

1991 Football Season...

Early-season concerns for offensive lines

Little Giants' unit scrappy

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

Bigger doesn't necessarily mean better when Fremont Ross offensive line coach Steve Hampshire sizes up his charges.

The Little Giants' offensive line will likely average 6-foot, 200 pounds per man — or as Ross offensive coordinator Dan Fought said: "we're going to be a true 'Little Giant' up there."

Guard Dan Frederick (6-1, 195) is the only returning player.

"The other kids all played together on the JV team last year," Hampshire said. "It's going to take a little bit longer for the team to come together."

"It's not going to be a big power team. They're going to have to work hard and go after it, but they're a scrappy bunch."

Although the skill positions are manned capably by quarterback Justin Perry, tailback Tyrone Price, fullback Alec Shawl, split end Nick Wolf, flanker Allen Dorsey and Corey Sewell, Ross head coach Rex Radeloff said the offensive line was a point of emphasis in the offseason.

"We started talking and thinking about it probably a week after the last season was over," Hampshire said.

Seniors Doug Fitzgerald and Doug Whipple are the only other players who could be considered veterans among the 10 linemen vying for starting spots. Fitzgerald is projected as a center, while Whipple is the biggest lineman at 240 pounds.

"I've been with them for two years, and they've really come a long ways," Hampshire said. "They worked really hard in the offseason and it's paying off."

"They all get along real well and I think there going to come together."

Hampshire said the hottest competition is at guard, with three players battling for the starting spot opposite Frederick.

"We have a lot of guards," Hampshire said. "We're kind of weak at the tackle position."

Whatever develops, however, versatility is important.

"I make sure they know the other positions so everybody has a cohesiveness," Hampshire said. "Everybody knows what everyone else is going to do."

Quickness could give the line an advantage.

"All they have to do is go out and get into the guy across from them," Hampshire said. "I tell them that all Tyrone (Price, tailback) needs is a crack to run through."

Newcomers counted on at St. Joe

By TIM HARMON
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A general lack of experience and depth on the Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic football team might be most evident on the offensive line.

While quarterback Russ Kiser should be able to get the ball to a new corps of receivers, complementing experienced running backs Brian Haynes and Nathan Dick, a first-year offensive line will need to set the tone up front.

"That was the talk all winter long," St. Joe line coach Jim Borer said. "This junior class has to come through. We have to see if they can play for us."

Seniors Aaron Pfeiffer and Jason Schoch will anchor the line, which should average 5-foot-11, 190 pounds per man. Pfeiffer (5-11, 205) will play strong-side tackle, and Schoch (5-8, 180) will play strong-side guard.

"They're anchoring the offensive line," Borer said. "They're the leaders out there. There wasn't much time for those other guys to prepare themselves more for varsity competition. They just didn't get the snaps they needed."

Borer agreed that competition among six other linemen will develop solid starters as well as depth.

After a starting unit is set — along with Ben Hall at tight end — "our next best (player) will be playing all positions," Borer said. "He has to be able to play them all."

"Depth is a problem with us, but year-in and year-out, it always is," Borer said. "We've got kids who've got speed up front; we're not as strong as last year, but we're close. The front side of our offensive line is strong."

"Our strength is going to be if we get out on people. If we establish our quickness, we're going to have success."

Borer said he anticipates a fine run-blocking line.

"Last year's line wasn't very good at pass blocking," he said. "We've been working on pass direction, and we have potential to be a better pass-blocking team than last year."

"We have to get the right group, though."

Coaches enjoy sights at grid scrimmages

News-Messenger reports

"Room to improve" was the common theme from Rex Radeloff and Tom Narducci after area high school football scrimmages Friday.

Radeloff sent his Ross Little Giants against Maumee at Harmon Stadium while Narducci took his St. Joseph Central Catholic squad to Genoa.

"It was a good scrimmage for us," Radeloff said. "In the game situation, we moved well and scored once."

The teams played two 15 minute (clock running) quarters under game conditions.

"We wanted to check out a lot of blocking schemes," Radeloff said, "while trying to see what we could do well ... we have a ways to go. We just aren't consistent."

"The passing game was pretty good," Radeloff said, "but we did not throw as well as in our first scrimmage."

"Toddy (Price) ran excellent ... when he gets outside, he causes a lot of excitement."

"We did all right," Narducci said. "I was happy with the results and how we played, but there are areas to improve."

St. Joe scored on a 36-yard interception return by Dennis Batey and on two 70-yard drives when the teams went to down and distance situations. Genoa scored twice.

"The offensive line is starting to come along," Narducci said, "but we have to shore up things in pass protection."

At Port Clinton, Redskins coach Carey Clum liked the way his team hit in a scrimmage against Gibsonburg.

"Defensively, I felt we hit pretty well," he said. "we did a lot of things well."

"They had 44 yards and we had 160 but we did not put the ball in the endzone," Clum said, "but we limited our play selection."

"The best thing is we came out of it healthy and got some evaluation done."

Port Clinton's second squad scored once against the Gibsonburg second squad.

At Millbury, Woodmore worked on its running game against Lake, scoring three times. Chris Strickland scored twice on runs of over 50 yards and set up the third TD.

"We looked good in the running game," Woodmore coach Chip Hollenbach said, "we did not have a passing game; we just worked on the run all week."

The Wildcats outscored the Flyers 3-2 on the varsity level.

ROSS AT COLUMBIAN

DATE..... Aug. 30
 STARTING TIME..... 7:30 p.m.
 SITE..... Columbian Stadium
 SERIES RECORD..... Ross leads 23-9-1
 LAST MEETING..... Aug. 24, 1990

Hector Rodriguez rushed for 220 yards and two touchdowns on 32 carries in a 14-7 Ross victory at Harmon Stadium. The winning 12-play, 83-yard drive began after an interception by Kenny Winters stopped Columbian inside the Ross 20. Rodriguez scored the game-winner from 1 yard out after racing 48 yards for a score in the first half. The Little Giants fell behind 7-0 when Columbian opened the scoring midway through the second quarter.

STRANGE BUT TRUE — The teams first started playing each other in 1927 but did not meet from 1953 through 1979. The Little Giants and Tornadoes did not face each other in 1984 or 1985 either.

THREE MATCHUPS TO WATCH — Columbian fullback Greg Melroy vs. the interior of the Ross defensive line. The Tornadoes like to trap block and use Melroy to set up their play-action passing game to the tight end.

The Ross offensive line vs. Columbian defensive tackle Matt Beamer. The Little Giants must neutralize the 6-foot-2, 253-pound Beamer, allowing speedy tailback Tyrone Price to get into

the secondary.

Columbian's sophomore quarterback Rick Fitch vs. the Ross defense. How well Fitch handles the Little Giants' pass rush and manages game situations will help determine the outcome.

STAT OF THE WEEK — Ross has lost its last two games at Columbian Stadium, 36-6 in 1987 and 26-20 in 1989.

QUOTE TO REMEMBER — Ross coach Rex Radeloff: "You must prepare for anything in the first game."

KEY TO THE GAME — Mistakes. The team that plays the cleanest game has the best chance of winning.

Game summary not available....

Beier's Titans at Harmon Friday

By BOB MARKER
 Staff writer

Rex Radeloff and his Ross Little Giants hope that the third time will not be charmed for Toledo St. John's.

The Titans have visited Harmon Stadium twice and lost both times. The first time was 27-8 to Ross in 1978.

The most recent was last year when Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic High School graduate Fred Beier's team lost in overtime to Sandusky in the first round of the Division I playoffs.

Friday night, the Titans and Little Giants square off at Harmon in Week 2 of the high school football season. Both teams are 1-0. Ross defeated Tiffin Columbian 28-7 and St. John blanked Maumee 33-0 the season openers.

"St. John's is a pretty good

team," Radeloff said Tuesday before getting ready for practice.

The Titans have 21 lettermen returning, according to Radeloff.

Offensively, the chief returnees are Toledo All-City receiver Dan Maidlow, a 6-3, 200-pound senior, and quarterback Dave Croci, another senior letterman.

"Maidlow has been excellent," Radeloff said, "and the tailback, Jon Clark. He is strong; he is not excessively fast but he has enough to go the distance."

Radeloff rates senior letterman tackle Bob Wiewtrzykowski, 6-4, 251, as the top lineman.

Nine lettermen are on the offensive side of the ball with four of them — center Steve Gfell, guard Greg Faist, split end Brad Vineyard and Wietrzykowski two-way players.

Wietrzykowski and Gfell line up at the tackles defensively with Faist at an end. Vineyard, a 140-pound senior, is a halfback in the Titans' 4-3 alignment.

Radeloff said he expects the Titan ends to "stay at home," unlike what his team saw in Tiffin last Friday.

"Their four down linemen play it differently than what Columbian played it," the Ross coach said. "Columbian ends penetrated; came across the line and we could trap (block) them easy. These guys do not penetrate — the tackles like to penetrate but the ends like to play on the line so it will be difficult to run our outside plays like we did against Columbian."

Radeloff called Titan middle linebacker Nate Schoen a key to the defense along with the

tackles.

Radeloff said the St. John's secondary is not exceedingly fast.

"Hopefully, we can throw the football," he said. "That will really be the key. It will help us if we can consistently throw the ball."

Last week, Ross had 34 yards passing with 344 yards on the ground. Tyrone Price had 233 of those yards for the Little Giants, most coming outside the tackles.

Radeloff said a defensive key for Ross must come from his front four.

"They must do the job like they did against Tiffin," he said. "They enabled our linebackers to get to the point of attack and make the tackle."

Doug Siesel led the Ross linebackers with seven solo tackles and five assists.

ST. JOHN'S AT ROSS

DATE..... Sept. 6
 STARTING TIME..... 7:30 p.m.
 SITE..... Harmon Stadium
 SERIES RECORD..... Ross leads 1-0
 LAST MEETING..... Sept. 22, 1978

Tom Woelslagel completed 18-of-21 passes in the Little Giants' 27-8 victory. T.J. Brudzinski, the Ross quarterback the previous season, caught 11 passes for 202 yards — a Ross record. Oddly, it was a pass that Brudzinski dropped that led to the touchdown that broke the game open. Woelslagel hit Brudzinski on a crossing pattern at the St. John's 3 in the third quarter. Brudzinski caught the ball, took a step, was hit and fumbled into the end zone where Ross

receiver Fred Vance fell on the ball for the TD.

STRANGE BUT TRUE — Harmon Stadium has not been good to coaches named Beier. Mike Beier, brother of current St. John's coach Fred Beier, brought his Toledo Central Catholic team into Fremont the week before Ross met St. John's in 1978. The homecoming was a sad one for the Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic graduate as the Little Giants rolled over the Fighting Irish 46-14. St. John's lost to Sandusky in a playoff game at Harmon last year.

THREE MATCHUPS TO WATCH — The Ross offensive line vs. the St. John's tackles: 6-4, 251-pound Bob Wietrzykowski and 5-11, 239-pound Steve Gfell. Ross must be able to open

holes large enough for running backs Alec Shawl and Tyrone Price to squeeze through.

The Ross defensive line vs. the same tandem. The Little Giants will have to stop the Titans' penetration.

The St. John's defensive backfield vs. Ross receivers Nick Wolf, Allen Dorsey, Ryan Zimmerman and Bryan Myers.

QUOTE TO REMEMBER — Ross coach Rex Radeloff: "Every week is a big hurdle."

KEYS TO THE GAME — How well the Little Giants handle the Titans' size. Ross also must control the Titans' passing game and get one of its own going.

Titans sting Little Giants

Ross offense bottled up

By BOB MARKER
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Toledo St. John's came into Fremont as Titans, but the nickname could just as well have been "Bee Keepers."

The Titans took the sting out of the Ross Little Giants' offense, and produced more than enough sting of their own in a 21-7 high school football victory at Harmon Stadium Friday night.

The Little Giants were just that, little, compared to the Toledo contingent.

"When you are physically smaller than your opponent," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said, "you must work on basic technique. You have to be aggressive and you better be quick off the ball."

"Don't think a bigger team is any better than a small team — that's not true. It's just whoever comes off the ball and stings you first."

And St. John's was stinging hard Friday night.

Ross generated a minus-24 yards on the ground after rushing for 348 against Tiffin Columbian in the opening week of the season. The Little Giants finished with 108 total yards.

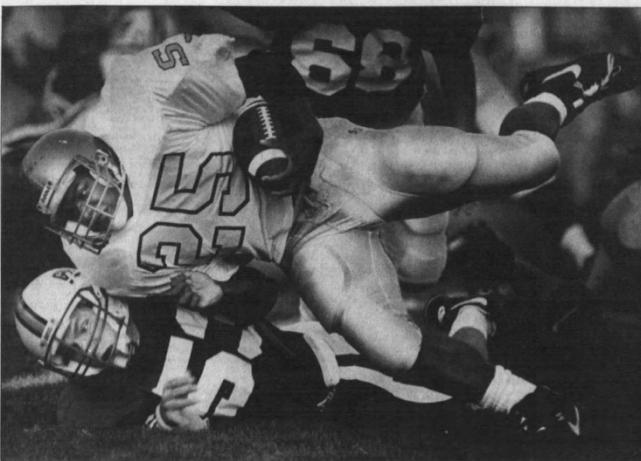
Quarterback Justin Perry completed 11 of 26 passes for 132 yards but was sacked for a minus-38 yards.

