th minute.

Morgan Bauer scored her team's seventh goal late in the second half.

Soccer

High School

Fremont 7 Huron 1

1st Half

34:14 (Goal) Suzanne Chudizinski goal

with assist from Emma Elmdorfer

30:57 (Goal) Suzanne Chudizinski goal

with assist from Emma Elmdorfer

13:34 (Goal) Emma Elmdorfer Goal

Penalty Kick from 25 yards out.

5:07 (Goal) Lucy Elmdorfer goal with

assist from Emma Elmdorfer

58 (Goal) Suzanne Chudizinski goal

with assist from Lucy Elmdorfer

2nd Half

24:24 (Goal) Suzanne Chudizinski with

an assist from Gabby Ryan

22:32 Huron scored on break away

goal by Molly Everts

7:22 (Goal) Molly Everts scored goal

with an assist from Lucy Elmdorfer

1:00 (Goal) Molly Everts goal with

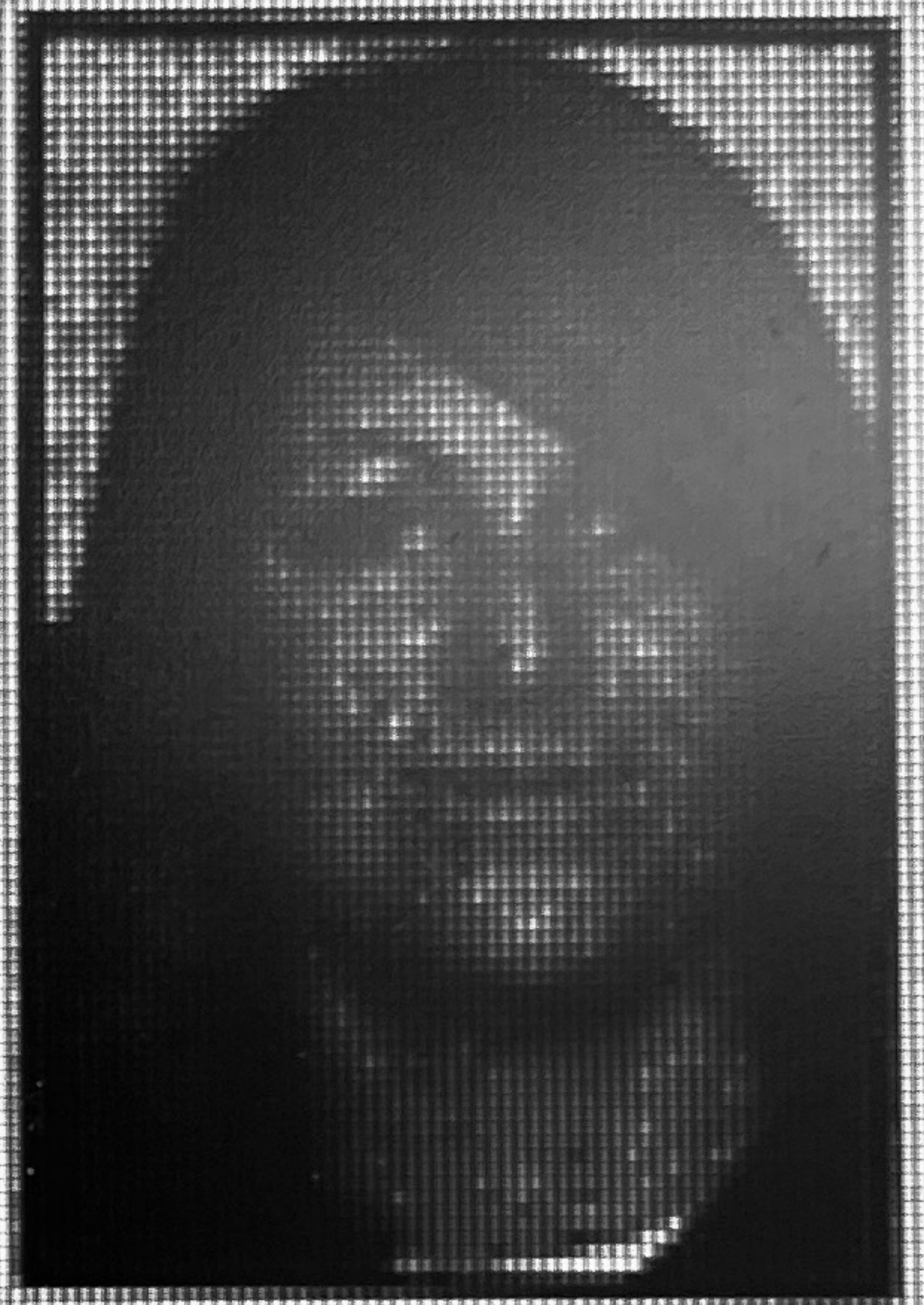
assist from Emma Elmdorfer

Girls soccer

Little Giants give Trojans fight before falling

The 4-1 score might be slightly lopsided, but Fremont Ross coach Ron Huss was extremely proud of the effort his team put forth Tuesday in a loss to Greater Buckeye Conference-rival Findlay.

"My girls played the best game they've played all year," Huss said. "(I'm) proud of the way the girls played. (It) was the best effort against



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Findlay in the 10 years of the program."

Suzanne Chudzinski scored the lone goal for the Little Giants, who fell to 2-4-1 overall and 0-1-1 in the GBC. Amanda Herr made 20 saves, and that helped Ross to a 1-1 tie at the half.

Unfortunately for it, Findlay scored three times in the second half to pull away with the win.

Soccer

High School Girls

Round 3, Napoleon 1

First half

N — Ashley Williams goal 37-42

F — Savannah Chastanet goal 38-50

F — Rachel Humbarger goal, Morgan

Game ended 10-05

Second half

F — Savannah Reyes goal

Shots on goal: Napoleon 11, Fremont

12 Goalscorer: Napoleon — Amanda Hart

10 shots

Record 5-0-2 (2-2-1 GGG)

Little Giants fall to Rockets

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OAK HARBOR — The Rockets players and coaches characterized Fremont Ross as the strongest defensive team Oak Harbor has encountered this season.

