

Little Giants

Staff writer

"Last year," the Fremont Ross High School soccer coach said while recalling the first season of the sport for the Little Giants, "the communication was here but the fitness was not."

Huntley said players communicating their position on the field is a key part of soccer, but added "you have to have fitness."

"We are in better shape," Huntley said, "we just have to get the communication."

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By **BOB MARKER**

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BEDFORD, Mich. — Fremont Ross fell victim to the heat and the Bedford Mules' short game in the second half of a 4-3 high school soccer loss Thursday in the season opener for both teams.

Justin Grocki scored two second-half goals for the Mules, erasing a 3-2 Ross halftime lead. Grocki's game-winner, with about 18 minutes remaining, came on bad break for the Little Giants.

John O'Berski's shot from about 10 yards was seemingly stopped by Ross goalie Fred Schnee while he was flat on the ground, but the ball squirted out of the grasp of Schnee and Grocki was there to collect the loose ball, ramming it in from 5 yards away.

O'Berski had put Bedford ahead 1-0 on a penalty shot 10 minutes into the game. The

shot was set up by Ross fullback. The penalty shot, however, lost the momentum to the Mules.

Two minutes later, Babione's hard shot broke through the defense. Todd Dusseau took the lead.

The Little Giants scored two goals by Bobby Berger for a 3-1 lead.

"They got three goals," Bedford coach Chuck Babione said. "Two mis-kicks in the first half took advantage of our defense."

Ross coach Vito took the momentum away from them, but in the second half they were tired because we were hot. We put guys in the back of the netting the backing



Whitmer blanks Ross

News-Messenger reports

Jason Muir scored two goals, leading Toledo Whitmer to a 3-0 high school soccer victory over Fremont Ross at Ross High School Thursday.

Muir scored eight minutes into the game on a right-footed boot from 5 yards away, beating Ross goalie Mike Schnee.

Ninety seconds later, the Panthers' George Morrison beat Schnee with a 10-yard kick to the right side of the net, giving Whitmer a 2-0 halftime lead.

The Panthers dominated the first half, getting off 16 shots with the only Little Giants shot

coming off the head of Bobek. Whitmer goalie Dan stopped that as Ross halves crossing midfield.

In the second half, Muir again, taking a pass from Casey Bain and hitting point-blank range as Ross never had a chance. The game came 15 minutes into the second half. After that, Ross picked up momentum but was never seriously threaten.

The Little Giants outscored the Panthers 8-6.

Ross, 0-3, hosts Fireland on Saturday a.m. Saturday.

Little Giants, Firelands tie

News-Messenger reports

Ross came close but a goal off a corner kick pulled Firelands even and into a 1-1 deadlock in high school soccer Saturday morning at Ross High School.

The tie put the Little Giants' record at 0-2-1.

Bill Babione's hard left-footed shot from 15 yards out on the left side sailed over the hands of Firelands' goalie Allen Zvosec 13 minutes into the second half and put Ross ahead 1-0.

With both teams playing hard-checking defensive games, Ross held off Firelands until the corner kick with 13 minutes and 48 seconds remaining. Jason Corley brought Firelands even when he slipped the ball past Ross goalie Mike Schnee. Corley's shot from 3 yards away came out of a crowd of players schuffling in front of Schnee.

After that goal, no team came close to scoring.

"We played much better," Ross coach Victor Huntley said, while recalling the first three

Bedford defeats Ross 4-1

News-Messenger reports

Bedford collected a pair of first-half goals from Scott Klastemier and went on to defeat Fremont Ross 4-1 in a high school soccer match at Ross High School Tuesday.

The loss dropped the Little Giants to 0-3-1.

Klastemier scored from 10 yards out on the right 10 minutes into the game and knocked in his second with 1:49 remaining in the half. His second shot, from an acute angle 15 yards away on the right side, hit the left goal post and snaked past Ross goalie Mike Schnee before finding the right corner —putting the Mules up 3-0.

Klastemier's goals were sandwiched around a penalty goal by John O'Berski.

Bedford outshot Ross 10-1 in

Ross soccer coach happy despite loss

Central knocks off Little Giants 4-0

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Victor Huntley liked what he saw even though the scoreboard reflected the fourth loss for the Fremont Ross soccer team.

Toledo Central Catholic, behind three first-half goals by Pete Chelminch, defeated the Little Giants 4-0 Wednesday night at the Lucas County Recreation Center.

"That is the best we have looked this season," Huntley said. "The kids kept hustling; they did not stop."