Ross tailback Tyrone Price, who rushed for 233 yards a week ago, managed just 7 yards on nine carries as the Titans swarmed to him when he touched the ball.

Coach Fred Beier's Titans, 2-0, broke a 7-7 halftime deadlock with touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters and leveled the Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic Hall of Famer's coaching record in Fremont at 1-1.

St. John's struck quickly, taking the opening kickoff 73 yards in six plays, the last 40 on a fingertip catch by Brad Vineyard on quarterback Dave Croci's pass. It was the first of two big plays by Vineyard and the first of several for Croci.

Ross pulled even with just over two minutes remaining in the half. Set up at the St. John's 36 on the first of a pair of Cory Sewell interceptions, the Little Giants drove to the 2 and faced a fourth-and-goal when quarterback Justin Perry found fullback Alec Shawl alone in the middle of the end zone for the



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JON CLARK of Toledo St. John's stumbles over a fallen Dan Frederick of Fremont Ross during the

first quarter Friday night at Harmon Stadium. The Titans spoiled the home opener with a 21-7 win.



"It's fun to come to a city like this ... where you've got five or six thousand people watching the game — it's exciting."

— Fred Beier
St. John's coach

touchdown.

Ryan Zimmerman, who had hauled in a 20-yard Perry pass to the three, pulled Ross even with the conversion kick.

That was the Little Giants' only sting of the night. In the third quarter, St. John's took control, holding the ball for nearly 10 minutes and taking a 14-7 lead on a 20-yard scoring pass to Jason Dzierwa from Croci. Beier had his team operating out of the "shotgun" formation much of the third quarter.

"We have not used it a whole lot," Beier said in the noisy locker room. "We showed it in our scrimmages and we definitely wanted to use it."

Linebacker Nate Schoen set up the go-ahead touchdown, intercepting Perry at the Ross 34.

After taking over at their own

35 when Ross punted on the next series, Vineyard gave St. John's field position again, rambling 30 yards on a reverse to the Ross 35.

"That was a key play," Beier said. "It really got us good field position the rest of the night."

St. John's did not score on the series when Dan Maidlow's 47-yard field goal attempt was just short and off to the right but the series put Ross deep in its hive.

With Ross's ground game all but erased, Perry began airing it out, only the Titans began taking that away. What Ross had used to sting the Titan secondary in the first half, was taken away by the "Bee Keepers."

"In the first half, we could pass protect halfway decent," Radeloff said. "We got the ball off at times, but in the second half, we just could not handle

it."

Perry was 8-of-12 passing in the first half for 86 yards but just 3-of-14 in the second half. He hooked up with Zimmerman on a 42-yard strike to the St. John's 25 early in the final quarter but the drive stalled at the 23.

Ninety seconds into the final quarter, St. John's put the game on ice, covering 58 yards in 10 plays. Croci passed 21 yards to Dzierwa to the Ross 24 on the second play of the series and picked up 8 of his 64 rushing yards on the next play.

Five plays later, on a third-and-nine, Croci scrambled to the five, setting up Jon Clark's 4-yard gain on a fourth-and-one play. Jon Beier took it in from there and the sting was gone from the Little Giants.

"Our quarterback had a great game," Beier said. "There were a number of times where he should have been sacked ... he made so many plays tonight that got us out of trouble that it was unreal."

Croci had 11 carries for 41 seconds yards. He completed 7 of 14 passes for 138 yards.

Ross, 1-1, will hit the road next Friday, traveling to Sandusky.

"We are going to have to regroup," Radeloff said.

Plus, find their sting.



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ROSS TAILBACK Tyrone Price looks for running room behind the block of fullback Dave Lopez Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

Price gained only seven yards while carrying the football nine times in Toledo St. John's 21-7 victory.

Football

St. John's 21, Ross 7

Score by quarters

St. John's	7	0	7	7-21
Ross	0	7	0	0-7

Scoring

St. John's: Brad Vineyard, 44-yard pass from Dave Croci (Dan Maidlow kick), 9:12, 1st qtr.

Ross: Alec Shawl, 2-yard pass from Justin Perry (Ryan Zimmerman kick), 2:12, 2nd qtr.

St. John's: Jason Dzierwa, 20-yard pass from Croci (Maidlow kick), 7:44, 3rd qtr.

St. John's: Jon Beier, 1-yard run (Maidlow kick), 10:35, 4th qtr.

Team Stats

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First Downs	16	8
Rushes/Yards	47/156	22/-24
Passing Yards	138	132
Passes/Comp./Int.	14/7/2	27/11/1
Punts/Average	3/33.0	5/31.4
Fumbles/Lost	3/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	6/51	2/20

Individual Statistics

Rushing: St. John's: Croci 5/64, Jon Clark 20/45, Vineyard 1/30, Beier 9/19, Steve Wowk 1/4, Ross: Perry 7/-38, Tyrone Price 9/7, Alec Shawl 2/4, Dave Lopez 3/5, Bryan Myers 1/-2.

Passing: St. John's: Croci 14/7/2—138, Ross: Perry 26/11/1—132, Nick Wolf 1/0/0.

Receiving: St. John's: Chad Maxon 1/11, Maidlow 1/15, Vineyard 1/44, Dzierwa 4/68, Ross: Price 3/28, Shawl 1/2, Zimmerman 2/62, Allen Dorsey 2/6, Myers 3/39.

Records: St. John's 2-0, Ross 1-1.

'Throw the records out'

Little Giants set for meeting with Sandusky

By TIM HARMON
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Sandusky is 0-2, and Fremont Ross is 1-1 but it doesn't matter.

"It's always a great football game," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said. "Whether you won or lost the previous week certainly has no effect on this coming game whatsoever."

"Throw the records out."

The Blue Streaks lost to Cleveland Benedictine 3-0 in overtime two weeks ago and were blasted by Cleveland St. Ignatius 43-7 last Saturday.

Toledo St. John's defeated Ross 21-7 last week after the

Little Giants opened the season with a 28-7 victory over Tiffin Columbian.

"We lost against a good team last week and at times played pretty well," Radeloff said. "We threw the ball well, just didn't run it."

Friday's game at Strobel Field will be fraught with emotion, but it will likely be decided by execution of fundamentals.

"Whoever makes the fewest mistakes is going to win," Radeloff said. "Concentrating on individual play and when a play is done, it's done ... don't dwell on it. That's our approach. It's all

mental right now."

Although Sandusky has the perceived advantage of bigger players, the Blue Streaks have seven two-way players — eight on some occasions.

"Yeah, they're bigger than us," Radeloff said. "Most teams are going to be bigger than us."

"I told the kids I don't even want them asking (about size). Who cares how big they're going to be? Whatever the size is, you're going to line up against them and play the game of football."

"Not necessarily is big better. Obviously, if you have the

speed, quickness and size it's an advantage. I think we will be quicker than them up front. I certainly hope so."

Size, you see, is irrelevant in the Little Giants' camp.

"You go with what you have, and our kids are working hard," Radeloff said.

Ross split end Nick Wolf said it should pay off.

"It's been a hard tough week, but that's what we need," Wolf said. "We need to get in shape. When the fourth quarter comes around, hopefully it will be our's."

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Sandusky's first TD beats Little Giants

BY TIM HARMON
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SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross failed to capitalize on scoring opportunities, and Sandusky said thank you with its first offensive touchdown of the season.

After not scoring for nearly 11 quarters — plus an overtime, the Blue Streaks put the only touchdowns they got against Ross to good use in a 7-6 victory Friday night at Strobel Field.

Chris Keys' 55-yard touchdown pass to David Rogers with 37 seconds left in the third quarter broke Sandusky's scoring drought, and Stiner Wright's extra point broke the tie.

"Defensively, we played well the whole way," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said. "We gave up the big play."

"Our safety sat in the middle of the field, the guy ran a post and they threw it over the top of him."

Keys rolled left on the game-breaking play, as he did on most of his 16 throws. Rogers caught the ball in stride at the 31 and completed the first-and-20 play.

"We were happy to get it any way we could," Sandusky coach Larry Cook said. "Our kids were frustrated. We've always been a pretty good offensive football team, and we just had not put all

the parts together.

"The touchdown certainly couldn't have come in a bigger way."

Ross, 1-2, scored its points on its second possession — driving 60 yards in 12 plays before Justin Perry sneaked over from the 1. Kemmies Keys blocked the extra point.

The Little Giants failed to take advantage of a blocked punt three plays after the ensuing kickoff. Five plays after Bryan Myers blocked Chad James' punt and Craig Smith recovered on the Sandusky 23, Ryan Zimmerman's 29-yard field goal attempt was wide left.

"We had everything in the first half go against us," Cook said. "They blocked a punt; they got field position the whole first half; and they can't put the ball in the end zone."

Sandusky, 1-2, managed only 47 yards in the first half. Ross snuffed out the Streaks' lone scoring chance when Ryan Vogel stepped in front of a Keys' pass inside the 20.

"We felt as the half went along, we got closer and closer and closer to things coming our way," Cook said. "We certainly didn't want to go away from our game plan. All we wanted to do was get a little more execution."

We did in the second half and it paid off for us."

Ross used nearly six minutes off the clock on its first possession of the second half, but a holding penalty helped stall the drive.

"We kept Fremont away from the big play," Cook said. "They made some yardage, but we didn't give them the big play. We felt if we could keep them away from the big play and make them drive the ball, we had a chance to beat them."

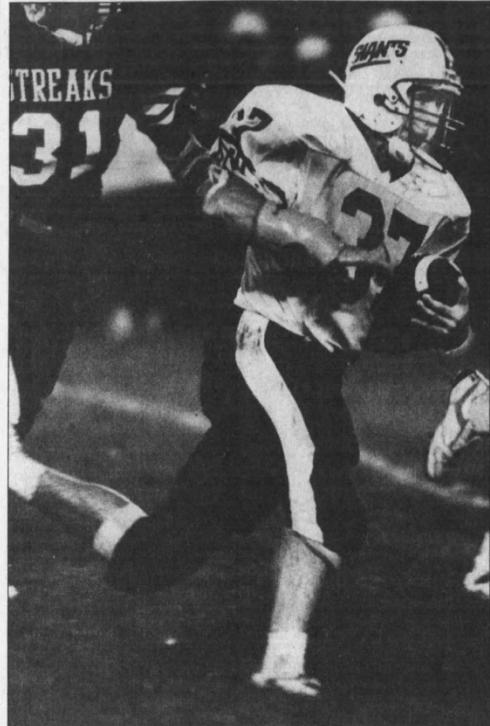
Tyrone Price rushed for 118 yards in 26 carries, but his largest gain was 20 yards with 3:11 remaining. Alec Shawl gained 58 yards on 10 carries.

"It's driving me crazy," Radeloff said. "We have not one play that we can consistently run on a consistent basis ... assignment-wise, technique-wise that we can run that play time and time again and be somewhat successful."

"My biggest concern right now is the passing game. We're really struggling. We do well in practice and we're very knowledgeable of what we accomplish, but we're not getting it accomplished on the game night."

Perry completed 2 of 16 passes for 32 yards.

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News-Messenger/Chris Walker
ALEC SHAWL (37) of Ross cuts upfield for a 15-yard return on a first quarter punt against Sandusky at Strobel Field in Sandusky Friday night. The Blue Streaks nipped the Ross 7-6.

ROSS

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Sandusky started its touch-down drive at its 28 and picked up two first downs. A holding penalty left the Streaks with first-and-20 at their own 45.

"When they were giving the 'trips' coverage, we weren't overcompensating to the 'trips' formation but we were creating away from that a one-on-one situation with the corner," Radeloff said. "That's the way we would attack. We would go there so we know that's where they're going to go. It puts a lot of pressure on individual players, but that's the way we're defending it."

"Then we went motion, and the safety squatted, stayed in the middle and the guy ran a post and ran behind him for a touch-down."

Ross did have a chance to answer, however.

One play after a Nick Wolf punt early in the third quarter, Bill Barberree recovered a Jeff Corso fumble at the Sandusky 21.

Ross converted a fourth-and-one and faced fourth-and-three from the 4 with 6:43 remaining. After a timeout, Zimmerman missed to the left with a 21-yard field goal attempt.

"With the situation we were in, we had to go for the field goal," Radeloff said.

The Little Giants got the ball back at their own with 3:11 left. After Price's 20-yard gain, Sandusky stopped Price for a gain of 1 and Perry threw three straight incompletions.