Senior Erica Lipstraw and Libby Gruber each had a hat trick as Oak Harbor remained unbeaten with a 9-1 victory over the Little Giants on Monday. Sara Lipstraw, Christie Andryc and Rachel Hegemeier each added one goal for the Rockets (6-0).

Oak Harbor coach Renee Goldstein said scoring depth is a team strength.

"It's critical," Goldstein said. "If Erica is the only scorer she'll get marked and double-teamed. That's what's been happening and it opens things up for other girls."

Lipstraw scored the game's first two goals Monday in a two minute span midway through the first half. The two tallies came after Lipstraw generated a handful of dangerous scoring opportunities for her teammates with crosses.

"We assigned a chaser (Tera McDonald) to her in the first half," Ross coach Ron Huss said. "She's only a freshman. She did a good job. Lipstraw got inside on her twice and she couldn't recover. Emma Ellenberger used her speed to neutralize her a little in the second half."

Lipstraw said Goldstein likes to see the ball played to the wings to set up crosses and the team uses triangles in terms of spacing on the field to set up give and go passes.

"Our passing needs to be on and we need to talk to each other," Lipstraw said. "We need to stay positive."

Lipstraw also scored with just under 12 minutes to play and has 104 goals in her varsity career. She qualified to state as a hurdler last season and is a starter on the basketball team but said soccer is her favorite sport.

"I've done it the longest," she said. "I've been playing since I

was 4."

Lipstraw's sister Sara scored her seventh goal of the season for a 3-0 lead. Sara, a sophomore, has 20 goals in her career and Erica said she'd enjoy it if her prolific numbers were ultimately matched.

"There's probably a chance," Erica said of Sara approaching her output. "I'm just trying to set it high so nobody touches it. I wouldn't be mad though. I'd be excited for her."

