

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Sour conclusion to Ross preseason

By KEVIN YANIK
Sports Writer

FREMONT — As disappointed as Fremont Ross coach Derek Kidwell was with the 35-0 score, he was even less pleased with the effort his Little Giants put forward in a scrimmage Friday night against Massillon.

Fortunately for Kidwell, it was only a scrimmage his team played at Don Paul Stadium.

"We lacked a lot of effort," he said. "I was a little disappointed in our intensity. I know it's the end of two-a-days and we're tired, but that's not an excuse. Massillon had two-a-days also, and they came out and crossed us right in the mouth. We didn't answer anything."

The Little Giants at least showed promise in the controlled portion of the scrimmage. After quarterback Brad Wolesslagel threw an interception to Tigers safety Corey Hildreth, who returned the pass 37 yards for a touchdown, Wolesslagel floated a pass 38 yards to Deondray Brown for a touchdown.

Quarterback Cody Foos also launched a pass of 30-plus yards Friday, but his sailed to Terence Davis down the left sideline for a 42-yard gain. The drive ended without a touchdown.

So did the two quarters Ross varsity played against Massillon. The Little Giants junior varsity players actually maintained a scoreless tie with the Tigers after their two quarters.

They did, however, fall behind 7-0 less than four minutes into the third quarter — the varsity's team first. Kevin Massey caught a 17-yard touchdown pass from Tigers quarterback Chris Willoughby, who capped a nine-play, 70-yard drive against the Ross defense.

Wolesslagel, who started the game portion of the scrimmage, then threw another interception to Hildreth on his first pass. Two drives later, he threw another interception that safety Kenny Pettis returned 47 yards for a touchdown.

"Some bad decisions really took the wind out of our sails early," Kidwell said. "You have to live with it when you're a spread team. We missed some open receivers."



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FREMONT ROSS' BRETT Mierke makes an interception early in the scrimmage against Massillon Friday evening at Don Paul Stadium.

The Little Giants also missed several tackles on defense, including a handful in the fourth quarter that led to three more Massillon touchdowns — and, ultimately, a 35-0 loss.

"A lot of plays we were in the position to make, and we didn't make the tackles," Kidwell said.

And just when the last Massillon touchdown seemed to be the game's final one, another Tigers player trounced his way past the Little Giants defense into the end

zone.

"It was rather disappointing to me with all the seniors we have — and I think we have good senior leadership — but when times are tough, nobody really stepped up and took ownership or leadership," Kidwell said. "I told them if they're going to have the season we're capable of having, we've got to get it turned around tomorrow."

They'll have to because the Little Giants open Week 1 shortly

thereafter — Friday — at Perrysburg. Massillon coach Tom Stacy, for one, believes Ross will be all right.

"I think they're going to be fine," he said. "Derek had a lot of guys out with injuries. Derek and Dick (Kidwell) are going to coach these guys up, and they're going to be a good football team. I can assure you of that."

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Charles Woodson gives back

Ross grad donates \$45K to high school's football program

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FREMONT — Green Bay Packers cornerback and Fremont native Charles Woodson recently gave \$45,000 to Fremont Ross High School — his alma mater.

Ross Athletic Director Art Bucci said he received the check last week from New Living Mission Society in Texas.

"Mr. Woodson stated that he wanted children to participate in the football program no matter

what their financial situation is," Bucci said.

Bucci said the school is currently working on a plan to distribute the money fairly. He said it is a hope to cover every student's cost.

"We want to thank Mr. Woodson for his generosity," Bucci said.

Bucci said numerous people gave money anonymously last school year to help sponsor the student-athletes.

The money will help those students in grades seven to 12 who are

interested in playing football.

Woodson said he decided to give a contribution after receiving word about the school levy failing in November from his older brother, Shawn Simms.

"Getting my start in Fremont, I couldn't see having athletes pay to play when I didn't have to," Woodson said.

He said he gave \$45,000 because that is how much it would take to cover the cost that would enable students to participate in football.

"We just made it happen," Woodson said.

While he is typically a behind-the-scenes contributor, this was his first major contribution to Fremont. However, he donated weight room equipment years ago.

Fremont Schools Superintendent Traci McCauley said the district definitely appreciates the donation.

"It's a very generous donation to



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the school district and football program," McCauley said.

Chuck Lindsey, who was Woodson's defensive coach during his high school career said he always thought that Woodson would donate to the high school.

"I think it's great he's doing it for the kids," Lindsey said. "I always thought Charles was a great athlete."

Tom Wolesslagel, a member of the football committee of the Fremont Area Athletic Foundation said, "We're awful grateful he's on board helping the kids."

Woodson, 30, is in his 10th NFL season, and it is his second season with the Packers. According to the Green Bay Packers Web site, Woodson is the sixth Heisman Trophy winner to play for the Packers.

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Ross game moved to BGSU

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BOWLING GREEN — Fremont Ross will open its football season Friday against Perrysburg at Bowling Green State University's Doyt Perry Stadium rather than toy with the weather on Perrysburg's recently remodeled field.

And who can blame the Yellow Jackets considering the rain that hammered the area Monday — and the forecast that looms ahead.

"Apparently, they had some work done on their field in the late spring, and they did not want to tear it up," said Jim Elsasser, assistant athletic director at BGSU. "So they called us to see if our field was available."

It was. Kickoff will still be Friday at 7:30 p.m., and tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fremont Ross athletic department, and they'll continue to be sold until noon Friday.

Ross and Perrysburg discussed moving the game to Don Paul Stadium, Little Giants athletic director Art Bucci said, but that move would have required some quick decision-making regarding the stadium's reserved seating — who sits where — and how to divvy up ticket and concessions sales.

Now, BGSU benefits along with the high school players who get the experience of playing in a state-of-the-art facility — including new FieldTurf, that seats 28,599.

"Bowling Green seemed to work out better," Bucci said. "So we'll work there. It gives both schools the opportunity to play at Doyt Perry Stadium, and it's kind of a win-win for everybody."

One minor loss goes to Perrysburg, though, which will be the home team on a neutral field. BGSU hosts its first high school game a day earlier — Thursday — between Findlay and Toledo St. John's Jesuit.

Then, Fostoria and Bowling

Ross to play at BGSU

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Green play Aug. 31 at Doyt Perry Stadium.

"We have tried numerous times through the OHSA to land a playoff game here, but it never worked out in terms of schedule," Elsasser said.

Now, the university hosts three games in eight days. Parking for Friday's game will be \$5. Any questions can be directed to the Ross athletic department at (419) 332-6462.

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Little Giants drop opener

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BOWLING GREEN - Fremont Ross got off to a sluggish start against Perrysburg at Bowling Green State University's Doyt Perry Stadium last night. Unfortunately for the Little Giants, just when their offense got rolling, so did the thunder.

A pass deflection and interception by Zack Hefner with 2:15 to go in the fourth quarter put Perrysburg ahead for good on a rainy opener, closing out a three-and-a-half hour game with a 20-14 win.

An hourlong delay held up the game in the middle of the second quarter with Perrysburg leading 14-7. The game resumed just before 9:30 p.m.

Before the rain it was all Perrysburg. Capitalizing on an early interception by the Yellow Jackets' Corey Szczublewski, Taylor Dimmerling ran 94 yards on the next play to get his team off to a quick 7-0 lead. Dimmerling had rushed for 130 yards in a quarter and a half when play was suspended.

After a three-and-out from Fremont, Perrysburg used their potent ground game to extend the lead. Led by Dimmerling, the Yellow Jackets tallied four first downs before Derrick Garcia capped off the drive with a three-yard score on a quarterback keeper. That touchdown put Perrysburg up 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

After some offensive struggles from both sides, Fremont Ross quarterback Cody Foos got his team into a rhythm. Foos efficiently ran the no-huddle offense and kept Perrysburg on its heels despite increasing rain. Foos hit both Terence Davis and Ryan Croudup-Levario for 20-plus yard pass plays to keep the chains moving at key times. Tyler Hull punched it in from the 1-yard line to get the Little Giants to within seven.

And that's when the storms rolled in.