Football

High School

Sandusky 7, Ross 6

Score by quarters

Ross	6	0	0	0	—6
Sandusky	0	0	7	0	—7

Scoring

Ross: Justin Perry, 1-yard run (kick blocked), 3:10, 1st.

Sandusky: David Rogers, 55-yard pass from Chris Keys (Stiner Wright kick), 0:37, 3rd.

Team Stats

	R	8
First Downs	16	8
Rushes/Yards	48/199	26/89
Passing Yards	32	92
Passes/Comp./Int.	16/2/0	16/6/1
Punts/Average	5/36.4	6/41.2
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	3/31	5/25

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Ross: Tyrone Price 26/118, Alex Shawl 10/58, Perry 11/22, Dave Lopez 1/0. Sandusky, Paul Watson 8/33, C. Keys 8/39, Eric Irby 5/8, Jeff Corso 3/7, Bobby Stacey 2/2.

Passing: Ross, Perry 16/2/0—32. Sandusky, C. Keys 16/6/1.

Receiving: Ross, Nick Wolf 1/10, Ryan Zimmerman 1/22. Sandusky, David Rogers 3/68, Adam Byington 1/8, Kemmes Keys 1/9.

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

Little Giants face tough road

Ross opens first GLL campaign against Toledo Whitmer

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Rex Radeloff has said it many times before: "It doesn't get any easier."

Friday is another chapter in that scenario.

Whitmer, 2-1, visits Fremont to help Ross open its first Great Lake League football season.

"Another tough one," Radeloff said.

Like 1990, Ross is coming off a loss as it prepares for Whitmer. Last year it was a 31-0 swamping by Sandusky. This past week, the Blue Streaks hit one big play and topped Ross 7-6.

"My dilemma right now, coming off a tough loss," Radeloff said, "even though it was not as big as last year — this year, it was still another big loss."

"We (coaches) got to pump'em up and come back against an excellent football team. We may be one and two right now with losses to two real good football teams, especially St. John's, but our main goal is still there. That is the league championship. That

is what we strive to do year in and year out. We are all undefeated right now."

The last game with Whitmer will not go down in the pleasant memories file for Radeloff and the Little Giants. Whitmer crushed Ross 27-7 in 1990, atoning for a 35-0 setback the year before at the hands of the Little Giants.

"That was the worst game we played all year," Radeloff said.

Last week's game at Sandusky will go down as one of the most stunning in memory.

Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siesel was shocked after his team clearly dominated the Blue Streaks.

"I thought we were intense and played well as a unit; everyone did their job," Siesel said. "We contained them on the outside part of the game and shut them down inside. We held their passing attack in check except for one play."

That "play" was a 55-yard scoring strike from Sandusky quarterback Chris Keys to David

Rogers with 37 seconds left in the third quarter. Stiner Wright's extra point was decisive.

"The defense literally shut down the passing game," Radeloff said. "We knew they were not real efficient at that to begin with but the kid came up with a nice spiral right on the money."

While Sandusky hit one big play, Whitmer is capable of several.

"They are a better offensive team," Siesel said about the Panthers in comparison to Sandusky. "We are going to see a lot of things."

Whitmer runs out of the "I", wishbone and single-back formations. Junior quarterback Justin Keller is adept at running the option from the 'bone and is better than an adequate passer.

To combat Whitmer's multiple formations, Siesel plans to use a few of his own.

"We are putting in a different defensive look for certain sets... change responsibilities a little bit," he said, but added, "basically, we have to play good, solid football. We always tell our

kids there is only one football out there and we have to find the guy who has it."

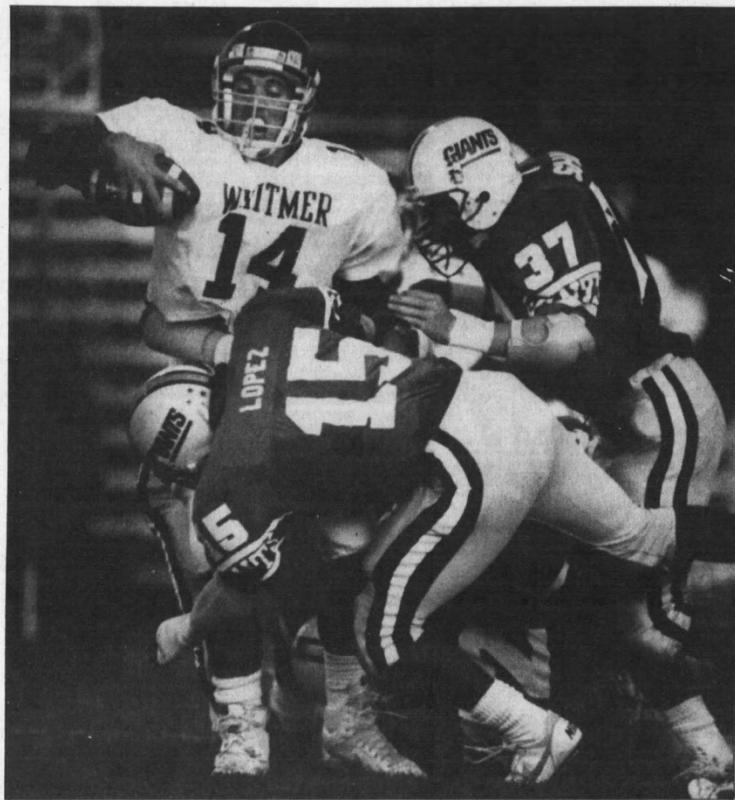
The Ross defense has played well in both losses and Siesel knows why.

"What we are getting is everybody is pretty much doing their job," he explained. "... everyone basically knows what their job is and carrying it out."

Siesel's lineup usually has Damon Walker and Troy Ritzman at the ends with Todd Desbin and Richie Shull at the tackles. Doug Siesel, who is responsible for calling the defensive audibles for the Little Giants, and Dave Lopez are the inside linebackers with Bill Barberre and Dan Frederick at the outside linebacker spots. Cory Sewell and Scott Root are the halfbacks with Alec Shawl at safety.

Whoever walks on the field for the defense or offense for Ross Friday, Siesel and Radeloff concur what has to be done.

"We have to really buckle down," Siesel said.



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LITTLE GIANT linebacker Dave Lopez tackles Toledo Whitmer quarterback Justin Kelly as Alec

Shawl moves in to help Friday night at Harmon Stadium. Whitmer won 34-7.

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ers packed 162 of those yards on three carries.

Ross was held to 145 yards on the ground and 35 in the air in the game while Whitmer had 389 yards of total offense.

After taking a 7-0 lead with four minutes remaining in the first half on Brian Gardner's 39-yard run, Gardner bolted 63 yards to the Ross 39 on the first play of the second half. Chris Reese finished the drive on the next play and Jeff Hoover's second conversion put Ross down 14-0 just 40 seconds into the third period.

"We got behind in the second half and we got behind the eight ball and it was tough to catch up," Radeloff said.

Still, Ross answered the Panthers' quick strike with a five-play, 74-yard drive. Tailback Tryone Price picked up 44 of his 110 yards rushing, on the second play to the Whitmer 28. Three plays later, Alec Shawl cut off left guard and outran the Panther defense 19 yards for the touchdown. Ryan Zimmerman's kick cut the Whitmer lead in half.

After that, the Little Giants never crossed midfield.

Whitmer followed the Ross score with a three-play 72-yard drive. Reese provided the run that broke the Little Giants' backs. Taking a pitch from quarterback Justin Keller, Reese was hemmed in by a pair of Ross tacklers in the Panther backfield, but the 5-7, 155-pound junior, broke through, eluded three more Little Giants and ran out of

another's arms while reversing field and breaking into the clear, putting Whitmer up 21-7.

"We didn't anticipate Chris Reese making that run," Whitmer coach Pat Gucciaro said. "or Brian Gardner. Brian we have seen run before, so we knew he could run pretty well, but Chris Reese made that great run and I think that sparked the whole team and blew that thing open."

Radeloff said, "We have had our trouble with big plays; I wish I had the answers to that. I thought overall our defense — we have been real solid — just did not perform. We tackled poorly, very poorly."

Keller scored on a 4-yard run and Hoover, Keller's backup, scored on a 41-yard run in the final quarter.

In the first half, Ross played well but was its own worst enemy, turning the ball over three times on two fumbles and an interception. Reese's midfield theft and 11-yard return to the Ross 39 of a Justin Perry pass set up Gardner's scoring run.

First-half Ross drives died at the 17 when Zimmerman's 35-yard field goal attempt was short and at the Panther 28 when Perry's fumble was recovered by Brian Miskowski.

"The tough part of this is that I felt we played a very good first half," Radeloff said, "then to come out (in the second half), it was a completely different ballgame. I thought we had a good first half; we were confident coming out (in the second half), but then to let the big play just crack us completely and then fall apart, is difficult to take."

"There's not much more I can say."

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Whitmer smacks Ross 34-7

Little Giants
fall to 1-3

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

It was a case of the teacher disciplining the pupil for missing assignments.

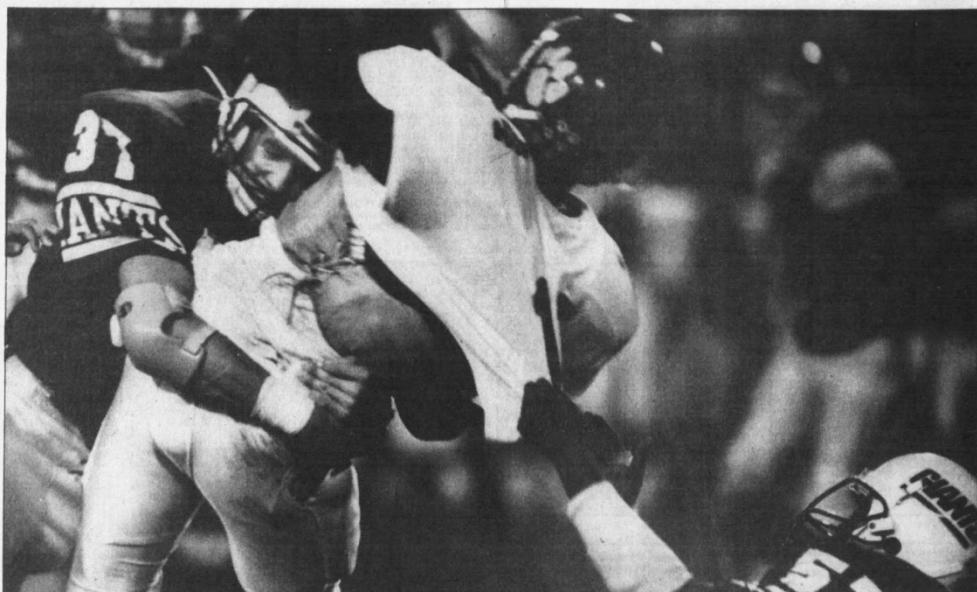
When the classroom had cleared at Harmon Stadium Friday night, the Whitmer "teachers" smacked the Ross "pupils" 34-7.

The teacher severely disciplined the Little Giants in the second half of the Great Lakes League opener.

"Defending the option," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said about the Whitmer wishbone, "is assignment football. You have to have somebody assigned to the fullback, to the quarterback and to the pitch man, which we had."

"Now, what didn't get accomplished?" he asked and then answered, "assignments. There were times we had breakdowns of assignments ... you have to have all three people covered and we did not have it done."

Whitmer, after being held to 122 rushing yards in the first half, rolled through the Ross defense for 238 yards on 18 plays in the final 24 minutes. The Pan-



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

Damon Walker pulls Kelly down from behind during the Panthers' 34-7 victory over the Little Giants.

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High School

Whitmer 34, Ross 7

Score by quarters

Whitmer	0	7	14	13	34
Ross	0	0	7	0	7

Scoring

Whitmer: Brian Gardner, 39 run (Jeff Hoover kick), 4:10, 2nd.

Whitmer: Chris Reese, 3 run (Hoover kick), 11:20, 3rd.

Ross: Alec Shawl, 19 run (Ryan Zimmerman kick), 8:26, 3rd.

Whitmer: Reese, 57 run (Hoover kick), 6:40, 3rd.

Whitmer: Justin Keller, 4 run (kick failed), 4:13, 4th.

Whitmer: Hoover, 4 run (Jeremy Fritz kick), 1:52, 4th.

Team Stats

	W	R
First Downs	15	10
Rushes/Yards	39/360	38/145
Passing Yards	29	35
Passes/Comp./Int.	11/3/1	11/4/1
Punts/Average	4/30.0	6/32.2
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	3/2
Penalties/Yards	6/60	4/42

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Whitmer, Keller 5/8, Gardner 13/162, Darnell Mays 1/21, Jeff Tomaszewski 3/7, Reese 12/111, Hoover 1/41, Jamie Young 4/10. Ross, Justin Perry 8/26, Tyrone Price 19/110, Shawl 11/61.

Passing: Whitmer, Keller 10/2/1—23, Hoover 1/1/0—6. Ross, Perry 11/4/1—35.