Huss said his team missed the speed provided by Lizzy Ellenberger on Monday. Lizzy hurt her knee Saturday and the severity of the injury will be revealed Wednesday.

Ross faces Findlay today.

"Findlay is always the team to beat," Huss said of Greater Buckeye Conference play. "We'll see what we're made of."

Katie Perry and Melissa Florio combined to allow only Suzanne Chudzinski's second-half goal for Ross Monday. Goldstein was pleased with the Rockets ability to limit offensive opportunities.

"We just got outplayed," Huss said. "For some reason the girls wanted to put the ball toward the middle, and when they did Oak Harbor took it and scored."

Goldstein said speed, ball control and communication are the keys for the Rockets' stingy defense. She said her girls are able to relax despite three new starters.

Returning starter Danielle Zurvalet is joined by Andryc, Brooke Blay and Jordan Glass in the back row.

"It's like they've been together for years," Goldstein said.

Oak Harbor already topped Edison 11-2 and Goldstein feels good about Oak Harbor's prospects in conference play. The Rockets play Perkins on Wednesday and a non-conference match against Riverdale on Saturday.

"This week should be a big test," Goldstein said. "The girls have worked together well."

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FREMONT ROSS' GOALKEEPER Amanda Herr makes a save as she collides with Oak Harbor's Libby Gruber during the first half of a soccer match Monday evening.

Chudzinski leads Little Giants past Blue Streaks

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Fremont Ross senior Suzanne Chudzinski broke a tie Thursday with a penalty-kick goal against Sandusky for a 3-2 Little Giants win.

Chudzinski scored two goals against the Blue Streaks, as her first came in the game's 17th minute to give the Little Giants a 1-0 lead. The Blue Streaks added a pair of goals before the half, but Lizzie Ellenberger tied the game in the second half after Emma Ellenberger fed her a pass, and Chudzinski broke the tie later in the game on that penalty kick.

Amanda Herr made nine saves for the Little Giants, who put 23 shots on goal to Sandusky's 11.

Rockets pound Rangers

Erica Lipstraw scored three goals and added two assists as Oak Harbor defeated Northwood 7-1.

Lindsay Hanely, Megan Miller and Sam Scott each scored one goal for the Rockets. Jenna Diekmann added an assist.

Katy Perry had 17 saves for Oak Harbor.

Boys soccer Rockets top Pirates

Zach Porter, Brian Greggila and Phil Weirich each scored once in Oak Harbor's 3-2 victory over Sandusky Perkins in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Porter and Tyler Eoff each had one assist for the Rockets, and goalkeeper Cody Grotz finished with 12 saves. The win was Oak Harbor's first, and it moved the Rockets to 1-1.

Boys golf Redskins beat Fliers

Marcus Hunt shot a 39 and Evan

Viery carded a 42 in a 170-172 victory over Clyde in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

The Redskins beat the Fliers at Oak Harbor Golf Club, where Matthiessen Nisch Quan and Derek Wieber shot a 44 and 45 respectively.

The Fliers were led by Phillip Farrar's 40, Ben Woodruff's 41 and Josh Driscoll's 42. The Redskins are now 6-2 this season to the Fliers' 1-7 record.

Redmen earn pair of wins

Justin Schultz and Taylor Radloff led Bellevue with 43s Thursday in a pair of victories over Norwalk and Fostoria at Sleepy Hollow.

Evan Radloff closed his round with a 44.

Rockets handle Haron

Phil O'Shea helped Oak Harbor to a 162-173 win Thursday with a 36. Tyler Biggert and Ryan Graber

finished their rounds with 41s, as Greg Goldstein and Alex Pavlica added 44s. The Rockets are now 8-21 overall, 3-4 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Little Giants lose at home

Austin Darr led Fremont Ross with a 44 Thursday in a 28-stroke loss to Napoleon, 189-197, at Fremont Country Club.

Catharina Drechsler added a 47 for the Little Giants, who fell to 0-1 this season in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

Stockaders drop match to Tigers

Roman Read carded a 42 Thursday for Old Fort in a 172-183 loss to Seneca East.