Ross, 0-4-1, hustled but the Fighting Irish came up the clutch plays, mainly a pair of corner kicks on which Chelminch used his head — literally.

Chelminch headed in a corner kick from Ryan Williams at the 18:20 mark of the first half. Six minutes later, he took a pass

his halfback slot to center forward, nudged the ball into the TCC goalie Pete Parkiet.

The Central goalie fell, but as Keiser was about to take the finishing touches on a 5-yard shot into the open goal, Paszwicz stepped in from the right and took the ball off Keiser's foot.

That eliminated the Little Giants' only shot in the first half.

"We played a good first half," Ross assistant coach Dorsey said. "The kids hustled."

"They (TCC) just had a lot of great corner kicks."

The Irish had 27 shots on goal, 14 in the second half while Ross had four in the first half and one in the second.

Schnee had 12 saves.

The Little Giants travel to Maumee Valley Country Club

More shots doesn't mean victory for Little Giants

News-Messenger reports

MAUMEE — Fremont Ross had a season-high 16 shots on goal but the Little Giants were unable to avoid their fifth soccer loss of the season Saturday.

Maumee Valley Country Day, behind a pair of goals and two assists from sophomore Evan Creutz, stopped the Little Giants 4-1 in a Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League match.

Ross dropped to 0-5-1 and 0-2 in league play. MVCD is 3-1-1.

Creutz scored on an assist from Robby Franco midway through the first half to put MVCD ahead. With about five minutes remaining in the first 40 minutes of play, Mark Miller scored off a corner kick from Creutz, putting MVCD on top 2-0 at halftime.

Eric Keiser scored for the Little Giants 10 minutes into the second half. Keiser took a pass from Bob Dorobek, had his first shot stopped by goalie Max Lawrence, but followed the ball — knocking a short shot through when the ball got away from Lawrence.

Ross threatened several times after that but was unable to crack the MVCD defense.

Mike Baker gave MVCD a 3-1 lead on a 15-yard shot from left of the goal off Creutz's feed, and Creutz hit from in close with five minutes remaining for the final score of the match.

Ross learns hard

By **BOB MARKER**
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SANDUSKY — Ross learned a basic math fact Monday night: It takes two halves to make a whole.

Sandusky taught the Little Giants a lesson in the first half — a hard lesson — during a 5-2 high school soccer victory over Ross at Strobel Field.

Playing aggressively - at times literally knocking Little Giants away from the ball and out of their way - the Blue Streaks piled up a 4-0 lead at the half.

Paco Romero led the assault, knocking in two of his three goals in the first 40 minutes. Ivan Lyons added a goal on a header off a corner kick from Jacob Jepson and

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Ross nets 1st victory

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Tiffin Columbian gave Fremont Ross an early wake-up call and the slumbering Little Giants won their first soccer match of the season Thursday at Ross High School.

Columbian scored on Aktug Birinic's goal 58 seconds into the game, putting Ross down in the battle of winless teams.

"We had to give them one," Ross assistant coach Bob Dorsey said, "to wake us up."

It was another 10 minutes before Ross, 1-6-6, scored after Birinic's 10-yard shot down the middle eluded Ross goalie Fred Schnee.

Bob Dorobek pulled Ross even, scoring on a penalty shot when a Tornado was called for a handball in the

Ross wins 2nd match

News-Messenger report

Fremont Ross won its second successive soccer match Saturday, defeating Toledo Emmanuel Baptist 3-1 in a Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League clash at Ross.

The win was the first for Ross against two losses in the NOHSSL. Ross is 2-6-1 for the season while Emanuel Baptist is 1-4-2.

Jay Morrissey gave the Warriors an early lead, firing a 5-yard shot past Ross goalie Fred Schnee seven minutes into the contest.

Bill Babione's first of two goals at the 7:23 mark of the first half tied it for Ross. The senior left winger took a short pass from center forward Eric Keiser and slipped a 2-yard shot past Warrior goalie David Cross.

Keiser put Ross ahead, scoring on a penalty kick at the 24:46 mark of the second half. A Warrior defender was called for shoving in the

Ross, Defiance play to

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross and Defiance took turns battling the wind Thursday night in a scoreless high school soccer match at Ross High School.

With Defiance taking the wind at its back in the first half, Ross played a defensive game; in the second half, it was the opposite.