The teams eventually resumed play, finishing up the first half in



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FREMONT ROSS'S TERENCE Davis returns a punt in the second quarter against Perrysburg at Doyt Perry Stadium at Bowling Green State University on Friday.

just over two hours' time.

With more bad weather looming, Ross was out to even the score early and pick up where they left off. The Little Giants used special teams to claw their way back to a tie, started off by punter Bobby Gipe, who pinned Perrysburg inside their own five-yard line with a 55-yard punt. Despite a fumble on the five-yard line by Foos, the Little Giants recovered to take advantage of the field position one possession later.

Ross's Justin Hines evened the score at 14 when he broke through

the Perrysburg offensive line to block, recover and then score on Garcia's punt attempt. It was the first of two kicks blocked by Hines. That score evening things up at 14-14.

Most of the fourth quarter was played on Ross's side of the field, but their defense held strong by keeping Dimmerling and the rest of Perrysburg ground game contained momentarily. While quarterback Matt Slocum provided a quick spark for Perrysburg's passing game, penalties plagued the team at critical points.

That was when Hefner's key in-

terception changed the game for good.

Ross had one final chance to turn the tide of the game but their attempt came up short when Jordan Jones was unable to handle a pass from Foos on fourth and long.

Fittingly, the game finished with lightning in the sky as Perrysburg knelt its way to a 1-0 record.

Dimmerling paced the Yellow Jackets, finishing with 172 yards rushing in all. Foos was the offensive standout for Ross, passing for 68 yards on 18 attempts.

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Little Giants already facing must-win situation

By KEVIN YANIK
Sports Writer

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross had Toledo Whitmer's number early last season. Then, the Panthers redeemed themselves with a dramatic 21-17 victory over the Little Giants at Don Paul Stadium in the opening round of the Division I playoffs.

So how big is Friday night's matchup between the Little Giants and Panthers?

"It's going to be a dogfight," Ross coach Derek Kidwell said. "Third time we played them in a year. That's going to be a hard ticket to get. A lot of people are going to call that a revenge game. A lot of people think they're going to be very good."

Whitmer (1-0) is indeed a very good team considering its 35-13



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victory in Week 1 over Tiffin Columbian. The Tornadoes were playing without several key players, who were sitting due to disciplinary issues, but Panthers quarterback Donnie

Dottei and running back Anthony Allen each had 100-yard rushing games, and their team jumped ahead early and never looked back.

Ross, meanwhile, had several chances to beat Perrysburg, but it fell to 0-1 in a season-opening loss at Doyt Perry Stadium at Bowling Green State University.

"We've got to get off the

schneid," Kidwell said. "We've got to play well. We've got to get some confidence. It just happens we're playing a very quality opponent. It's not going to be easy stopping them."

The Little Giants will have to first stop Dottei and Allen offensively. They'll also have to keep a sharp eye on Kevin Koger, a tight end who's already committed to play at Michigan next season.

The Panthers are somewhat inexperienced upfront, Kidwell said, but they make up for that with skill players like Dottei, Allen and Koger.

"I think we just have to avoid the big play," Kidwell said. "We have to get off the field on third downs. Most importantly, we've got to take their quarterback away. He beat us last year in the

playoffs, and we've got to take him out of the equation."

If Ross is to win, its quarterback will have to be a big part of its equation, too. Sophomore Cody Foos is the team's likely starter, Kidwell said, but that doesn't mean the Little Giants aren't confident in junior Brad Woelzel. He started last week against Perrysburg, yet gave way to Foos midway through the game.

"Brad's playing some defense, and we're going to look to get Brad involved," Kidwell said.

In addition, Deondray Brown and Durand Robertson are expected to return from injuries. And their presence should boost the Little Giants defensively.

Kidwell is also looking for improvement from his offensive linemen and wide receivers.

"We've got a lot of room for improvement," he said. "I think these kids have the right mentality. They know we let a game slip away. There's no guarantee Whitmer's going to beat us in their home opener on brand-new turf."

Either way, Kidwell's players have been looking forward to this rematch since last season ended.

"You want to win every game, but this game's going to have more hype," Foos said.

Junior fullback Tyler Hull agreed.

"There's a lot of hype behind the game," he said. "There was a lot of hype behind the game last year. They had so many prospects on their team and so did we."

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LITTLE GIANTS DEONDRAY Brown runs a pass in for a touchdown against Whitmer in Toledo Friday evening.

Little Giants have revenge

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TOLEDO — Fremont Ross sophomore Cody Foos could have caved into the pressure of his first career start at quarterback against Toledo Whitmer. †

Instead, he kept the pressure on the Panthers for most of four quarters Friday night and eventually led a game-winning drive in the final minute of a 23-21 victory — against the team that put a fork in Fremont's dream season a year ago.

"I think our kids just believe in Cody Foos," Ross coach Derek Kidwell said. "He got hit, he gave

our receivers chances and we didn't drop many balls.

"Man, he grew up a lot tonight."

The experience Foos gained at Whitmer could benefit Ross (1-1) for games to come. He finished the game 14-for-24 with 242 yards and a touchdown, and he involved eight different receivers. Foos even graciously gave way to junior Brad Woleslagel when the team needed a single yard to beat Whitmer in the closing minute.

"We have confidence in our guys," Woleslagel said. "I wasn't really worried about it at all. Cody Foos did a great job. He

drove us right down the field, and he really deserves all the credit along with the offensive line. Coach trusted me, and we put it in."

Woleslagel's game-winning touchdown was Ross's third of the game, but it was the team's first since the second quarter.

After Bobby Gipe chipped an early field goal for a 3-0 lead, the Little Giants stretched their lead to 9-0 on a fullback Ryan Quick's 1-yard touchdown later in the first. Gipe's point after was blocked.

The Little Giants had even more success offensively in the

second. After the Panthers (1-1) turned the ball over on downs, Foos found Deondray Brown open across the middle, and he fed him a pass that wound up going for a 65-yard touchdown that gave Ross a 16-0 lead at the 8:51 mark.

"I thought the offensive line did a really great job blocking up front," Foos said. "Our wide receivers did well, and we got the job done."

Before halftime, Ross had yet another chance to add to its lead when Foos and senior Jared King connected on a 30-yard pass. King

Ross beats Whitmer

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landed just short of the end zone, but he set the Little Giants up for a touchdown at their own 1.

Unfortunately for Ross, it couldn't push its way into the end zone on four tries from within the 1.

That missed touchdown could have put the nail in Ross, because Whitmer started its comeback shortly thereafter. Jeremy Jones cut Ross's lead to 16-7 midway through the third, and the Panthers moved within two points on Dottei's touchdown later that quarter.

The Little Giants maintained their two-point lead into the fourth, but a high snap on a punt gave the Panthers field position in Ross territory. Whitmer only needed six plays to take its first lead at 21-16 lead, but it left 3 minutes, 27 seconds for Ross to use at its disposal.

"Even when they scored, we knew we had three-plus minutes on them," Woleslagel said.

Foos led the Little Giants downfield at that point, and he even overcame a 2nd-and-22 situation with a pair of passes to Kameron Allicock and Ryan Croudup-Levario.

An 18-yard pass to Deondray Brown put Ross in a goal-line situation, and a pass-interference call kept the team's hopes alive on 4th-and-2.

And that's when Foos gave way to Woleslagel, who pushed his way into the end zone for the win with 13 seconds to play.

"It was a great team effort," Woleslagel said. "We did this one for the seniors and our kids last year who got knocked out early."

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Fremont Ross 23,

Toledo Whitmer 21

Ross 9 7 0 7 — 23

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Scoring

First quarter

FR: Bobby Gipe 21 field goal 6:52

FR: Ryan Quirk 1 run (kick blocked)
0:04

Second quarter

FR: Deondray Brown 65 pass from
Cody Foss (Gipe kick) 8:51

Third quarter

W: Jeremy Jones 5 pass from Donnie
Dotel (Zack Maiden kick) 4:53

W: Dotel 1 run (Maiden kick) 0:05

Fourth quarter

W: Dotel 10 run (Maiden kick) 3:27

FR: Brad Woelstelzel 1 run (Gipe kick)
0:16

Team Statistics

	Ross	Whitmer
First downs	12	11
Rushing yards	69	119
Passing yards	242	104
Total yards	281	223
Comp.-Att.-Int.	14-24-1	7-17-1
Punts-yards	1-34	5-130
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	4-20	9-54

Individual Statistics

PUSHING: Ross — Foss 15-27, Whitmer — Anthony Allen 15-42.