Receiving: Brian Miskowski 1/6, Tomaszewski 1/13, Tony Scarlato 1/10. Ross, Shawl 1/12, Zimmerman 1/5, Allen Dorsey 1/4, Nick Wolf 1/14.

Records: Whitmer 3-1 (1-0), Ross 1-3 (0-1).

Little Giants know Findlay

By BOB MARKER

Staff writer

It's not a cure-all, but Findlay will be a nice team to see Friday, Fremont Ross coach Rex Radeloff says.

Not that Radeloff expects an easy game, but because the Trojans are an old rival.

The game will be far from easy for the 1-3 Little Giants, but preparing the players mentally is one of Radeloff's easier tasks.

"It will be an emotional lift playing an old rival," Radeloff said.

"I know one thing: Whatever sport it is, ask the kids what team they really want to play well and win against, and Findlay is one of them. They really enjoy competing against and beating them."

The Little Giants need a "pick me up" after three consecutive losses, the last a 34-7 setback by Toledo Whitmer in the Great Lakes League opener last Friday.

Radeloff felt that his team was still in the game despite falling behind 14-0 early in the third quarter. Ross scored quickly after that to make it 14-7, but Whitmer dominated after a twisting 57-yard run by Chris Reese in which he eluded five Ross defenders.

"You can't dwell on the past," Radeloff said. "All coaches have great cliches when you lose, but it comes down to the bottom line: We just got to work a little harder, get a little better and win a ball game. That will perk us up."

Old rival Findlay provides the incentive.

"We are coming back to a team that we have played for years," Radeloff said. "Not as often as Sandusky, but it is a great rivalry. We have had some exciting ball games and I am sure it will be that way this Friday night, but I hope not. I hope we can put it together, play well, perform well."

"I don't want a close game. Let's just win one — I'll take a win whether it's one point or 25."

The Trojans are 2-2, defeating Maumee and Cleveland John Adams before losing to Toledo St. John's and Marion Harding the last two weeks.

It will be the 66th game between the former Buckeye Conference rivals with the Little Giants holding a decisive 43-19-3 edge. Ross has won the last nine clashes, posting a 28-0 victory last season.

"They have some excellent athletes," Radeloff said.

Chris Ireland, a 6-foot-3, 180-pound senior, returns at quarterback with 1990 all-state pick Aaron Gralak (6-foot-3, senior) at wide receiver. Those two promise to be a problem for the Little Giants, but Radeloff is wary of familiar name in recent Findlay history: Wauford.

Brian Wauford is a 6-foot, 240-pound senior who plays offensive tackle and defensive end.

"He gave us fits last year at defensive tackle," Radeloff said. "They moved him out to end (this year) and he will be tough to handle."

Findlay has a good nucleus of veterans.

"The problem is," Radeloff said, "they have a lot of kids (seven) going both ways. Whether they can do that the whole game, we'll have to wait and see."

Ross is fairly healthy for the game but has definitely lost center Doug Fitzgerald for the season. The 5-foot-10, 200-pound senior, injured a knee during last week's practice and was to have arthroscopic surgery this week.

Also in doubt as of Tuesday was tailback Tyrone Price, the Little Giants leading rusher.

Price twisted his ankle in the first half last week but finished the game. He was sitting out of practice this week and a determination on his status will be made today.

Ross falls in final seconds

Trojans end losing ways

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Marlon Berry was not dreaming of scoring; he was trying to give his team a shot at a field goal.

But Berry created a nightmare for Fremont Ross.

Berry's 13-yard run into the left corner of the end zone with 10 seconds remaining Friday night gave Findlay a 21-14 high school football victory over the Little Giants at Harmon Stadium.

"Our end crashed down, their end was hooked and I was supposed to run to midfield to get into position for a field goal," Berry said. "When I saw it was open on the outside, I ran hard to the pylon."

The win, Findlay's first over Ross in nine years, snapped the Trojans' losing streak at two and extended the Little Giants' skid to four.

"I looked at our first five games," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said, "and I felt they would be the toughest that we have had since I have been here.

"I knew we could be like this (1-4). I knew that we were going to beat Tiffin Columbian, but I also knew that the next four would be a tossup. Now we have to regroup and go after the next five."

Berry's dash put an exclamation point on a night when the Little Giants were their own toughest opponent.

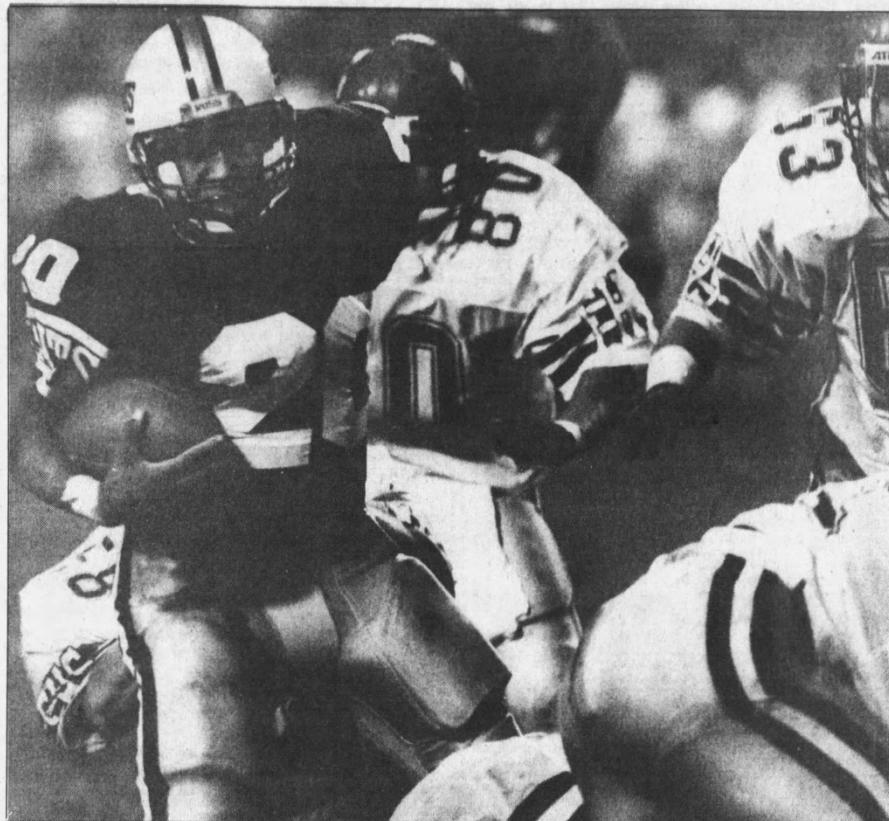
Ross, 1-4, had a pair of touchdowns called back, committed a pair of costly encroachment penalties that kept a Findlay scoring drive alive and had a punt blocked — setting up another Trojans' touchdown.

"We made some crucial mistakes," Radeloff said quietly in the silence beneath the stadium. "Anytime two touchdowns are called back makes it difficult to win the game."

A 29-yard scoring strike from Justin Perry to Ryan Zimmerman gave Ross a 7-0 lead five minutes into the second quarter.

Ross fullback Alec Shawl rumbled through a big hole in the middle of the Findlay line and ran untouched 56 yards for a score midway through the second quarter, but the touchdown was negated by a holding penalty.

Four plays later, Nick Wolf's punt was blocked by Trojan lineman John Bihm — setting Find-



CORY SEWELL looks for running room against Findlay Friday night at Harmon Stadium. News-Messenger/Chris Walker

lay up on the Ross 15.

A 9-yard Chris Ireland to Lamont Paris pass tied the score with 2:10 left in the first half.

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On the first Ross series of the second half, Wolf's leaping catch in the back of the end zone on a 23-yard pass from Justin Perry was erased when the Little Giants were again flagged for holding. Four plays later, Findlay took over when Perry's fourth-and-13 pass fell incomplete.

The four plays — five counting the penalty — were the only plays in the third quarter for Ross. The Little Giants' series was set up when Scott Root stripped the ball from Berry's hands and recovered it at the Trojan 23.

Findlay, 3-2, took over at its 26 and marched 74 yards in 15 plays, the final 20 on Ireland's option run to the right. That was the drive kept alive by two Ross encroachment penalties — the first was on a fourth-and-five with Findlay in punt formation at its 31 and the other was on a

third-and-three at the Trojan 43.

"Defensively, on third and long," Radeloff said, "we may have stopped them one time but on the fourth-and-four, we gave them the first down and they took it down and scored."

Ross charged back, driving 61 yards on 14 plays. Cory Sewell, who started at tailback in place of Tyrone Price, scored from a yard away on a fourth-and-goal with 7:12 remaining in the game.

Sewell carried 11 times for 40 yards in the drive. Price, nursing a sprained ankle, played in the first three quarters but did not see action in the final 12 minutes.

"Offensively, we had the long drive and scored when we had to," Radeloff said. "But defensively, we are having difficulty stopping anyone; I think we had only five (offensive) plays in the third quarter."

Ball control, on this night, was Findlay's main weapon.

"I know Jim Caserta (Findlay coach)," Radeloff said, "and I know he wanted to get the ball and hang on to it. He was afraid

of our two running backs (Shawl and Price) and as long as he had the ball, they could not hurt him."

On Findlay's winning drive, Caserta's game plan worked to perfection.

Taking over with 7:12 remaining, the Trojans used 18 plays and took 7:02 off the clock to march 71 yards. Along the way, the Trojans picked up first downs by converting on four third downs and a fourth-down play.

Facing a fourth-and-seven at the Ross 29, Ireland hit Aaron Gralak for 12 yards and a first down at the 17. Berry ran to the 13 and after an Ireland pass fell incomplete, Berry came up with his game-winner.

"Like in any game, we need to be able to run some to hang onto the ball," Caserta said.

"(Berry) had been hitting off tackle pretty good. We felt we could get to the middle of the field thinking they were looking for a play-action pass and may be a little soft on the run."

Caserta was right.

Football

High School

Findlay 21, Ross 14

Score by quarters

Findlay	0	7	7	7-21
Ross	0	7	0	7-14

Scoring

Ross: Ryan Zimmerman, 29 pass from Justin Perry (Zimmerman kick), 7:10, 2nd.

Findlay: Lamont Paris, 9 pass from Chris Ireland (Brian Beall kick), 2:09, 2nd.

Findlay: Ireland, 20 run (Beall kick), 0:19, 3rd.

Ross: Cory Sewell, 1 run (Zimmerman kick), 7:12, fourth.

Findlay: Marlon Berry, 13 run (Beall kick), 0:10, 4th.

Team Stats

	F	R
First Downs	15	11
Rushes/Yards	36/96	41/124
Passing Yards	124	50
Passes/Comp./Int.	19/11/1	11/4/1
Punts/Average	2/29.5	1/45
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	3/1
Penalties/Yards	8/60	6/55

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Findlay, Ireland 10/41, Berry 18/44, Steve Strahm 3/4, Phil Warner 3/10, Aaron Gralak 1/4, J.C. Keller 1/10. Ross, Perry 5/9, Sewell 13/61, Alex Shawl 7/30, David Lopez 1/0, Tyrone Price 14/43, Nick Wolf 1/3.

Passing: Findlay, Ireland 19/11/1—124. Ross, Perry 11/4/1—50.

Receiving: Findlay, Berry 1/10, Paris 4/39, Gralak 5/69, Kyle Korecky 1/6. Ross, Price 1/12, Allen Dorsey 2/9, Zimmerman 1/29.

Records: Findlay 3-2, Ross 1-4.

Little Giants hungry for first GLL win

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Fremont Ross travels to Sylvania Friday night, searching for its first-ever Great Lakes League victory.

The Little Giants take on Northview in a clash featuring teams that have fallen on bad times. Northview, after an 0-10 season in 1990, won its first two games this season but has dropped its last three. Ross, after opening with a win at Tiffin Columbian, has lost four in a row.

The Little Giants and Wildcats are 0-1 in the GLL with both losses at the hands of Whitmer. Ross fell to the Panthers 34-7

after trailing 7-0 at halftime. Northview lost to Whitmer 35-0 last Friday.

"They have some excellent athletes," Ross coach Rex Radloff said. "They have a good quarterback, tailback and a good wide receiver. Those are the offensive weapons."

"At this point, I'd evaluate them as a better offensive team than a defensive team — they seem to do a much better job offensively."

Quarterback Jeff Sander has passed for 361 yards this season with wide receiver Bill Pohlman hauling in 13 of his 26 completions for 225 yards. The tailback is Lee Kramer.

Sander will run the option for the Wildcats, an offense that has bothered the Little Giants this season. Plus, Sander, at times, has had bright spots in the passing attack.

"That's one area we have to improve on," Radloff said about defending the option attack. "It's a total package of pass coverage. Last week against Findlay, we were third-and-long a number of times and (the Trojans) converted each time.