Webb, Heins first at Old Fort

News-Messenger reports

OLD FORT — Howard Webb and Stacy Heins placed first in a

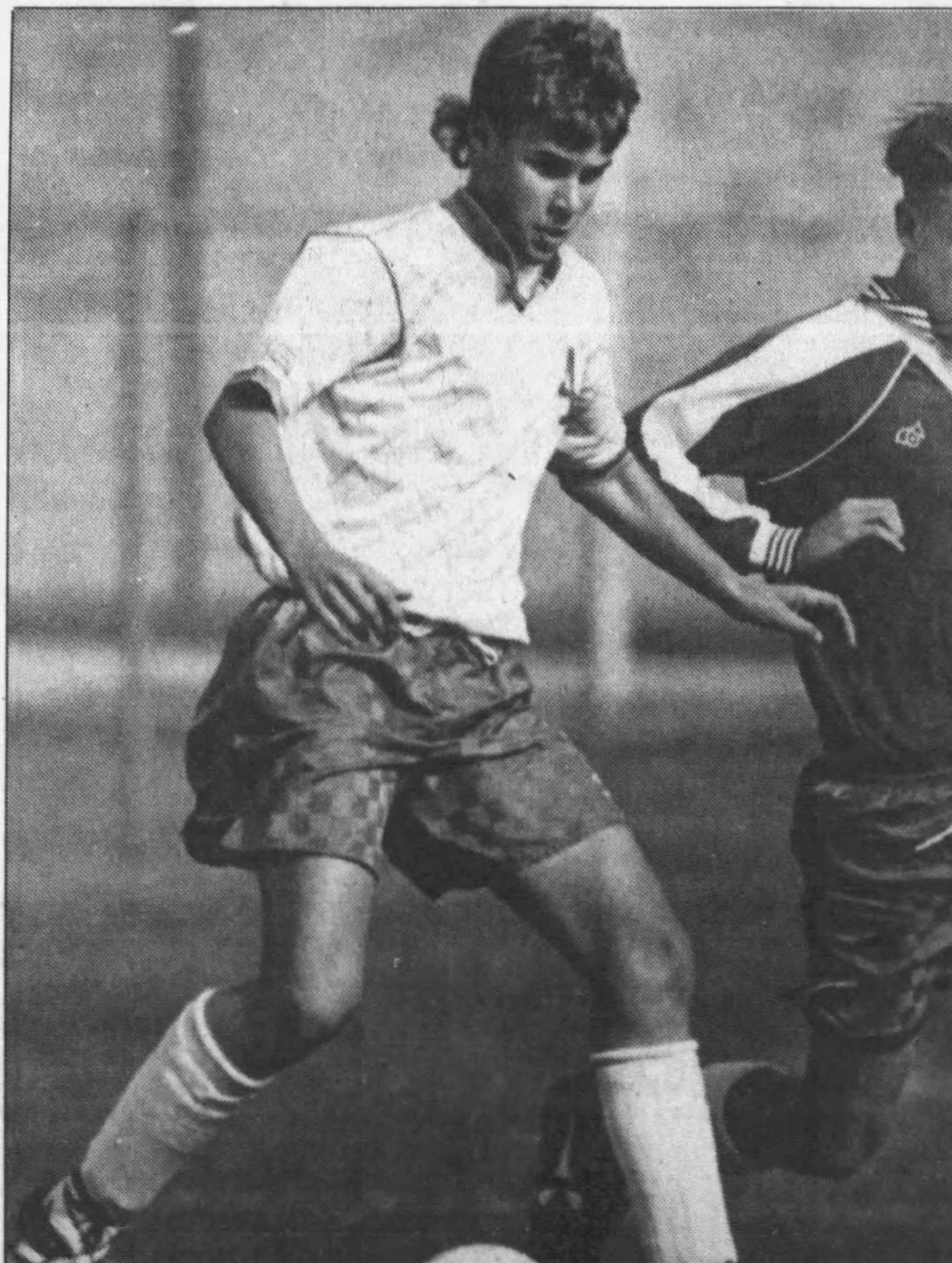
Defiance got off 16 first half shots and Ross had 19 in the second half.

"We had a problem with the wind," Ross coach Victor Miley said. "In the first half the conditions were more stable, but in the second half, we were misjudging the wind."

"It was like a wedge between the two teams. In the first half only we were getting a 4-1 edge. In the second half the result was a 4-1 edge for Ross. We just could not win it."

The Little Giants, 2-6-2, lost to the Bulldogs 25-21. Defiance, 2-6-2, had a 16-5 edge in shots in the first half, but Ross had the better scoring opportunities in the second half. The wind figured in both.