PASSING: Ross — Foss 14-24-1-1 — 242, Whitmer — Dotel 7-17-1-1 — 104.

1. 项目背景与意义
随着全球经济的快速发展和科技的不断进步，企业面临着日益激烈的市场竞争和不断变化的客户需求。为了提升企业的核心竞争力，实现可持续发展，企业需要不断优化内部管理流程，提高运营效率。本项目旨在通过引入先进的管理理念和方法，构建一套科学、规范、高效的管理体系，为企业的长期发展奠定坚实基础。

2. 项目目标与范围
本项目的总体目标是：通过系统化的管理流程优化，提升企业的运营效率，降低运营成本，增强企业的市场竞争力。具体目标包括：梳理现有业务流程，识别瓶颈环节；引入先进的管理工具和方法；建立标准化的操作流程；加强各部门之间的沟通与协作；定期评估项目成果，持续改进。

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项目完成后，企业将建立起一套科学、规范、高效的管理体系，运营效率得到显著提升，运营成本得到有效控制。未来，企业将继续关注市场动态和客户需求，不断优化管理体系，提升核心竞争力，实现可持续发展。

Ross breezes past Tornadoes

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FREMONT — Ross senior Deondray Brown figured he was lining up for a routine punt from his team's own 6-yard line.

But the next thing Brown knew, he was wide open along the right side for a reception on a fake punt, a play that essentially sunk Tiffin Columbian on the way to a 35-7 win at Don Paul Stadium.

"I wasn't expecting it," said Brown, who made the play with his team clinging to a 21-7 lead early in the fourth quarter. "I got on the line and looked up, and all of a sudden the ball was in the air and I caught it."

The play was key because a punt would have given the Tornadoes the ball, likely with good field position and a chance to pull within one score. Instead, the Little Giants took advantage of Brown's 33-yard reception on fourth down and raced down the field for another score.

James Spencer scored the touchdown that gave Ross its 28-7 advantage, and that kind of lead allowed the Little Giants to breathe a bit easier as the game approached a close.

"I can't take credit for [the fake punt]," Ross coach Derek Kidwell said. "Brad Wolesslagel is going to take credit for that. He just threw the ball to [Brown]. I'm a gambler, but I ain't that crazy."

"Plus, to go 99 yards on that was huge."

None of Ross' drives matched that one in length, but quarterback Cody Foos led the Little Giants into the end zone on two first-half drives.

Just like last week, the Little Giants jumped ahead from the start. The team's first drive stalled and ended with a punt, but Ross still took a 7-0 lead late in the first.

Foos capped that first scoring drive with a 48-yard pass to Ryan Croudup-Levario, who caught a pass around the 25-yard line, juke left around a defender and sprinted into the end zone.

The Little Giants added to their lead in the second on another short drive. This one went just six plays, and it ended when Terence Davis — all 6 feet, 4 inches of him



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FREMONT ROSS' KAMERON Allicock advances the ball against Tiffin Columbian during the second quarter at Don Paul Stadium on Friday night.

— caught a pass from Foos in the right corner of the end zone. Foos placed the pass perfectly — over a defender and into Davis' arms — for a 14-0 advantage.

"We've got a height advantage with [Davis], and we try to take advantage with it," Kidwell said. "He had a huge play down the sideline (a potential 85-yard touchdown) that got called back because of a penalty, but we've been expecting Terence Davis to make a lot of these plays for us."

"And I think we'll hear a lot more from Terence."

Later in the first half, the Tornadoes tried to chip into their 14-point deficit. They actually moved

into the red zone twice, but Ross' defense stalled Columbian's drives at the 9- and 5-yard lines without touchdowns.

The Tornadoes finally reached the end zone in the third. They put a 19-play, eight-minute drive together and finished it with a 1-yard touchdown.

Fortunately for Ross, that 14-7 margin was as close as Columbian got.

"(After) they punched it in, it was huge for our offense to come back and answer," Kidwell said. "They didn't have a safety in the middle of the field, so we ran a deep post route on them. DJ Brown made a huge catch."

"Our sophomore quarterback (Foos) had a lot of poise tonight, and it was huge for us to do that."

Foos finished his second start 9-for-17 passing with 158 yards. He also ran nine times for 70. Spencer led the Little Giants with 92 yards on 20 carries.

And, of course, Brown had that game-changing 33-yard reception from Wolesslagel.

"I was just sitting there," Brown said, "and he was like get out there. I turned around, and the ball was right there in my face."

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Football

High School

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COLUMBIAN	0	0	7	0	—	7
ROSS	7	7	7	14	—	35

First quarter

FR: Ryan Croudup-Leyvano 48 pass from Cody Foss (Bobby Gipe kick) 1:49

Second quarter

FR: Terence Davis 14 pass from Foss (Gipe kick) 10:46

Third quarter

TC: Phil Tran 1 run (Derek Kneeskorn kick) 3:42

FR: Ryan Quirk 1 run (Gipe kick) 1:18

Fourth quarter

FR: James Spencer 11 run (Gipe kick) 9:04

FR: Foss 40 run (Gipe kick) 5:03

Team statistics

	TC	FR
First downs	13	14
Rushing yards	137	170
Passing yards	112	191
Total yards	249	361
Comp.-Att.-Int.	9-21-0	9-17-0
Punts-yards	3-133	2-49
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0
Penalties	4-46	4-25

Individual statistics

RUSHING: Columbian — Tran 30-102
Ross — James Spencer 20-92

PASSING: Columbian — Jake Peacock 9-21, 121 yards
Ross — Foss 9-17, 158 yards, 2 TD

RECEIVING: Columbian — Anthony Brown 6-56
Ross — Deondray Brown 2-63



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FREMONT ROSS'S RYAN Quick makes a tackle in the first quarter against Cleveland Benedictine at Don Paul Stadium Friday evening.

Bengals run all over Little Giants

By KEVIN YANIK
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FREMONT — Sophomore quarterback Cody Foos pounded his fist on the turf at Don Paul Stadium as his pass to Kameron Alcock sailed high in the fourth quarter.

The incompletion wasn't necessarily a game-changing one. It was simply a reminder that Friday night was all Benedictine, which handed the Little Giants a 30-0 loss.

"They're a pretty good football team," Ross coach Derek Kidwell said, "but I thought we would come out and compete a little harder. Guys on the offensive line got a little frustrated, and we got a little one-dimensional on offense."

The Bengals (4-0) were the same way offensively, but they scored enough points early with the run to keep the Little Giants

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from mounting a rally. Before the Little Giants could even blink, junior tailback Anthony Urbania took the first play from scrimmage 68 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown and a 7-0 Ross deficit.

"I'm just disappointed," Kidwell said. "I thought we came out flat. There's no excuse for him going untouched on the first play of the game."

Things only got worse in that first quarter, though. After Ross went three-and-out on its first drive, the Bengals put a short, five-play drive together and punched another score in from five yards out.

Again, Urbania made the touchdown. He finished with 160 rushing yards on 22 carries.

From there, the Little Giants (2-2) allowed a first-half field goal to fall behind 17-0, but they moved the ball to Benedictine's 2-yard line early in the second quarter.

Ross just couldn't punch it in.

"I think if we score down at that goal line we have a whole different game," Kidwell said. "We have a holding penalty by a senior, and then we had a bad snap that takes us out of everything."

To Bengals coach Art Bortnick, the goal-line stand was a game-saver.

"What a tremendous goal-line stand there on defense before the half," he said. "When we kept them out of the end zone, it was an excellent momentum swing for us."