"Two things, we had limited pressure (on the quarterback), so we have to get pressure on the quarterback. And two, we were out of position a number of

times, especially in underneath coverage. They didn't hurt us deep at all, they hurt us underneath.

"... I would think that is where Northview will go after us."

While the Ross linebackers did not have a good game, the Little Giants' defensive line also did not play well.

"We have to shore up the defense," Radloff said. "We have to do a much better job with the front four; the linebackers were just getting hammered in the second half (against Findlay). They could not get free to make plays ... the way you want a defense to work is you have to cre-

ate double-teams. A down lineman cannot be blocked one-on-one.

"If you play a '50' defense, your nose man cannot be blocked one-on-one. If you can block the nose, then you can create running lanes."

Northview plays the "50" and it will set up a key matchup between sophomores. Craig Smith, a 5-foot-11, 215-pounder is the Ross center and Dallas Futch, 5-foot-9, 160 is Northview's nose guard. Smith, after drawing a starting assignment two weeks ago at offensive tackle, moved into center against Findlay.

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"He did a good job for us," Radeloff said. "He made some mistakes but again, he is only a sophomore. He will be tested right away."

While that will be a key battle, it is the defense that worries Radeloff.

"Our tackles have to create double-teams," he said. "If they get blocked one-on-one, that means other people can come in on our linebackers and that is what happened (against Findlay). Our linebackers, at times,

A dogleg-like tee on the 12th hole.

A waste area (which a player may ground his club in) along side the narrow 13th green.

A pronounced cut of fringe that disrupts the 14th green.

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missed tackles but at other times were blocked because we were getting blocked up front."

Radeloff said he and his staff must find people who can get the job done.

"If that means personnel changes, then that is what we have to do," he said.

While the Little Giants are struggling with a 1-4 record, Radeloff remains positive.

"The players understand that we are still in the hunt for the GLL," he said. "We have to win these next four and create a chance to tie or win it outright in that last game; that is what we are looking for, but we have to take them one at a time."

The last game on the Ross schedule is with undefeated Fostoria.

But Ross has four games to go before that.

"We have to win the next four to set that up and we definitely can," Radeloff said.

"Take one" of "taking them one at a time" is Friday.

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Ross back in win column

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

SYLVANIA — Fremont Ross opened its arsenal Friday night and shelled Sylvania Northview 34-6 in a Great Lakes League football game.

Dipping deep into its bag of plays, Ross turned Tyrone "Toddy" Price loose and stood back as its defense collected itself to snap a four-game losing

streak and extend Northview's winless skid to four. Ross is 2-4 and 1-1 in the GLL race while the Wildcats slipped to 2-4 and 0-2.

"I tell you," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said, "if you have never played this game, it is tough to explain what it feels like to lose. To lose one is tough. Lose two and it gets a little tougher; you lose 4 in a row, it just hurts ... it really hurts."

"When you win, it makes it better; you heal. The kids feel great and the coaching staff is rejuvenated. It makes it much easier to get up in the morning and start preparing for next week."

Ross used a reverse to set up a touchdown and a trio of trick plays on points-after-touchdown attempts.

Price scored on runs of 20, 1

and 10 yards while rolling through the Wildcat defense for 223 yards on 31 carries. It was the second time Price has gone over 200 yards rushing this season. The GLL rushing leader had 233 yards in the season opener against Tiffin Columbian.

"We stayed with some things that were working for us," Radeloff said. "We wanted to run the isolation play inside but the line-

backers were stepping up and doing a pretty good job. So we went with the mis-direction play with Toddy and that was a big play for us."

The Ross defense, which had been porous in the four losses, especially in the second halves of the losses, held Northview to 117 total yards. Tony Mitsopoulos, returning to action after recov-

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ering from an injury, had 61 of those yards on one play for the Wildcats.

"Overall," Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siegel said, "they definitely played better. It was just a big improvement in wanting to get to the football, doing their job and getting after people."

Northview stopped Ross on its first series but on the next, Ross drove 62 yards in five plays. Price ran 37 yards to the Wildcat 23 on the third play and two plays later, went 20 yards around right end for the TD 7½ minutes into the game.

Quarterback Justin Perry scored the two-point conversion off the Little Giants' spread-out alignment. Perry, the holder, faked putting the ball down for kicker Ryan Zimmerman, sprinted right, picked up a block from Cory Sewell and scored.

Later, Perry passed off the spread and with Ross in a regular alignment for the PAT kick, he tossed a shovel pass to David Lopez. The pass plays failed but Ross had opened up an arsenal that had been closed in the first five games.

"There are plenty of plays left," Ross offensive coordinator Dan Fought about the diversified play calling. "It's just being able to execute them."

"We made our minds up early in the week that we were going to go for two every time," Fought said about his PAT play calling.

"The shovel pass? We have

been working on it for three years, but we were just having fun out there tonight."

Ross took a 20-0 lead at the half, scoring on a 10-yard Perry-to-Nick Wolf pass and Price's 1-yard run.

The lead climbed to 28-0 eight minutes into the second half. Alex Shawl returned a Jeff Sander punt 37 yards to the Northview 48 to set up an eight-play drive. Perry rolled around right end from 12 yards out on a fourth-and-seven play for the TD.

Mitsopolus set up Northview's score on the next series, dashing

61 yards to the Ross 7. The junior tailback burst around left end, was hemmed in by a group of Ross defenders but cut back against the grain to break into the clear.

"He made a nice move," Siegel said. "We were all flying to the football and over-pursued and he cut back behind us."

Still, it took a fourth-down pass from the 6 to put the Wildcats on the board. Sandy hit tight end Thom Ibinson in the back of the end zone for the TD.

Ross added to its lead on Price's third scoring run two

minutes into the final quarter. The key play in the eight-play, 67-yard drive was Wolf's 20-yard run on a reverse to the Northview 14. Wide receiver Bryan "Moe" Myers sprung Wolf loose at the 30 with a block that knocked down the defensive back.

After that, both coaches flooded the field with reserve players.

The only smudge on the Ross night was injuries to defensive lineman Todd Desbin and linebacker Aronell Bulger. Both suffered ankle injuries.

Ross travels to defending GLL-champ Bedford Friday.

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Football

High School

Ross 34, Northview 6

Score by quarters

Ross	8	12	8	6—34
Northview	0	0	6	0—6

Scoring

Ross: Tyrone Price, 20 run (Justin Perry run), 5:34, 1st.

Ross: Nick Wolf, 10 pass from Perry (pass failed), 11:54, 1st.

Ross: Price, 1 run (pass failed), 4:52, 2nd.

Ross: Perry, 12 run (Price run), 4:20, 3rd.

Northview: Thom Ibinson, 6 pass from Jeff Sander (kick failed), 1:29, 3rd.

Ross: Price, 10 run (pass failed), 10:01, 4th.

Team Stats

	R	N
First Downs	19	7
Rushes/Yards	47/284	26/93
Passing Yards	53	24
Passes/Comp./Int.	9/5/1	16/3/0
Punts/Average	1/38.1	5/37.2
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	3/0
Penalties/Yards	5/55	2/16

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Ross, Perry 1/12, Price 31/223, Alec Shawl 3/8, David Lopez 3/12, Wolf 1/20, Melvin Rusch 3/1, Mike Lather 5/18. Northview, Sander 3/5, John Eberle 4/13, Lee Kramer 2/21, Chris Gomoll 4/14, Joe Baker 1/15, Tony Mitsopolus 6/76, Josh Nichols 3/4, Jason Giha 3/15.

Passing: Ross, Perry 7/4/1—44, Brian T. Wilson 2/1/0—9. Northview, Sandusky 16/3/0—24.

Receiving: Ross, Wolf 3/23, Ryan Zimmerman 1/21, Jason Matney 1/9. Northview, Mitsopolus 1/0, Ibinson 2/24.

Records: Ross 2-4 (1-1), Northview 2-4 (0-2). N

Little Giants prepared to cross the border

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

It's been over 31 years since a Ross High School football team has left the state to play a game.

In fact, this year's edition of the Little Giants is only the second Ross team to cross the state's borders. The first border crossing covered 300 miles; this year the trip will be approximately 50.

On Sept. 10, 1960, Ross flew to Louisville, Ky., to play Flaget Catholic High School; Friday, Ross travels to Bedford, Mich.

Ross coach Rex Radeloff was less than amazed about the facts of the Little Giants' border crossings.

"Hey, it's a conference game," he said about Friday's game, "... If it's out of state, that's no concern of ours. All I know is it's a step towards a conference championship and we have to beat 'em whether we play them on a field, parking lot or wherever."

What does concern Radeloff is the

Mules' defensive middle: tackles Jess Hurley and Matt Gregory and linebackers Rob McBroom and Mike Wesley.

Bedford is 2-3 with a 2-1 Great Lakes League record. A year ago, the Mules were 8-1 and won their second GLL title; the first was in 1966.

"They had a great senior class last year," Radeloff said, "and they have a nucleus of seven lettermen back on defense including the interior two tackles and two linebackers. I'll tell you what, the two down people, are as good as we have faced all year."

Hurley, oddly, is the tailback on offense and wears No. 1 while playing defensive tackle. The 5-6, 170-pounder is teamed with 6-2, 220-pound senior Matt Gregory at the other tackle.

Bedford shows a six-man front defensively but Radeloff says it is actually a "4-4." The outside linebackers are up on the line and appear to be the ends but will move out on coverage.

"It is a stunting defense," Radeloff said. Bedford lost to Detroit Central Catholic (26-6) in its opener and fell to Adrian (12-0) the next week. Both Michigan teams are state powers. The Mules defeated Napoleon 21-7 before being buried by Fostoria 69-0.

"Against Fostoria, there were a couple of scores that should not have been scores," Radeloff said. "They were in position to make plays and they just didn't do it. Once Fostoria got up 21-0, it was all over."

"They got a lot better real fast, though," the Ross coach said.

Last week, the Mules surprised Oregon Clay 12-7.

"I think we can move the ball but my concern right now is the two defensive tackles and linebackers; we have to control those people. If we don't, it could be a long night for us."

Offensively, Radeloff expects to see several formations, including the wishbone

along with double slots, the "I" and power-I.

The Little Giants, 2-4 and 1-1 in league play, are coming off a 34-6 win over Northview, a victory that snapped a four-game losing streak.

Ross has one player who is doubtful this week, defensive tackle Todd Desbin, who injured an ankle in the win over Northview.

DIRECTIONS: To get to the field in Bedford, according to directions from the Ross Athletic Department, take Route 20 to I-280 north; take I-280 to I-75 and then north on I-75 and exit at Alexis Road. Go left on Alexis to Jackman Road and turn right; Turn left on Dean and then right on Douglas. The stadium is on Douglas about a mile past Bedford High School.

Another route is to take I-75 south to I-475 west; turn right on Douglas off I-475.

There is no presale on tickets. All tickets are \$3 at the gate.

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Ross corrals Mules 20-12

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

BEDFORD, Mich. — Fremont Ross put 20 points on the scoreboard and then held off Bedford for a 20-12 Great Lakes League football victory Friday night.

Ross won for the second straight time, climbing to 3-4 and 2-1 in the GLL. Bedford is 2-4 and 2-2.

The Little Giants dominated the Mules in the first half, grabbing a 14-0 lead while the Ross defense took the kick out of Bedford.

Ross, after taking the opening kickoff, started from its own 11 after a clipping penalty on the return. Two plays later, Little Giants' quarterback Justin Perry hooked up with tight end Ryan Zimmerman for a 32-yard gain on a third-and-10 play.

"We didn't throw the ball that often tonight," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said, "but it (passing



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game) was there.

"I guess you could say it was conservative play. We wanted to go in, establish the running game; if the pass was there, we were going to take it. Probably should have taken it more often because it was there all night."

Tyrone "Toddy" Price, after gaining no yardage on his first three carries while challenging the middle of the Mule line, took a quick pitch from Perry and rambled 23 yards around left end to the Bedford 30.

"The two defensive tackles (Jee Hurley and Matt Gregory) were our concern all week,"

Radeloff said. "We knew we had to bounce it; we had to get it outside as much as we could and when they started going outside, we began coming back inside."

On the next play following Price's run, fullback Alex Shawl bolted over left guard on a trap play and covered the remaining yardage, putting Ross up 7-0 at the 8:44 mark of the first quarter.

"We were consistent when we had to be," Radeloff said. "The offensive line took charge early. Toddy had some nice runs, broke

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some tackles the way he had to and I thought that was a big key."

The Ross lead climbed to 14-0 midway through the second quarter. Defensive back Cory Sewell set up the TD, intercepting the first of his two passes and returning it 19 yards to the 24. A personal foul on Bedford on Sewell's theft moved the ball at the 12.

Perry, on a option around right end, scored from 10 yards out with 6:36 remaining in the half.

Ross bottled up the Mules' offense, limiting Bedford to 39 yards and 38 more in the air. The majority of Bedford's first half yardage, 51, came on the final drive of the half. The Mules reached the Ross 29 before self-destructing.

