

BOYS SOCCER SEASON ENDS IN 2-0 DISTRICT LOSS TO ASHLAND

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ASHLAND – Ross' boys soccer team fired everything it could at the net in the second half of its district tournament opener Wednesday night. Unfortunately for the Little Giants, it wasn't enough to overcome a slow start out of the gate as Ross' season ended in a 2-0 district tournament loss to Ashland. "We played a not-so-good first half," coach Alex Coressel said. "They played on natural grass, but a whole lot bumpier and thicker than ours, so it took us a while to adjust to that and their speed. "The second half, we dominated a good portion of the play; we just couldn't find the back of the net." The Arrows outshot the Little Giants 10-3 in the first half, with goals coming in the 20th and 30th minutes of the game. Ross bounced back in the second half, outshooting Ashland 14-6 in the final 40 minutes, but never broke through onto the scoreboard. "We didn't have the energy we needed to start the game," Coressel said. "They were more aggressive going to the ball, coming back to it, and winning the headers. "Second half, we changed that around.; we were more aggressive going to the ball, and it gave us a whole lot better opportunities, We just weren't able to get one past the keeper."

Ross did get some good news earlier in the day. St. Francis had used an ineligible player and was forced to forfeit last week's 4-0 win over the Little Giants. Ross officially ends its season with a 10-7 overall record and a 3-4 mark in the TRAC. The Little Giants, however, will have to say goodbye to their seniors, Robbie Baez, Spencer Batey, Mikey Contreras, Sam Durbin, Christian Garcia, Drew Miesle, and Jordan Smith, who led the program to **their first winning season in several years**, "We're going to lose a lot, obviously. Drew, Mikey, Sam, and Spencer made big contributions," Coressel said. "Jordan and Robbie were solid when they were in there, and great guys in practice and great guys to be around. "They set the bar pretty high. In the future, they showed the other classes what it takes to be successful."