That drive was Ross's best shot at a score. In the third, with a 17-point deficit still in-hand, the Lit-

tle Giants were forced to rely more on the pass.

But their passes went mostly for naught. Foos had multiple throws batted down at the line, and he threw a pair of second-half interceptions — including one Josh Lewis returned for a 33-yard touchdown.

"I think this will be a good learning experience for Cody Foos," Kidwell said. "There's some things that you can do, some things you can't do."

Defensively, Kidwell was mostly pleased with his players.

"I thought we came out as a totally different team in the second half," he said. "Defensively, our team played well enough the last three quarters to give us a chance to win. Our offense didn't show up too much tonight."

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High School

Cleveland Benedictine 30, Fremont Ross 0

Benedictine	17	0	0	13	— 30
Ross	0	0	0	0	— 0

First quarter

Anthony Urbana 68 run (Josh Stegenwald kick) 11:47

Urbana 5 run (Stegenwald kick) 8:29

Stegenwald 42 field goal 4:36

Fourth quarter

John Hromulak 14 run (kick blocked) 10:40

Josh Lewis 33 interception return (Stegenwald kick) 4:40

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Rushing yards	208	36
Passing yards	47	135
Total yards	253	171
Comp.-Att.-Int.	3-5-0	14-33-2
Punts-yards	5-181	6-186
Fumbles-lost	7-1	4-0
Penalties-yards	5-50	4-40

Individual statistics

RUSHING: Benedictine — Urbana 22-160. Ross — Spencer 6-24.

PASSING: Benedictine — Hromulak 3-5, 47 yards. Ross — Cody Foss 14-33, 2 Int.

RECEIVING: Benedictine — John Grubb 2-40. Ross — Anthony Walker 3-41.

Records: Benedictine 4-0; Ross 2-2

Little Giants march over Saints

By KEVIN YANIK
Sports Writer

FREMONT — Sophomore quarterback Cody Foos stood and watched the first eight-plus minutes of Friday night's game against Lorain Southview.

His team's defense and special teams did him the favor.

Jordan Jones and Deondray Brown staked Foos and Fremont Ross to an early 14-point lead with a fumble recovery and punt return, and the Little kept the Saints winless with a 47-0 shutout at Don Paul Stadium.

"That really picked up our offense knowing we had points on the board," said Foos, whose team completed its non-conference schedule with a 3-2 record. "We just had to keep going off that."

Once Foos took the field, he stretched the Little Giants' two-touchdown lead to 27 points by halftime. In the second quarter, he made a completion to Terence Davis around the 20, and he scampered into the end zone for a 36-yard touchdown that gave Ross a 20-point lead.

Foos added a second touchdown pass before the half. This time he hit Anthony Walker on a swing pass for a 9-yard score, and that essentially squashed Southview's hopes at 27-0.

"We knew they were a struggling program," Ross coach Derek Kidwell said. "We were more concerned this week about Fremont Ross than Lorain. I thought our defense was outstanding."

It certainly was. The Little Giants held the Saints (0-5) to 33 total yards offensively, and they forced 15 rushing plays for negative yardage.

Overall, the Saints rushed for 5 yards. The Little Giants were just as successful defending the pass, though, as Southview's two quarterbacks managed just three completions for 38 yards.

Those numbers should boost Fremont's confidence after its 30-0 setback a week ago to Benedictine, but Kidwell knows Greater



Charlie Longton/News-Messenger

FREMONT ROSS' DURAND Robertson carries the ball in the second quarter against Lorain Southview Friday night at home.

Buckeye Conference opponents will pose greater challenges than Southview.

"To be in the GBC and do the things we want to do, we've got to be able to run the ball," he said. "We've got to be able to keep our defense on the sidelines some more. I've got confidence in Cody Foos, but I don't want to have to throw the ball 40 or 50 times a game to win a football game. I like to have a balanced offense."

Foos was a huge part of Kid-

well's offense Friday night. He completed 10-of-15 pass for 247 yards and a career-high four touchdowns. Davis caught two of those, Walker a third and Ryan Croudup-Levario a fourth.

Ryan Quick added a late third-quarter touchdown on a 1-yard run, and Brown had that early touchdown — a 51-yard punt return — that gave the Little Giants a 14-0 lead.

Brown, who fumbled twice against the Saints, redeemed

himself with the play.

"He had some nice blocks on that, and that's what we expect out of our playmakers."

Returns like Brown's take pressure off of Kidwell's offensive players, too.

"Before we step on the field, we're up 14-0," Kidwell said. "So the need to go down and score right away isn't as big as if it's 0-0."

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Football

High School

Fremont Ross 47, Lorain
Southview 0

SOUTHVIEW	0	0	0	0	—	0
ROSS	14	13	20	0	—	47

First quarter

Jordan Jones 23 fumble return (Bobby Gipe kick) 8:13

Deondray Brown 51 punt return (Gipe kick) 6:10

Second quarter

Terence Davis 36 pass from Cody Foss (kick failed) 6:23

Anthony Walker 9 pass from Foss (Gipe kick) 1:49

Third quarter

Ryan Croudup-Lovano 47 pass from Foss (kick failed) 8:13

Davis 47 pass from Foss (Gipe kick) 5:42

Ryan Quick 1 run (Gipe kick) 2:32

Team Statistics

	Southview	Ross
Rushing yards	1-5	124
Passing yards	38	254
Total yards	33	378
Comp.-Att.-Int.	3-14-0	11-20-0
Punts-yards	10-302	1-24
Fumbles-lost	3-1	5-2
Penalties-yards	2-31	6-50

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Southview — Anthony Browning 15-51; Ross — Aaron Spencer 9-46

PASSING: Southview — Matthew Andujar 3-10, 43 yards; Ross — Cody Foss 10-15, 247 yards, 4 TDs

RECEIVING: Southview — Zeno Inchauregui 1-33; Ross — Davis 2-83

Records: Southview 0-5; Ross 3-2

Robertson returns, runs Ross up to 4-2

By KEVIN YANIK
Sports Writer

LIMA — And here's to you, Durand Robertson. Fremont loves you more than you will know.

The Little Giants are especially loving Robertson, a senior tailback, after his Friday night performance against Lima Senior. He made his first career start at tailback against the Spartans and carried the Little Giants to a 35-21 victory in their Greater Buckeye Conference opener.

Robertson finished his outing with 21 carries for 112 yards and a career-high four touchdowns, as his team improved to 4-2 overall, 1-0 in the GBC.

"My goal today was to

get in 20 carries,"

Little Giants

Coach

Derek

Kidwell

said. "We

got in 21.

He's going

to be a big

key to our success because

he takes pressure off of

(sophomore quarterback

Cody) Foosie. We didn't

have to rely on throwing

the ball tonight.

The Spartans dictated

the tempo at the get-go,

running some clock and

pinning the Little Giants

deep in their own territory.

The strategy could have

been a winning one, but it



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only worked for so long for Lima Senior.

For on Lima's second drive, senior Kameron Allicock intercepted quarterback Joshua Eley's pass and returned it to his team's 42-yard line.

From there, the Little Giants put together their longest drive of the first half. Robertson handled five of the nine plays, Foosie made a key scramble of 18 yards and Terence Davis hauled in a 21-yard pass for a 7-0 Ross lead early in the second quarter.

Less than two minutes later, the Little Giants added a second score to stretch their lead to 14-0. They forced Lima to punt after a three-and-out, and

senior Deondray Brown gave his team field position at the 5 after a mad dash down the left sideline.

"They've been solid all year," Kidwell said of his special teams. "Anytime you have a Terence Davis and Deondray Brown back there returning and the other nine get in the right areas, we can take it a long way."

Two plays after Brown's return, Robertson punched the first of his four scores in from one yard out.

He scored his second touchdown shortly thereafter. Junior Jordan Jones made an interception off a tipped pass to set the Little Giants up at the 20.

Robertson only needed

one play this time to put Ross up 21-0, spinning out of two tackles for a 20-yard touchdown.

Ross gave up its first touchdown on Lima's next drive. The Spartans used 10 plays to work their way into the end zone, as backup quarterback Jermon Healey scrambled in from 15 yards out on third down.