Quarterback Randy Krupp tossed a 23-yard pass to Chad Zuenen at the Ross 6 but the play was wiped out on a Bedford holding penalty.

Ross scored on its second series of the first half, driving 71 yards in seven plays. Perry, who had his best passing game of the season with 4-of-7 for 96 yards, passed 22 yards to Nick Wolf to

the Bedford 49 and hit Zimmerman at the 34 on another pass. Price, who finished with 140 yards on 24 carries, ran 27 to the 7 but on the next play, the Ross junior suffered an ankle injury while carrying to the four. The injury was not believed to be serious but the GLL's leading rusher did not play again.

"I think we had a little bit of letdown when he got hurt," Radeloff said about Price's exit.

Sewell took over for Price, ran to the 2 and scored on the next play for a 20-0 Little Giants league with 2:33 remaining in the third quarter.

The Mules began kicking after that.

Switching mainly to wishbone formation, Bedford drove 77 yards in four plays to score with 15 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Chad Zuenen, after running 17 yards to the Bedford 46, ran 54 yards over right tackle on the next play to put the Mules on the board.

In the final quarter, Bedford drove 61 yards in 13 plays, scoring on a Krupp to Zuenen 4-yard pass on fourth and goal with 4:30 remaining. The extra-point pass play failed when Ross defensive back Bill Barberree knocked the ball down.

While missing the extra points soured the drive, it had also taken nearly seven minutes off

the clock. The next time the Mules touched the pigskin, they were out of timeouts with just 37 seconds to cover 71 yards. Sewell's second interception at midfield erased any Mule hopes of last-second heroics.

Ross had stuck the ball deep in Bedford territory on Sewell's 19-yard run to the Ross 44 and a 27-yard pass from Perry to Sewell at the Mules's 26.

"Defensively, I was satisfied with the whole game," Radeloff said. "I think we got tired and they leaned on us in the second but when we had to stop them, we did."

Ross returns home next Friday, hosting Oregon Clay.

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High School

Ross 20, Bedford 12

Score by quarters

Ross	8	6	6	0—20
Bedford	0	0	6	6—12

Scoring

Ross: Alex Shawl, 30 run (Justin Perry pass to Shawl), 8:44, 1st.

Ross: Perry, 10 run (pass failed), 6:36, 2nd.

Ross: Cory Sewell, 2 run (run failed), 2:33, 3rd.

Bedford: Chad Zuenen, 54 run (pass failed), 0:15, 3rd.

Bedford: Zuenen, 2 pass from Rand Krupp (Pass failed), 4:30, 4th.

Team Stats

	R	B
First Downs	14	10
Rushes/Yards	46/229	32/165
Passing Yards	96	46
Passes/Comp./Int.	7/4/0	17/5/2
Punts/Average	3/37.0	5/32.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/0
Penalties/Yards	5/41	2/17

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Ross, Perry 6/15, Tryone Price 24/140, Shawl 8/50, Nick Wolf 1/4, Sewell 6/27. Bedford, Krupp 2/0, Jess Hurley 4/-2, Zuenen 13/103, Matt Snyder 7/35, Casey Gerber 6/29.

Passing: Ross, Perry 7/4/0—96. Bedford, Krupp 17/5/2—46.

Receiving: Ross, Shawl 1/27, Ryan Zimmerman 2/47, Wolfe 1/22. Bedford, Hurley 2/8, Jason Zogaib 1/13, Scott Parachek 1/21.

Records: Ross 3-4 (2-1), Bedford 2-4 (2-2).

Ross wants win at Harmon

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Ross renews a rivalry when Oregon Clay visits Harmon Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Friday in a Great Lakes League football clash.

The Little Giants and Eagles series began in 1982, ending briefly in 1988. Clay won the first contest, 14-13 at Harmon Stadium, but Ross has taken the last six. The six victories have not been easy.

A 23-0 win in 1985 is the largest margin of victory for Ross. The 1988 game was a 10-7.

Clay, 5-2, is 2-2 in the GLL while Ross is 3-4 and 2-1 in league play. The Eagles have lost to Fostoria 35-12 and Bedford 12-7. Last week, Ross topped Bedford 20-12.

"Clay should have won the Bedford game," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said. "They outplayed them, but Clay made a

couple of turnovers that hurt them.

"Clay is a good team; they played Fostoria strong ... as strong as anyone with the exception of St. Francis (a 28-27 Fostoria win) last week."

The Little Giants will face a wing-T attack featuring the option quarterbacking of Jason Toth. Against Northview last Friday — a 21-0 Clay win — Toth took over for injured starter Mike Donnelly and guided the Eagles to all three touchdowns.

"He (Toth) runs the option well," Radeloff described, "and when he does roll out to pass, most of the time against Northview, he would get outside, put the ball up in the air (as if to pass), tuck it and run."

"Toth is more a runner than a passer."

Radeloff pointed out that the Little Giants defense has had trouble defending the option, especially against Toledo St. John's and Toledo Whitmer.

"Clay will present problems with the option," Radeloff said.

Defensively, the Ross coach said, Clay nose guard Ruben Martinez, 5-foot-9, 210, and tackle Bill Hanner, 6-foot-3, 230, both seniors, will be difficult to control. Along with those down people, linebackers Josh Przybylski and Ben Pfeiffer move well and must be controlled.

"Those four and Toth, the free safety," Radeloff added.

Clay runs a "5-2" defense most of the time but occasionally gives a "5-3" look. Radeloff said the Clay defense will present problems inside.

"They force you outside," he said. "You have to run options, sweeps ... you got to get outside; it's just tough to pack in there (middle) to run."

In the past few games, Ross quarterback Justin Perry has run the option

successfully. On the outside, the Little Giants have the GLL's leading rusher, Tyrone "Toddy" Price. The junior tailback, however, is nursing a gimp ankle and Radeloff rates him as running at about 90 percent efficiency.

The Ross coach likes the idea of his team returning home but Harmon Stadium has not been friendly for the Little Giants; they have not won at home this season, dropping all three games.

"All our wins have been on the road," Radeloff said. "That's hard to explain; I don't have any answers there."

"Well, it's really opponents. It's not where you play, it's who you play. The people we have played at home (St. John's, Whitmer and Findlay) have been pretty good football teams."

"We want to come home and win a game, but it won't be easy."

Oh, what a night

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

"Purple People Eaters?" No, these guys were "Purple Eagle Eaters."

Fremont Ross, discarding the home white uniform for all-purple attire, scored 28 first-half points and went on to devour the Oregon Clay Eagles 34-13 in a Great Lakes League football clash Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

The victory was the first for Ross at home this season.

"We had won with the purple pants on the road," Ross coach Rex Radeloff said while explaining the switch in Little Giant attire, "so I figure we might as well give it a shot here at Harmon Stadium and it worked."

Actually, Radeloff admitted, the players had asked to wear all purple.

"I told them if that was what they wanted and it made them play better, that was fine with me," he said. "It worked."

The balanced Ross attack generated 141 yards rushing and 114 in the air. The defense limited



NICK WOLF of Fremont Ross looks for the end zone after catching a reverse option pass from Allen Dorsey during the second quarter

Friday night at Harmon Stadium. Clay's Bryan West defends on the play. The Little Giants beat the Eagles 34-13.

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the Eagles to 82 yards rushing and a time-consuming 197 passing yards while never allowing the big play.

It was the third consecutive win for Ross since falling to 1-4. The Little Giants, 4-4 and 3-1, kept their hopes alive for a share of the GLL title while taking the Eagles (5-3 and 2-3) out of the picture. Ross travels to Napoleon next Friday before hosting undefeated Fostoria the final week.

The Little Giants scored the first two times they had the ball. "We had to control the football," Radloff said. "because their quarterback (Justin Perry) came in the second half last week (a 2-0 win over Northview) and generated 21 points; we did not know how he was going to react."

"We said to have to stink them early."

The Little Giants did and it was Eagles on a platter.

Tyrone Price, who had 120 yards on 20 carries and now has 992 yards rushing this season, opened and closed the Ross scoring with 3-yard runs in the first and third quarter. Along the way, quarterback Justin Perry completed 5-of-11 passes for 76 yards.

Perry, Nick Wolf and Alec Shawl scored the other Ross touchdowns. Perry on a 1-yard sneak. Wolf on a 38-yard reverse pass from wide receiver Allen Dorsey and Shawl on a 72-yard punt return in which Ross rushed 10 men trying to block the punt.

Taking the opening kickoff, Ross drove 56 yards in seven plays. Price scored, bouncing the ball on the ground, recovering and slipping in over right tackle.

Clay was three plays and a punt on its first possession with Ross taking over on the Little Giants' 36.

Ross needed eight plays to go the 64 yards. Price picked up 48 yards on the drive after Perry passed 20 yards to Wolf on the first play. Price ran 18 yards to the 21, springing loose on blocks by Wolf and Shawl on play five, and to the 4 on the next play over left tackle. Price plunged to the 1 on the next play, setting up Perry's sneak with 4:25 left in the first quarter.

Clay, after having a drive stall

at the Ross 16, recovered a Price fumble at the Ross 27. The Eagles scored on the second play, a 23-yard pass from Tom to Ed Donnelly, while the ball slipped through Ross' defense. Cory Sewell's hands at the goal line.

Ross offensive coordinator Dan Fought dipped into his bag of tricks on the next Ross series. With Ross facing a third-and-11 at the Clay 38, Perry handed off to Dorsey on the reverse with the senior lofting a pass to Wolf, who was behind the Clay secondary at the 5. Wolf backed in for the TD, putting Ross up 21-7 as Ryan Zimmerman hit the third of his four extra point kicks.

"Perry can throw the football," Radloff said. "...the offensive line did an excellent job and Danny (Perry) and the offensive staff did an excellent job. Blending in the run and pass was excellent tonight."

The Eagles were forced to punt on the next series, with Shawl hauling in Brian Wessman's 32-yard punt at the Ross 28. The Ross senior stepped to the left, eluded a pair of Eagles, and took off along the sideline, picking up a block from Sewell at the Clay 25 wiping out the last defender.

Ross took a 28-7 lead into the intermission.

Perry's second TD put Ross up 34-7 with 1:45 remaining in the third quarter. Perry's 13-yard run and a personal foul on Clay, putting the ball at the 5, keyed the drive.

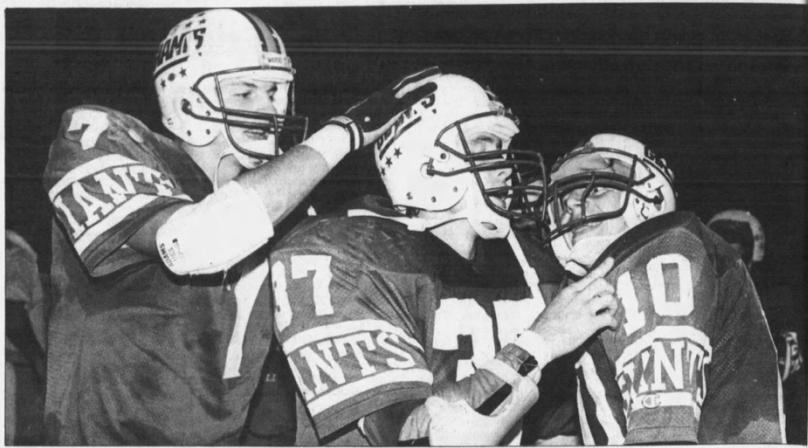
Clay ate time off the clock in a fruitless 22-play drive that began at the Eagles 22 and ended at the Ross 2 when defensive back Bill Barberree recovered Bryan Cox's fumble with five minutes remaining in the game.

Dan Frederick had two quarterback sacks and Damon Walker one for Ross in the second half. While those two were harassing Tott, inside linebacker Doug Siegel led the defensive front that took Clay's ground game away.

Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siegel said, "We had a lot of defensive back people in on the outside and a lot of inside linebacker inside...that was Doug."

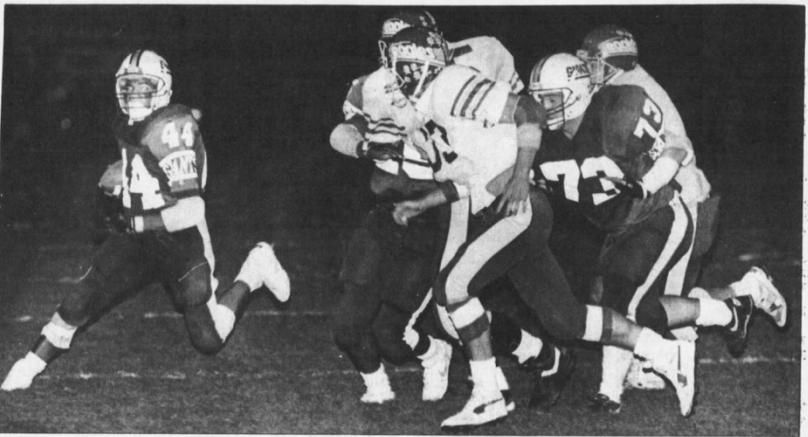
"We did a lot of things defensively, but it was the kids hitting hard that got the job done."