Marc Leady added a 44 for the Stockaders as Joe Silcox finished his nine-hole round with a 48. Jake Molyet closed his round with a 49.

Chudzinski's five goals lift Ross over Start

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross senior Suzanne Chudzinski scored five goals Thursday in a 7-1 victory over Toledo Start.

Chudzinski scored three of her goals in the first half to give the Little Giants a 3-0 lead. Even then, Ross coach Ron Huss wasn't entirely pleased.

"We were sluggish, we didn't get to the ball quickly," he said.

The Little Giants quickened the pace in the second. Emma Ellenberger stretched her team's lead to 4-0 early in the half, and Chudzinski added her fourth goal on a corner kick.

"They were a completely different team in the second half," Huss said. "I was very pleased."

Morgan Bauer scored a goal in the second half, and Chudzinski scored her final one on a penalty kick with less than four minutes to play. Chudzinski is up to 74 ca-

reer goals now.

Boys Soccer Tigers beat Rockets

Oak Harbor fell behind by two goals at halftime Thursday and eventually lost to Huron, 2-1.

Zach Porter scored his team's only goal as goalkeeper Cody Grotz stopped eight of 10 shots.

Wildcats drop league match

Tyler Howell scored for Woodmore but his team lost a 2-1 Suburban Lakes League game Thursday to Genoa.

The Wildcats outshot the Comets 21-8, but they dropped to 2-4-1 with the loss. They're still winless in the SLL at 0-3-1.

Girls Soccer Lipstraws lead Rockets

Sara Lipstraw had a hat trick Thursday and Erica Lipstraw scored one goal in a 5-0 win over

Sandusky Bay Conference-rival Perkins.

Andrea Wilburn scored Oak Harbor's other goal, as Libby Gruber and Erica Lipstraw combined for three assists. Katie Perry made 15 saves in goal.

Tennis Crimson Streaks still cruising

Alexis Heimert and Heather Miller picked up singles victories Thursday for St. Joseph Central Catholic, which won its sixth match in its last seven tries over Tiffin Calvert 3-2.

Maddie Beck and Marissa Culbert teamed for another point at No. 1 doubles, beating Angela Reine and Laura Cornicelli 6-1, 6-2. Olivia Beck played three sets at No. 2 singles after winning the first, but Kristina Gaietto beat her 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

SJCC is now 7-5 overall after starting its season 1-4. Calvert is

now 5-4.

Little Giants dominate Spartans

Britta Barron, Katie Harmon and Sam Lagrou won all of their games Thursday as Fremont Ross defeated Lima Senior 5-0.

Shelby Grubb and Sarah Osborne earned one of their team's points at No. 1 doubles, beating Kelsey Conaway and Breanna Garrett in straight sets. Karissa Pinkerton and Angela Hamilton won at No. 2 doubles.

With the win, the Little Giants improved to 10-5 overall. They're 4-1 in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

Doubles carry Fliers in SBC loss

Nikki Bryant and Kayla Gerber earned a straight-set victory at No. 1 doubles Thursday in a 3-2 loss to Perkins in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

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Little Giants tie Wildcats

Suzanne Chudzinski and Shelby Connors each scored goals Saturday for Fremont Ross in its 2-2 tie against Woodmore.

The Little Giants fell behind 1-0 midway through the first half, but Chudzinski tied the game before halftime off a penalty shot. Then, she fed a pass to Connors, who nailed a goal under the upper cross bar to give Ross a 2-1 lead.

The Wildcats bounced back with a goal in the second half, but Amanda Herr preserved a tie with a spectacular save in the game's final minute.

"It has been a tough past three weeks," coach Ron Huss said, "with Emma Ellenberger and Lizzy Ellenberger out with injuries. In addition, Alisha Zimmerman, Tera McDonald and Rachel Humberger are day-to-day with nagging injuries.

"This has really put a dent into our offensive and defensive game."