That cut the Little Giants' lead to 14-points, but Robertson scored twice more in the third to give Ross a 35-7 advantage. His team started the half with the ball, and it drove 73 yards downfield over 14 plays and 6-plus minutes for its touchdown.

Robertson scored that one from six yards out, and

he added a five-yard touchdown before the third quarter closed. He never imagined his first start at tailback would include four touchdowns though.

"I wasn't thinking about touchdowns," Robertson said. "I was just ready to go out there and show them what I could do."

Robertson's offensive line of course, had a huge hand at his success.

"We challenged the offensive line, this week in practice," Kidwell said, "and it was great to see the offensive line play like it did."

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High School

Fremont Ross 35, Lima Senior 21

	0	21	14	0	—	35
LIMA	0	7	0	7	—	21

Scoring summary

Second quarter

R: Terence Davis 21 pass from Cody Foss
(Bobby Gipe kick) 11:05

R: Durand Robertson 1 run (Gipe kick)
8:24

R: Robertson 20 run (Gipe kick) 7:19

L: Jermonte Healey 15 run (Ethan Landry
kick) 2:09

Third quarter

R: Robertson 5 run (Gipe kick) 5:33

R: Robertson 5 run (Gipe kick) 0:23

Fourth quarter

L: Kyle Caven 1 run (Landry kick) 5:08

L: Dongale Long 28 pass from Healey
(Landry kick) 0:53

Team Statistics

	Ross	Lima
First downs	12	7
Rushing yards	173	95
Passing yards	77	36
Total yards	250	131
Comp-Att-Int	8-15-0	4-11-2
Punts-yards	3-106	4-135
Fumbles-lost	3-1	1-0

Penalties yard

5-50

8-62

Individual Statistics

RUSHING Ross — Robertson 21-112

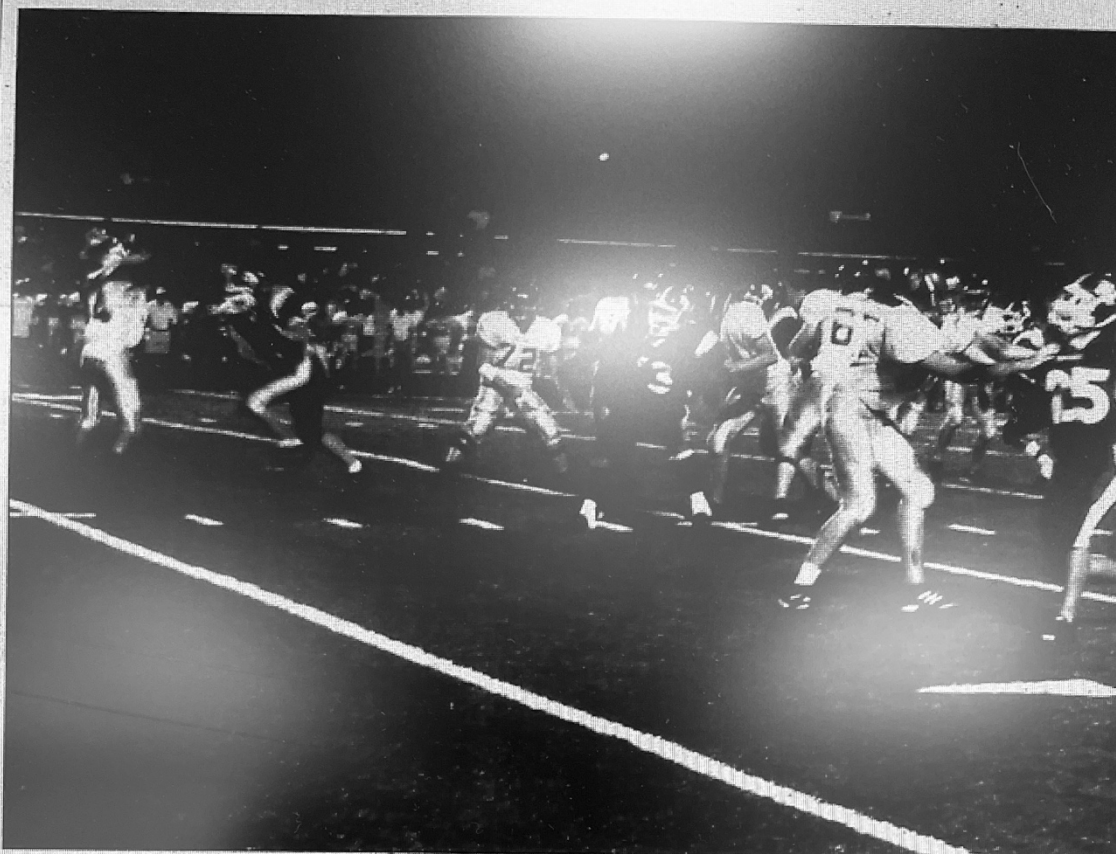
Lima — Healey 7-38

PASSING Ross — Ross 8-14, 77 yds.

TD Lima — Healey 4-9, 38 yds

RECEIVING Ross — Anthony Walker
3-25 Lima — Long 1-28

Records: Fremont Ross 4-2 (1-0 GBC),
Lima Senior 2-4 (0-1 GBC)



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THE FREMONT ROSS defense closes in on Findlay quarterback Eric Gilbert during Friday's game at Don Paul Stadium.

Stuffed conversion lifts Ross

By KEVIN YANIK
Sports Writer

FREMONT — Findlay's Matt Alexander ran on Fremont Ross all night.

He just couldn't find the end zone when Findlay needed it most.

The Little Giants allowed 209 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 40 carries to Alexander, who was stuffed on a potential game-tying two-point conversion in the final two minutes of a 29-27 Ross victory.

"It was huge," said Ross coach Derek Kidwell of the missed two-point conversion. "If they get it, they put us in a bind with 1:08 left."

The Little Giants (4-2 overall, 2-0 Greater Buckeye Conference) actually had the game in hand early when they took a 14-0 first-quarter lead and a 23-14 lead at half. But the Trojans (1-6, 1-1) kept on running Alexander, and they eventually pulled within two after Jimmy Davidson hauled in an 8-yard touchdown pass from

quarterback Eric Gilbert.

The Little Giants allowed that touchdown with 1:36 remaining, and a pair of missed extra points gave the Trojans a chance to tie the game with a two-point conversion.

Fortunately for Ross, Findlay missed it.

"We thought they were going to throw the ball to Davidson, to be honest with you," Kidwell said. "We were preparing for that. They had success on the side running the ball on us all night, so I just think it was a collaboration of all the defensive linemen's tension and linebackers filling the gaps."

The defense did its part on that play and throughout the first quarter, which gave Ross quarterback Cody Foos a chance to make some plays and give his team an early lead.

Foos found Terence Davis across the middle on Fremont's very first drive, and he sprinted into the end zone standing even after a Trojans defender caught up with him around the 8-yard

line.

That touchdown gave the Little Giants a 7-0 lead less than five minutes into the game. They went ahead, 14-0, six minutes later.

This time, Durand Robertson set up the Ross touchdown with a 27-yard run down the left sideline. He scored from two yards out on his next play.

The lead, at the time, seemed like a safe one, but the Trojans crept back into it behind Alexander's runs. Those led to a pair of lengthy first-half drives, including one capped by Davidson's first touchdown pass at the 7:11 mark of the second.

Robertson scored on Fremont's next drive to pad his team's lead again, but the Trojans convincingly marched down the field before half and scored. The Little Giants, at least, added a field goal with their two-minute offense before the half, and those points wound up making a difference.

"Being aggressive at the end of the first half won us that game," Kidwell said. "That was a huge there points at the end of the half

for us."

The Little Giants only scored six more points in the second half, as the Trojans made a couple of defensive stops to keep themselves in the game.

They had enough to pull within those two deciding points. The Trojans just couldn't make the tie.

"I'm very proud of the way our kids battled," said Trojans coach Mark Ritzler. "We had a couple of chances where we thought we had a chance to tank it. A chance to fold."

"But we didn't."