Clay closed out the scoring, running 11 yards with less than a minute to play. But by that time, the Purple Eagle Eaters had already had their last bite.



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ALEC SHAWL (center) of Fremont Ross celebrates his 72-yard punt return for a touchdown with Nick Wolf (left) and Justin Perry (10).



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

TYRONE PRICE (44) turns the corner en route to some of his 120 yards Friday night during the Little Giants' 34-13 victory over Oregon Clay. Tackle Don Myers (73) and another Little Giant block for Price, who has now rushed for 992 yards this season.

High School

Ross 34, Clay 13

Score by quarters

Clay	0	7	0	6—13
Ross	14	14	6	0—34

Scoring

Ross: Tyrone Price, 3 run (Ryan Zimmerman kick), 9:33, 1st.

Ross: Justin Perry, 1 run (Zimmerman kick), 4:25, 1st.

Clay: Ed Donnelly, 23 pass from Jason Toth (Toth kick), 7:32, 2nd.

Ross: Nick Wolf, 38 pass from Allen Dorsey (Zimmerman kick), 5:48, 2nd.

Ross: Alec Shawl, 72 punt return (Zimmerman kick), 3:05, 2nd.

Ross: Price, 3 run (kick failed), 1:45, 3rd.

Clay: Toth, 11 run (pass failed), 0:41, 4th.

Team Stats

	C	R
First Downs	18	13
Rushes/Yards	40/82	31/141
Passing Yards	197	114
Passes/Comp./Int.	37/18/0	10/6/1
Punts/Average	5/26.6	3/41.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	8/45	5/49

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Clay, Toth 8/15, Greg Mahaney 14/35, Bryan Cutcher 3/7, Bryan Cox 15/55. Ross, Perry 3/15, Price 20/120, Shawl 2/3, Wolf 1/9, David Lopez 1/1, Brian T. Wilson 2/14, Bryan Myers 1/6.

Passing: Clay, Toth 37/18/0—197. Ross, Perry 9/5/1—76, Dorsey 1/1/0—38.

Receiving: Clay, Mahaney 4/43, Ed Donnelly 3/44, Jay Brinkman 7/59, Josh Przybylski 3/43, Mario Lensey 1/8. Ross, Wolf 4/77, Zimmerman 2/37.

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

Players' health a major concern for Ross coach

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Rex Radeloff gazed at his list of players and grimaced: It was a hospital list, not a list of football players.

The Fremont Ross coach's team travels to Napoleon Friday, seeking its fourth straight victory after dropping four in a row.

Ross, 4-4 and 3-1 in the Great Lakes League race, faces a team that at first glance could be overlooked. The Wildcats are 1-7 and 0-5.

That concerns Radeloff, but it is not his primary problem.

"The way it looks right now," Radeloff said before Tuesday's practice, "is we have to get our kids healthy. We have an excessive amount of kids sick with the flu,

"We came out of the war victorious, but I think we might have lost the battle."

— Ross coach Rex Radeloff

strep throat, coughing and then a lot of bumps and bruises.

"We came out of the war (a 34-13 win over Oregon Clay last Friday) victorious, but I think we might have lost the battle," Radeloff said. "We took some bumps and bruises — I don't think any real serious. We didn't have to carry any off the field but we took some off and they did not return. They are still feeling it.

"That concerns me right now because we are going out to practice on a Tuesday night with almost a third of our players either injured or sick; that's a lot of players."

Some of the players on the list are cornerbacks Scott Root and Cory Sewell, tailback Tyrone Price, defensive tackle Richie Shull and defensive end Troy Ritzman. All are starters and several more starters are nursing bumps and bruises while battling colds.

"We ran sprints Monday night," Radeloff said, "and I never heard so much hacking and coughing."

About keeping his team focused on Napoleon, Radeloff said it may not be a problem.

"I think they understand that this is a

'must' game," he explained. "To be in a championship game, this is a game that must be won so I am not worried about a letdown; I really am not."

After Napoleon, Ross closes the season at Harmon Stadium, hosting undefeated Fostoria. The Redmen, 8-0 (4-0), host Northview, 3-5 (1-3) Friday.

"We have come so far in such a short period of time that they understand where we are at and where we are going to go," Radeloff said.

"I think we will be focused on the game; they want to get better and I think they enjoy how they have been playing the last few weeks with exciting offense and good, solid defense."

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In the last two games — wins over Bedford (20-12) and Clay — Ross has started the game with near perfect drives for touchdowns.

"In practice, the kids have been focused on our game plan," the Ross coach said. "It certainly has shown the last two weeks."

Radeloff, while praising the offense, was equally happy with the Little Giants' defense against Clay, especially when Ross did not allow the Eagles to score on a 22-play drive that began at the Clay 22. Ross

recovered a fumble at its own 1 to end the drive.

"The defense did the job," he said. "We eliminated the big play except for the pass (23 yards) for the first score. Other than that, we held them in check."

Radeloff said Napoleon is a young team that has moved toward the running game after being a predominantly passing team in the first half of the season.

"They have won only one game," Radeloff said, "but they play hard all the time ... they don't give up."

Quarterback Craig Good directs the Napoleon wing-T attack. He has completed 60 of 147 passes for 712 yards and three touchdowns. The Wildcats' lead-

ing runner is fullback Tim Brown, with a 3.5 rushing average.

Defensively, the Wildcats line up in a "4-4." Tackle Bill Kimpel and cornerback Chris Kime are the defensive standouts.

DIRECTIONS: To get to Napoleon Stadium, according to directions from the Ross Athletic Department, take Ohio 6 west and exit at Ohio 108 (the Holiday Inn exit), turn left on 108, go through downtown Napoleon, turn right at traffic signal where Snyder Chevrolet is located. The stadium is down one block from the car dealer's lot.

NOTE: Price needs eight yards to reach 1,000 rushing yards. The junior tailback leads the GLL with 992 yards on 167 carries, a 6.0 average per carry.

Ross plays for title

News-Messenger reports

NAPOLEON — Fremont Ross survived the lightning and rain to defeat stubborn Napoleon 20-13 Friday night in a Great Lakes League football clash.

The game was delayed for an hour by a lightning storm that struck moments before the game was to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The victory give the Little Giants a shot at a share of the GLL title. To share the crown, the Little Giants must defeat Fostoria (9-0 and 5-0 in the PRICE GLL) Friday night at Harmon



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Stadium in the season finale. The Redmen pummeled Northview 50-0 Friday. Fostoria led 43-0 at the half.

The Little Giants won for the fourth straight time while raising their record to 5-4 and 4-1 in league play.

Ross jumped to a 13-0 lead on Justin Perry's 2-yard run in the first quarter and Tryone Price's 6-yard run two minutes into the second quarter.

The first Ross TD came on a 14-play, 60-yard drive. The second was quicker, 53 yards on three plays. Price, who gained 195 yards on 34 carries, picked up the bulk of the yardage on a 44-yard run.

Tim Brown's 6-yard TD run cut the Ross lead to 12-7 but Price scored on a 5-yard run with 49 seconds remaining in the half, putting Ross up 19-7. In the second half, though, the Little Giants faltered.

"It was a matter I was concerned with all week," Ross coach Rex Radloff said. "I was worried that we may be looking past them and I think that was a part of it. We came out and did not play well in the second half."

"We hurt ourselves with penalties. We had two touchdowns called back."

One nullified TD was Alec Shawl's 63-yard run in the final period. It was the second time Shawl has lost a TD on a penalty this season.

After the Wildcats blocked a Nick Wolf punt attempt, Napoleon cut the deficit to 19-13 on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Craig Good to Jason Gubernath with 8:56 remaining in the third quarter.

Ross threatened to put the game away early in the final quarter and failed but did come up with a big safety from defensive tackle Richie Shull.

Brian Myers blocked a Jim Snider punt with Ross recovering at the seven. The Little Giants, however, were unable to score when Perry was stopped short of the goal line.

"You could not get the ball any closer than that," Radloff said.

While not getting the TD hurt, the Ross coach admitted, getting the safety on the next play eased his pain.

Good fumbled the snap with the ball trickling into the end-zone. Good picked up the ball but Shull tackled him for the safety. The two points put Ross up 21-13 with 9:13 to play. That forced Napoleon into scoring a touchdown and getting the two-point conversion to force an overtime.

"The weather was a definite equalizer," Radloff said, "but Napoleon played hard. I think they played about as good as they can."

"This was a win. Now we are in the championship game."

High School

Ross 21, Napoleon 13

Score by quarters

Ross	7	12	0	2-21
Napoleon	0	7	6	0-13

Scoring

Ross: Justin Perry, 2 run (Ryan Zimmerman kick), 0:50, 1st.

Ross: Tryone Price, 6 run (kick failed), 10:43, 2nd.

Napoleon: Tim Brown, 6 run (Jim Snider kick), 5:29, 2nd.

Ross: Price, 5 run (pass failed), 0:49, 2nd.

Napoleon: Jason Gubernath, 17 pass from Craig Good (kick blocked), 8:56, 3rd.

Ross: Richie Shull, safety, 9:13, 4th.

Team Stats

	R	N
First Downs	12	6
Rushes/Yards	57/283	27/91
Passing Yards	-2	66
Passes/Comp./Int.	5/1/0	9/4/3
Punts/Average	4/37.0	2/27.0
Fumbles/Lost	4/4	2/1
Penalties/Yards	4/40	4/30

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Ross, Price 34/195, Alec Shawl 13/76, Perry 8/6, David Lopez 1/1, Allen Dorsey 1/5. Napoleon, Brown 17/53, Good 6/20, Troy Baughman 3/6, Snider 1/4.

Passing: Ross, Perry 5/1/0—2. Napoleon, Good 8/3/3—34, Snider 1/1/0—32.

Receiving: Ross, Chris Smith 1/-2. Napoleon, Gubernath 1/17, Good 1/32, Baughman 1/2, Brown 1/15.

Records: Ross 5-4 (4-1), Napoleon 1-8 (0-6).

Siesel, Sewell, seniors facing final game

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Doug Siesel smiles when you call him "the last of the Siesel linebackers."

On the other hand, Cory Sewell smiles at the sight of a football floating in the air.

Diverse descriptions but both Ross football players will be in the limelight Friday when the Little Giants host undefeated Fostoria.

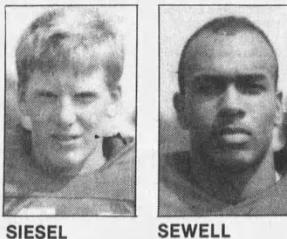
It is the Great Lakes League championship game. Fostoria can win it outright; Ross can force the Redmen to share the crown. The Redmen are 9-0 with a 5-0 GLL mark while Ross is 5-4, 4-1 in the GLL, and riding a four-game winning streak.

For Siesel and Sewell, along with the other Ross seniors, Friday's game could be last time they pull on the pads.

"I never really realized it until the end of last week," Siesel said about it possibly being his final game, "and then it just hit me."

Sewell was more to the point: "Hey, you got to leave sometime."

Siesel and Sewell were the only returning defensive players who started all 10 games in 1990 for Siesel's dad, Joe, the Ross defensive coordinator.



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"Sure, we were a little down, but we knew we still had a chance to win the conference (league)," Doug Siesel, whose dad played linebacker for the NFL New York Giants, said about the 1-4 Ross start.

"I knew we had the talent to come back," Sewell said, "and the coaches kept telling us that."

Personally, Sewell does not want his senior season to end on a low note.

"I don't want to go out a loser; I want to be a champion."

Doug Siesel inherited one of the Ross inside linebacker slots from his brother Eric in 1990 but he shrugs at the suggestion of "the last of the Siesel linebackers;" instead focusing in on Friday's task — the GLL and state championship game for Ross.

State championship? For a

team that lost four of its first five games? Yes.

"The second half of the season has been our playoffs," he said, "because we knew we had no chance at making it (into the playoffs)."

Sewell says the Ross comeback has been generated from within by his teammates.

"They helped pick each other up," he said.

And got them ready for the playoffs.

"The coaches have been saying these last five games are our playoffs. They would say this is our semifinals and now, we have made it to the finals," Sewell said.

Siesel says the resurgence of the Ross defensive front has led the Little Giants comeback and he wants, indeed needs, that resurgence to continue Friday.

"When they do their job, they help me out so I can fill the holes," he said.

Siesel says he will be keying in on Fostoria fullback Tom Breitigam (6-0, 230) while keeping an eye on quarterback Derek Kidwell (6-4, 230). The two have helped the Redmen average nearly 420 yards and nearly 50 per game.

"Kidwell is a great touch

passer," he said. "He throws it on the money and with his height, he is hard to block passes."

For those unblocked passes, however, Ross presents Sewell, the GLL's leading pass interceptor with six.

Sewell has played cornerback and safety this season.