Bill Babione's shot from



Toledo Christian penalty

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Tim Hatzidakis' goal on a penalty kick gave Toledo Christian a 4-3 victory over Fremont Ross Tuesday in a Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League match.

The Eagles, 10-2, trailed 1-0 at halftime and overcame 2-1 and 3-2 second-half deficits.

Hatzidakis' shot was set up when Ross defender P.C. Randolph was called for pushing in the goalie box as TC's David McWhinnie was about to get off a shot.

Ross, 2-8-2, managed to keep the Eagles on the hook until late in the second half despite getting only 12 shots on goal.

Toledo Christian had 47 shots on goal, 28 in the second half — including 12 in the final 10 minutes.

Mike Schnee's header off a crossing pass from Eric Keiser gave the Little Giants the first-half lead.

Jason Quinn pulled the Eagles even seven minutes into the second half, firing a 20-yard shot past Fred Schnee, who was screened on the play.

Fullback Greg Byrnes, p up on a corner kick by E bione, dumped in a 5-yard ing Ross a 2-1 lead at th mark. Seven minutes lat Eagles tied it on David M nie's header off Bret J crossing pass.

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Little Giants face Rebels in tourney

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Fremont Ross will play Toledo Bowsher in the first round of the Ohio High School Soccer Sectional Tournament.

Ross, 2-8-2, plays the Rebels, 2-4-0, at 7 p.m., Oct. 14, at the Lucas County Recreation Center.

A Ross win would put them in a match against the winner of fourth-seeded Anthony Wayne, 7-2-6, and Toledo Waite, 3-2-1.

Maumee, 8-1-1, was seeded first with Sylvania Southview, 6-2-4, second and Perrysburg, 9-2-2, third.

Saturday, Ross fell to Ashland 12-0 in the rain and mud at Ashland College.

The Little Giants fell behind 3-0 in the first five minutes

MVCD holds off Ross 6-5

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Greg Byrnes recorded a hat trick and Ross scored four goals in the second half, but Maumee Valley Country Day held off the Little Giants for a 6-5 high school soccer victory Wednesday night.

Maumee Valley climbed to 9-4-2 while Ross fell to 2-10-2.

Mike Baker of MVCD matched Byrnes' three-goal production with his own hat trick, two coming two minutes apart in the second half, putting Ross down 5-1. Baker's third goal came at the 26:06 mark.

Five minutes later, the Little Giants caught fire.

"The last quarter of the game, the guys really showed something," Ross coach Victor Hunt-

Mark Mick put MVCD up by two with 8:05 left, scored his second goal and what turned out to be the winning goal. A minute later, Bob Dorobek scored on a pass from Leutenegger, making the MVCD lead to 6-5.

Ross was unable to get back off after that.

After Baker, Ryan Knapp and Mark Mick had put MVCD up by two minutes into the game, Leutenegger scored his first goal off of Byrnes' pass and Ross trailed 5-2 at the half.

"We tried the switch play," Victor Huntley said about switching Byrnes and Leutenegger. "We saw that it worked — if you find something that works, you must well use it."

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Little Giants close season with 3-3 t

News-Messenger reports

Bob Dorobek's penalty kick with under three minutes to play gave Fremont Ross a 3-3 soccer deadlock with Ottawa Hills Thursday at Ross High School.

The tie ended the regular season for both teams. Ross finished the season 2-10-3 while the Green Bears ended at 4-8-3.

Ross drew first blood, scoring on Greg Brynes' fourth goal in two games 12 minutes into the first half. Nate Sachs' pass set up Brynes, who scored three goals Wednesday night in a 6-5 Ross loss to Maumee Valley Country Day.

Ottawa Hills tied the game with 23:50 remaining in the first half on Scott Dinger's breakaway.

The Green Bears broke ahead in the second half on Brian Epstein's breakaway midway

through the half. Five later, the Ottawa Hills creased to two on Dinger's second goal.

With nine minutes left in the match, Ross closed to one. On an indirect kick 10 yards, Ross center Adam Leutenegger's head glanced off the right shoulder of teammate Eric Keiser, into Ottawa Hills goalie Derek Keeler and into the right corner of the goal.

Dorobek's penalty shot came up when Green Bears center Tim Skinner was called for fouling in the goalie box while Dorobek got loose in front of Keeler. Dorobek's low shot sailed past Keeler into the right corner, producing the tie.

Ross goalie Fred Schaefer made 13 saves as Ottawa Hills defeated the Little Giants 26-12.