Kidwell agreed, and he gave the Trojans credit afterward.

"They could have folded," he said. "With the season they've had, they could have packed it in. They played with a lot of pride."

So did the Little Giants, whose defense sealed another victory to keep Fremont's postseason — and Greater Buckeye Conference — hopes alive.

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Football

High School

Fremont Ross 29, Findlay 27

Findlay	0	14	0	13	— 27
Ross	14	9	6	0	— 29

Scoring summary

First quarter

R — Terence Davis 77 pass from Cody Foos (Bobby Gipe kick) 8:47

R — Durand Robertson 2 run (Gipe kick) 2:51

Second quarter

F — Jimmy Davidson 5 pass from Eric Gilbert (Eric Schnible kick) 7:11

R — Robertson 1 run (kick failed) 6:04

F — Matt Alexander 5 run (Schnible kick) 1:07

R — Gipe 22 field goal 0:00

Third quarter

R — Kameron Allcock 6 pass from Foos (kick failed) 0:51

Fourth quarter

F — Matt Alexander 1 run (Schnible kick) 7:45

F — Davidson 8 pass from Gilbert (conversion failed) 1:36

Team Statistics

	Findlay	Ross
First Downs	17	17
Rushing yards	250	150
Passing yards	71	265
Total yards	303	415
Comp.-Att.-Int.	8-15-0	14-21-1
Punts-yards	3-107	2-67
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0
Penalties-yards	2-15	3-25

Individual statistics

RUSHING: Findlay — Alexander 40-209; Ross — Robertson 11-76

PASSING: Findlay — Gilbert 8-15, 2 TD; Ross — Foos 14-21, 2 TD, 1 INT

RECEIVING: Ross — Davis 5-177

Records: Findlay 1-5 (1-1 GBC); Ross 5-2 (2-0 GBC)



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LITTLE GIANT QUARTERBACK Cody Foos draws the attention of Harding's Jordan Russell during the first half action of Friday's game in Marion.

Ross rolls over Presidents

By BOB PUTMAN
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MARION — Fremont Ross sophomore quarterback Cody Foos helped the Little Giants stay on track for a possible Greater Buckeye Conference title and a berth in post-season play.

Foos threw for three touchdowns and ran for two other scores as Fremont Ross defeated Harding 34-13 Friday night at Harding Stadium.

"Foos threw and ran very well," Harding head coach Heath Hinton said. "He had good control of the offense."

Foos completed 19 of 28 passes for 190 yards while rushing for another 47 yards on 13 carries. His rushing total suffered as Harding nose guard Mike Scott sacked Foos three times for a loss of 19 yards

and Tyler Chambers put him on the ground for another six yards.

Fremont Ross (6-2 overall, 3-0 GBC) scored touchdowns on two of its first three possessions, relieving any fears Little Giants head coach Derek Kidwell might have had that his team was overlooking the Presidents (1-7, 0-3) and toward next week's encounter with Napoleon.

"We have enough seniors on the team that will not let us overlook Harding," Kidwell said. "I knew if we were able to set up our game plan we would be OK."

Kidwell was a little disappointed with his team's play in the third quarter, but gave Harding credit for coming out of halftime chat and playing strong.

"We like to win every quarter and we may have relaxed a little in the second half," Kidwell said.

"But Marion has shown the make up to come out and play well in the second half."

The Presidents posted the only score in the third quarter on a 34-yard field goal by Tyler Winger, capping a more than seven-minute drive by Harding. It was Winger's second field goal of the game as the senior booter became Harding's all-time leader in field goals with 16, surpassing the old mark of 14 set by Jeremy Krausz.

Fremont Ross got back on track in the fourth quarter. One play after the Little Giants recovered a Harding fumble, Foos hit Ryan Damman for a 20-yard touchdown and on their next possession Foos scored on a 5-yard run.

"We thought we could keep the ball away from them," Hinton said. "But that was not the way it

worked out."

Hinton cited turnovers, two fumbles and an interception, that put the Harding defense in a hole. "The turnovers gave them a short field," Hinton said.

The Little Giants found some open passing lanes in the first half as Foos completed 12 of 20 passes for 132 yards.

"We thought we could come out and beat them with the pass," Kidwell said.

Foos completed a pair of touchdown tosses in the opening half, a 22-yard strike to Ryan Croudup-Levario in the first quarter and a 23-yard completion to Deondray Brown. Foos also scored Fremont's first touchdown, scrambling for a 30-yard score on the Little Giants' first possession of the game.



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THE LITTLE GIANTS try to stop the Napoleon defense during Friday's game at Don Paul Stadium.

Wildcats beat Ross, get GBC share

By JOHN TURNER
News-Messenger correspondent

FREMONT — Just as the Little Giants were beginning to get things going their way in the third quarter of Friday's game against Napoleon, a 63-yard rush from Wildcats quarterback Andrew Keller on third and long dashed any comeback hopes.

A six-yard rush from Jason Brown on the next play put the Wildcats up 17 and on their way to a 27-13 road win.

The win clinches a share of the Greater Buckeye Conference crown for the Wildcats (8-1, 4-0 GBC). Ross now falls to 6-3, 3-0 in GBC play, after losing its first game since a loss to Cleveland Benedictine in Week 4.

The Little Giants have a shot at a share of the league crown with

a win next week at Sandusky and a Wildcats loss to Findlay.

Connor Pain paced the Wildcats on the ground, rushing for 105 yards on 23 carries. Brown chipped in for 29 yards and a touchdown while Keller added 76 rush yards.

The Little Giants' Cody Foos passed for 220 yards in the losing effort. The Wildcats' Keller threw for 91 yards and a score.

After keeping its opening drive going with a fake punt, Ross moved the ball down to Napoleon's 16-yard line and got on the board first with a 33-yard field goal from Bobby Gipe.

The Wildcat defense held strong following that drive, allowing just 79 yards the remainder of the half, while the Napoleon offense found its rhythm.

Pain's speed and vision put the Little Giants' defense to the test early. Pain rushed for 86 yards on 14 carries, including a 37 yard rush that was a shoe-string tackle away from a touchdown.

Napoleon scored its first of three second-quarter touchdowns on a one-play drive from its own 48-yard line. Keller hit Rob Meyers for a 52-yard touchdown strike, which put the Wildcats up three following a deflected extra point, 6-3.

The Wildcats' next score came at 3:52 in the second after Brown scored on a seven-yard run. The drive looked as though it had been stopped after a Ross interception, but a defensive pass interference followed by a personal foul set the Wildcats up in the red zone.

Napoleon tacked on one more touchdown with nine seconds remaining in the half on a two-yard run from Tyler Flory.

In the third quarter, the Little Giants found the end zone after a 47-yard punt return for touchdown by Terence Davis. Davis sprinted down the left sideline before making the punter miss a tackle and strolling into the end zone to bring Ross within 17.

Following the back breaking scramble from Keller, Ross got the ball on Napoleon's 21-yard line, but failed to get a first down and settled for a 37-yard Gipe field goal.

Ross moved the ball late but failed to get the ball into the end zone following a critical personal foul on Napoleon's 10-yard line.

Bittersweet win for Ross

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the Little Giants some comfortable leads.

And defensively, this effort was one of Fremont's best. For it carried a shutout into the fourth quarter and held the Blue Streaks to a season-low eight points. The Little Giants held Sandusky to just one score last year as well.

"If you look at the league statistics, they have the top offense in the league and we have the top defense in the league," Kidwell said. "Something was going to have to give, and I think we outshined our offense tonight with our defensive performance."

Late in the first quarter, the Little Giants took the lead after putting together an eight-play, 64-yard drive. The drive nearly stalled when Foos threw a pass at Sandusky's Alan Rhodes.

Fortunately for Ross, Rhodes dropped the interception and the Little Giants scored on the very next play. Foos found receiver Croudup-Levario open in the back of the end zone for the touchdown and a 7-0 advantage.

Ross carried its lead into the second, when it tacked on a few more points. The Little Giants actually set themselves up for a touchdown at Sandusky's 1-yard line, but an illegal procedure penalty on fourth down backed them up to the 6.

And that forced Bobby Gipe to kick a 23-yard field goal, which stretched Fremont's lead to 10-0.

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Come the second half, that missed touchdown really didn't matter.

Junior running back Tyler Hull added a touchdown in the third, and Croudup-Levario took a screen pass from Foos 24 yards into the end zone for a 24-0 lead early in the fourth.

"I caught it, a guy got behind me and I shoved him off," Croudup-Levario said. "Somehow, I ended up running backward into the end zone."

The Little Giants did give up a touchdown and a two-point conversion in the fourth quarter, but Kidwell's players still played the game and ended their season the way he wanted.

Like pros.

"Our seniors came out and handled themselves like class acts like I expected them to," Kidwell said. "These seniors never lost to Sandusky, and that's something they can put in their pockets and leave with."

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Football

High School

Napoleon 27, Ross 13

Napoleon 0 20 7 0 — 27

Ross 3 0 10 0 — 13

Scoring

First Quarter

H — Bobby Gipe 33-yard field goal, 2:51

Second Quarter

A — Rob Meyers 52 yard pass from Andrew Keller (kick failed) 10:22

A — Jason Brown 7 yard run (Jon Hoover kick) 3:52

A — Tyler Flory 2 yard run (Hoover kick) 0:09

Third Quarter

H — Terance Davis punt return (Gipe kick) 7:21

A — Brown 6 yard run (Hoover kick) 5:40

H — Gipe 37-yard field goal, 1:54

Team Statistics

	A	H
First downs	7-2	7-8
Rushing yards	224	52
Passing yards	91	220
Total yards	313	272
Comp. Att. Int.	5-10-0	22-40-2
Punts-Ave	6-27.8	4-33.7
Penalties-Yards	4-32	5-51

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Napoleon — Pain 23-105, Ross — Durand Robertson 10-46

PASSING: Napoleon — Keller 5-10-0-91, Ross — Foss 22-40-2-220

RECEIVING: Napoleon — Rob Meyer 2-55, Ross — Davis 5-48

Records: Napoleon 7-1, Ross 6-3

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: ROSS 24, SANDUSKY 8

Ross wins, but doesn't get help

By KEVIN YANIK
Sports Writer

SANDUSKY — A share of the Greater Buckeye Conference title. The post-season.

Both were gone in a flash Friday night for Fremont Ross.

The Little Giants took care of their own business at Strobel Field, where they ended the season with a 24-8 victory over rival Sandusky. But Napoleon, which beat Ross last week, beat Findlay to win the GBC title outright, and Toledo St. Francis lost to Toledo St. John's. The Little Giants needed a win from the Knights to stay alive in the

Division I, Region II playoff race.

"I told them the bad news about Findlay losing, and St. John's ... is worse," Little Giants coach Derek Kidwell said. "I explained to the underclassmen that if you think you want to skip a workout sometime in the offseason and you think you can't get an extra rep, remember nights like last Friday and nights like tonight."

The Little Giants were in control of their own destiny last week, but the 27-13 loss to the Wildcats forced them to beat Sandusky and hope for some help.

They got the win all right. Help was never on the way,

though, as Ross finished 4-1 in the conference.

"It was still a big game, still a big win for us and we're still 7-3," said sophomore quarterback Cody Foos, who threw for 196 yards and ran for 102. "It's disappointing we don't get the playoffs or a GBC title, but it's still nice."

Senior receiver Ryan Croudup-Levario, like Foos, would prefer to be playing next week at Brunswick or North Canton — anywhere, really — but he'll settle for a career-ending victory over his team's bitter rival.

For Croudup-Levario and his senior teammates, at least, they never lost a game

to the Blue Streaks (4-6, 2-3).

"It was very emotional, especially playing without Durand," said Croudup-Levario, referring to senior running back Durand Robertson, who missed his final game with an illness. "We did it for him, and we were hoping that we could make it into the playoffs, but other things happened."

The Little Giants still took it to the Blue Streaks without Robertson. Foos accounted for most of Fremont's rushing yards, and his pair of touchdown passes to Croudup-Levario gave



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FREMONT ROSS' RYAN Croudup-Levario moves the ball up in the first quarter against Sandusky. Levario received the ball in the endfield two plays later for the first touchdown of the game.

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"Our seniors came out and handled themselves like class acts like I expected them to," Kidwell said. "These seniors never lost to Sandusky, and that's something they can put in their pockets and leave with."

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Football

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Fremont Ross 24, Sandusky 8
 Fremont 7-3 7-24
 Sandusky 0-0 8-8

Scoring summary

First quarter

F — Ryan Croudap-Levano 6 pass from
 Cody Foss (Bobby Gipe kick) 2:55

Second quarter

F — Bobby Gipe 23 field goal 7:51

Third quarter

F — Tyler Hull 12 run (Gipe kick) 10:57

Fourth quarter

F — Croudap-Levano 24 pass from Foss
 (Gipe kick) 8:15

S — Richie Niehm 6 run (Clinton Lane
 run) 8:38

Team Statistics

First downs	12	8
Rushing yards	12	45
Passing yards	11	85
Total yards	32	130
Comp-Att-Int	15-29-1	9-30-2
Punts-yards	3-11	6-208
Fumbles-lost	2	1-0
Penalties-yards	11-11	7-66

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Fremont — Foss 17-102;
 Hull 10-30. Sandusky — En Jordan 19-
 54.

PASSING: Fremont — Foss 15-29-0, 2
 TD. Sandusky — Niehm 9-30-2, INT.

RECEIVING: Fremont — Deondray
 Brown 2-60, Terence Lewis 2-62;
 Croudap-Levano 4-44, 2 TD. Sandusky —
 Lane 3-45.

Records: Fremont Ross 7-1 overall (4-
 1 GBC). Sandusky 4-8 (2-3).

Football

High School

Northwest Ohio All-District

COLUMBUS — The 2007 Associated Press Northwest All-District football teams, based on the recommendations of a media panel.

DIVISION I

First Team

Offense: Receivers—Jeremy Jones, Tol. Whitmer, 6-foot-0, 175 pounds, senior; D.D. Newbern, Mans. Senior, 5-11, 175, sr. Linemen—Travis Barnhill, Findlay, 6-2, 280, sr.; Jack Mewhort, Tol. St. John's, 6-6, 285, sr.; Matt Haubert, Tol. Whitmer, 6-1, 305, sr.; Mike Scott, Mans. Senior, 5-11, 280, jr.; Justin Leashy, Tol. St. John's, 6-3, 318, sr. Backs—Anthony Allen, Tol. Whitmer, 6-0, 185, sr.; Taylor Dimmering, Perrysburg, 6-1, 190, jr.; Troy Bell, Tol. Start, 5-9, 155, jr. QB—Donnie Dotter, Tol. Whitmer, 6-1, 195, sr. Kicker—Zach Maiden, Tol. Whitmer, 5-5, 155, sr.

Defense: Linemen—Dewayne Frazier, Tol. Whitmer, 6-0, 200, sr.; Andrew Schaetzke, Tol. St. John's, 6-4, 238, sr.; Kevin Koger, Tol. Whitmer, 6-4, 235, sr. **RYAN QUICK, FREMONT ROSS, 6-1, 205, SR.** Linebackers—Brady Greenwood, Marion Harding, 6-2, 220, sr.; Ryan Ball, Tol. St. John's, 6-0, 224, sr.; Brandon Butler, Perrysburg, 6-0, 200, jr.; Cliff Yancey, Tol. Whitmer, 5-10, 190, sr. Backs—Jimmy Davidson, Findlay, 6-4, 190, sr.; Rick Ratay, Tol. St. John's, 5-11, 183, sr. **DEONDRAY BROWN, FREMONT ROSS, 6-0, 170, SR.** Punter—Skyler Roberts, Findlay, 6-1, 175, jr.

Offensive player of the year: Donnie Dotter, Tol. Whitmer.

Defensive player of the year: Ryan Ball, Tol. St. John's.

Lineman of the year: Justin Leashy, Tol. St. John's.

Coach of the year: Matt Kregel, Perrysburg.

Second Team

Offense: Receivers—Derrick Rodgers, Tol. Start, sr., 5-11, 185; Beau Norton, Tol. Whitmer, 6-4, 200, sr. **TERENCE DAVIS, FREMONT ROSS, 6-4, 205, JR.** Linemen—Mac Kinsey, 6-0, 220, jr.; Joseph Stockdale, Tol. Bowsher, 6-2, 205, jr.; Chad Kinshaw, Perrysburg, 6-2, 225, jr. Backs—Ryan Nathan, Lima Senior, 5-9, 185, sr.; Durrell Pettaway, Tol. Bowsher, 6-0, 205, sr.; Dominique Reed, Tol. Bowsh-

Ross puts four on all-district team

Continued From B1

quarterback Curtis Watson and defensive lineman Bryant Loparo received honorable mention for the Redmen.

Two Ross players were named to the Division I first team, both on defense: defensive back Deondray Brown and defensive lineman Ryan Quick.

"It kind of goes as planned," said Ross coach Derek Kidwell. "I guess our defense was our strong suit all year. It serves justice that both those two were first-team all-district."

Quarterback Cody Foos and receiver Terence Davis made the second team. Both return for next year, and Foos is just a sophomore.

"It's exciting to have the opportunity to have him two more years," Kidwell said of Foos. "He's first-team all-league as a sophomore and second-team all-district. That's a good accomplishment for a kid who wasn't even guaranteed a starting position going into the year."

Oak Harbor placed four on the Division IV all-district team. Defensive lineman Wade Ishmael got first-team honors for the second year in a row, while Jeff Chambers made the first team on the offensive line. Kirk Tank was named to the first team as a defensive back.

Linebacker David Ulery and defensive lineman Spencer Skinner each made the second team.

"They had a nice senior year, and I'm happy for them," said Rockets coach Gary Quisno. "They've had good careers here and they've been a big part of the success we've had."

In Division V, Lakota running back Justin Apple was named to the second team, as was Raiders linebacker

Nathan Hoffman.

Woodmore defensive lineman Max Nusser, Margaretta receiver Evan Kurt, Lakota offensive lineman Kyle Gosche, Lakota defensive lineman Mike Klemen, Gibsonburg defensive lineman Ben Hobbs and Lakota defensive back Roger Guerra were given honorable mention in Division V.

SJOC's Mike Komorowski was named to the Division VI first team as a defensive lineman.

"We moved him around a lot on our defensive line," said Streaks coach Todd Drusback. "Really with him it was a game plan thing from week to week. He was such a good athlete, we tried to move him around to neutralize the other team."

Wide receiver Brook Kerr and linebacker Derek Meyer were named to the second team.

"They were both impact players on their side of the ball," Drusback said.

Meyer started out the season as quarterback, but turned out to be too valuable as a linebacker to pull double duty. Freshman Ben Zyski got the nod as quarterback, giving Meyer free rein on defense — and he made the most of it, as did his teammates.

"We made some strides on defense when Meyer moved to full-time linebacker," Drusback said. "Our team really fed off that."

Kicker John Koenig and linebacker Jake Kusmer were given honorable mention.

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Greater Buckeye Conference

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE: Cody Foos, Fremont Ross; Terrance Davis, Fremont Ross; Jordan Russell, Marion Harding; Matt Alexander, Findlay; Travis Barnhill, Findlay; Tyler Joseph, Findlay; Connor Pain, Napoleon, Tyler Flory, Napoleon; Nick Snoad, Napoleon; Corey Gilbert, Sandusky; Antron lane, Sandusky.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE: Jeff Beier, Fremont Ross; Deondray brown, Fremont Ross; Ryan Quick, Fremont Ross; Mike Scott, Marion Harding; Brady Greenwood, Marion Harding; Joey Powell, Findlay; Matt Niese, Napoleon; Jason Brown, Napoleon; Kyle Caven, Lima Senior; Chaz Foster, Lima Senior; Bruce Parker, Sandusky.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE: Nate Alamguer, Fremont Ross; Ryan Dammon, Fremont Ross; Brandon Chambers, Marion Harding; Wade Arrndo, Findlay; Justin Rice, Findlay; Mandell Sheaffer, Findlay; Clay Badenhop, Napoleon, Ryan Rosebrock, Napoleon; Richie Niehm, Sandusky; Jeremy Strohm, Sandusky; Ryan Nathan, Lima Senior.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE: Xavier Forney, Fremont Ross; Durand Robertson, Fremont Ross; C.J. Yousey, Fremont Ross; Lee Drummond, Napoleon; Derek Dulaney, Napoleon; Wes Hesterman, Napoleon; David Gilson, Napoleon; Mitch Eller, Findlay; Otis Moore, Sandusky; Jamille Sims, Marion Harding; Jacob Moore, Lima Senior.

Player honors: Offensive lineman-Alex Jones, Sandusky. Offensive back-Eric Jordan, Sandusky. Defensive lineman-Nick Wagner, Napoleon. Defensive backs-Derek Vocke, Napoleon; Ray Green, Sandusky; Jimmy Davidson, Findlay. Kicker/punter-Skylar Roberts, Findlay.

Coach of the year: John Snoad, Napoleon.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Brown, Quick among all-Ohio selections

News-Messenger reports

FREMONT — Deondray Brown, a Fremont Roës defensive back, was named a Division I all-Ohio first team defensive player Monday while Ryan Quick, a defensive tackle for the Little Giants, earned honorable mention status.

Brown and Quick were also recently named to their Division I all-district team for their parts in leading the Little Giants to a 7-3 season. Both players are seniors.



BROWN



QUICK

Both Brown and Quick played some offense, too. Brown was a wide receiver who handled punts, and Quick was key as a fullback in goal-line situations.

Joining Brown and Quick as all-Ohio selections were Mentor quarterback Bart Tanski and Cincinnati St. Xavier kicker Danny Milligan. Tanski and Milligan shared offensive player of the year honors for Division I.

St. Xavier's Fred Craig was named defensive player of the year and his coach, Steve Specht, shared coach of the year honors with Tim Brown of Groveport-Madison and Nick Chulli of North Royalton.

vile Central, 6-0, 195, sr.

DEFENSE—Linemen—James Geop-
pades, N. Canton Hoover, 6-1, 240, sr.,
Jared Worthing, Huber Hts. Wayne, 6-2, 285,
sr., Brandon Mills, Cin. Colerain, 5-10,
260, sr., Evan Kasper, Youngs, Boardman,
6-4, 235, sr., Kevin Roper, Tol. Whetner, 6-
4, 235, sr., Jerril Martin, Cle. Glenville, 6-
1, 230, sr., Corey Freeman, Cle. Hts., 6-
3, 220, sr. Linebackers—B. J. Machen,
Hilliard Darby, 6-2, 215, sr., Steve Elgach,
Cle. St. Ignace, 6-3, 223, sr., Ryan Ball,
Tol. St. John's, 6-0, 224, sr., Deight Evans,
Cin. Sycamore, 6-0, 214, sr., J.K. Schell-
er, Cin. La Salle, 6-2, 210, sr., Steve
Greer, Solon, 6-1, 218, sr., Damon Lam-
bert, Euclid, 6-1, 225, sr. Backs—Cordale
Scott, Cle. Glenville, 6-4, 200, sr., Fred
Craig, Cin. St. Xavier, 6-2, 210, sr., Ray-
elle Easter, Cin. Colerain, 5-9, 180, sr.,
Alex Jackson, Hudson, 6-2, 220, sr. **DE-
ONDRAY BROWN, FREMONT ROSS, 6-
0, 170, SR. Punter—Pat Jacob, Solon, 5-
10, 175, sr.**

Offensive players of the year: Bart Tan-
ski, Mentor; Danny Milligan, Cin. St.
Xavier.

Defensive player of the year: Fred
Craig, Cin. St. Xavier.

Coaches of the year: Tim Brown,
Groveport-Madison; Nick O'Leary, N. Royal-
ton; Steve Specht, Cin. St. Xavier.