"When I play safety, I sit back and wait for the ball," he said.

Even with six interceptions, Sewell felt he could do better.

"There were times that I have dropped passes and times that I have missed my assignments; I felt I should have been better because of the experience I got last year."

About Fostoria, Sewell said Kidwell is the key.

"He takes three steps back and passes; most of his passes are very quick ... and the receivers are very quick."

How hard will it be to beat the Redmen?

"We are going to have to play our best game ever," Sewell said.

"We are confident we can win," Siesel said, "if we stick together, play hard and not give up the big play."

Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. at Harmon Stadium.

Ross captains hope 'playoffs' don't end in loss to Fostoria

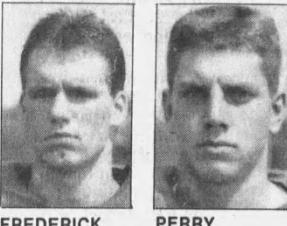
By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Dan Frederick and Justin Perry did what they had to do when Fremont Ross sank into an early season hole.

It was too much for them to take, a 1-4 start — a beginning very un-Ross like in high school football wars. Perry and Frederick took it personally, and they did something about it.

"It was a mistake here, a mistake there. One missed assignment here, one missed assignment there, all in key situations," Perry recalled. "They killed us."

"Then we had the team meet-



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ing. I think it was after the Findlay game (a 21-14 loss in the final seconds). The team meeting helped a lot; we did not want to go out of here losers."

Frederick was mystified about

the start.

"We were better than what we were playing," Frederick said as a barely audible "Aw, geez," slipped from his mouth.

"We were aggressive all the time but we were not going through with our assignments. There were just too many mental errors."

"We picked it up a notch in practice," Perry said about some of the first steps toward a four-game winning streak.

The Ross co-captains and the remaining seniors they met with that fateful, turnaround day, will lead the Little Giants into the season finale Friday when unde-

feated and top-ranked Fostoria visits Fremont for the Great Lakes League football championship game.

Fostoria is 9-0 with a 5-0 GLL mark and rank first in Division II of the Associated Press poll. The Redmen are a sure bet at qualifying for the state playoffs. While Fostoria is shooting for a clear-cut title, Ross needs to upset the Redmen to earn a co-championship. The Little Giants have rebounded to a 5-4 record, 4-1 in the league race.

For some, thinking Ross even had a shot at the title was incon-

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ceivable.

"It's not only for the championship," Frederick, who starts at offensive guard and defensive end, reminded, "but it's probably the last football game I will ever play and they say you always remember that one — I don't want to remember a loss."

Perry, the Little Giants quarterback, will be right where he always wanted to be Friday.

"This is what I have always dreamed about," he said, "the final game for the championship and it may be my last game."

For the last month, the Ross co-captains have been smiling as the Little Giants have clicked off four straight wins. Stuffed comfortably away in the back of their minds is "The Start."

Perry was hard on himself when thinking of the dubious start.

"I felt that a lot of what was happening was by fault," he said, "but once I stopped thinking that way and just let it happen, that's when we started winning."

While the seniors met, Ross coach Rex Radeloff and his staff were formulating a plan.

"After the Findlay game," Perry recalled, "coach Radeloff said, 'You guys are going to make a list of goals to decide what you are going to do each week.' He did not say a word after that.

"He had me write them (goals) down just like the guys said. The first thing was the GLL Championship; then it was to get better every day; win that Friday night; and play with more enthusiasm."

Then, Radeloff and his staff

set another goal for the Little Giants: Win their own state championship. It tied in. Just like in the state playoffs where one loss ends the season, a loss in GLL play would eliminate a shot at the title.

"This game is our state championship," Perry said. "Our playoffs began at Northview; we knew that if we lost one more, we would be out."

Ross survived the rain, lightning and Napoleon last week 21-13. It was a game Frederick and Perry admitted was very difficult mentally. The game was delayed an hour and Napoleon, at 1-7, was not expected to be too difficult a job.

"I think, honestly, we were looking ahead to Fostoria," Frederick admitted. "Then the hour delay — we had to relax and then click it on right away. It was tough doing that."

Perry agreed it was tough get-

ting fired up especially with undefeated Fostoria up next.

"The players and coaches were trying not to think that way, but it was tough to do," Perry said. "Then the delay. We were ready to go — we had to turn the button off and turn it back on again. It was a tough situation."

But as tough as Friday's awaiting situation?

Frederick feels the Little Giants will be more than ready.

"Practices have been great; they have been better than the last four weeks — we'll get better each day and then we will come out Friday and have the best time we ever had."

"Fostoria is a team that waits for teams to make mistakes and when they do," Perry said, "they really make them pay."

It's a debt Ross hopes to avoid. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.



Fostoria wins struggle

Redmen slip past Little Giants

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Fostoria rolled up the statistics but could not roll over a gutty Fremont Ross defense Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

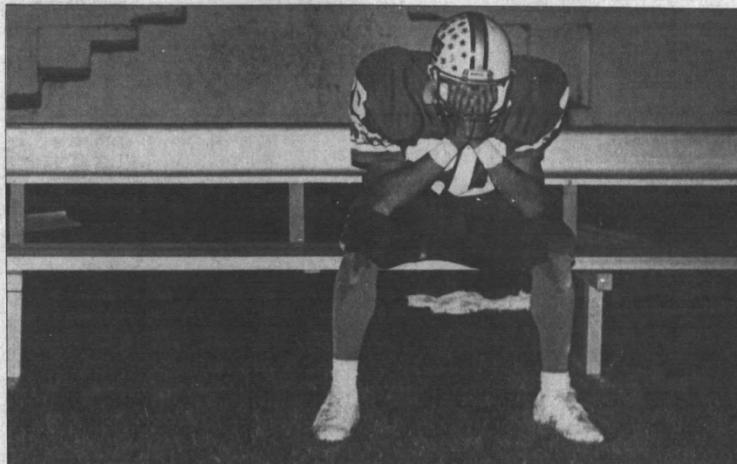
Fostoria had enough, though, to squeeze out a 14-6 win over Ross in front of 6,000-plus raucous elbow-to-elbow fans.

The Redmen ran off 73 plays to the Little Giants' 38 and out-gained Ross 300 yards to 51 but defenses kept the game tight.

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

The victory gave Fostoria a 10-0 record, clinching the Great Lakes League title with a 6-0 slate. Ross had its four-game winning streak snapped, finished 5-5 and in a three-way tie for third with Whitmer and Oregon Clay in the GLL with a 4-2 record.

"This had to be one of our best games in a long time," Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siesel said. "Doug (Siesel) had a great game inside along with Dan Frederick and the tackles; Damon Walker was awesome on the outside ... all 11 played great."



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A SAD ENDING to a great game. Fremont Ross defensive back Cory Sewell sits alone with his face buried in his hands near the end of the game at Harmon Stadium Friday night. Sewell intercepted two passes but Fostoria won the GLL championship game 14-6.

The game was emotionally draining. The only thing left on the field by either team was memories of one of the harder fought games in the staid old stadium.

"The kids were positive that we were going to win the game," Ross coach Rex Radloff said. "Not cocky positive, just confi-

dent that they were going to win. The only disappointment we have is losing the game; we played a very good game."

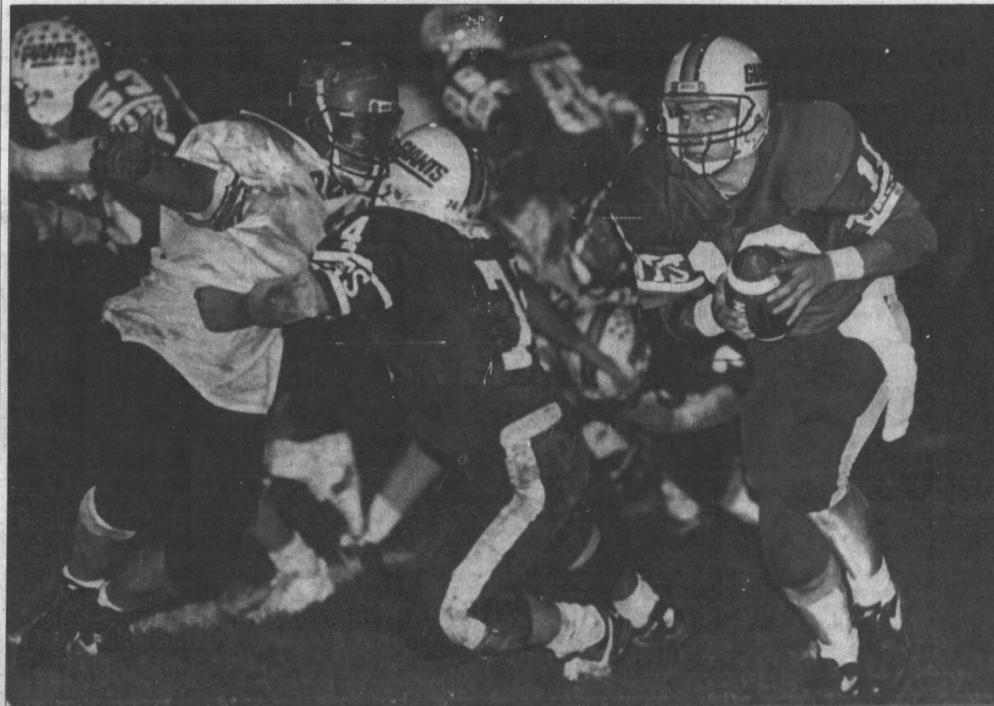
The Redmen scored on their first possession, driving 56 yards on 10 plays. Tony Hammond hauled in quarterback Derek Kidwell's 20-yard pass in the end zone on a third-and-five play.

"They hit one where we got screwed up," Joe Siesel said. It was one of the few mistakes for the Ross "D."

The Ross defense would bend between the 20s but refused to break.

"We squandered two good scoring opportunities in the first

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ROSS QUARTERBACK Justin Perry begins to run the option against Fostoria Friday night. Center Craig Smith of the Little Giants blocks Fostoria nose guard Tom Breitigam in the Great Lakes League championship game.

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half," Dick Kidwell said, "and in previous games, we capitalized on them."

"This was no ordinary game, though, for the Redmen.

Fostoria was averaging more than 47 points and 400 yards per game before running into the Little Giants.

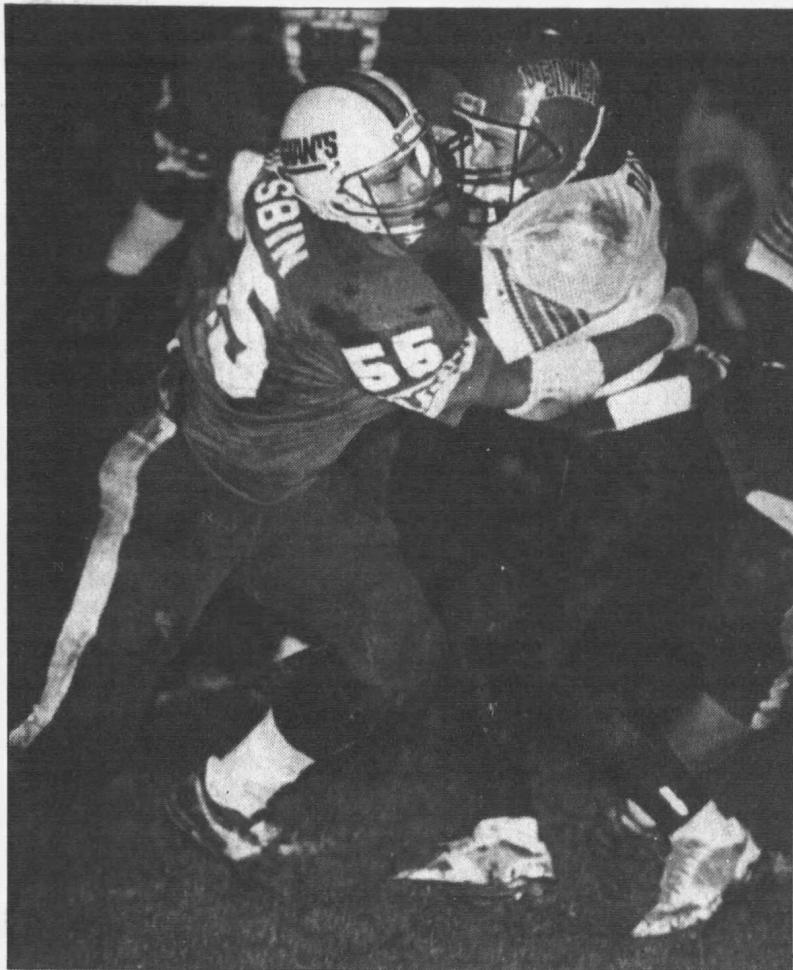
"Siesel had a great game plan," Ross offensive coordinator Dan Fought said in the emo-

tion-packed Ross locker room. "The defense gave us every opportunity, but we just did not come up with the points."

Netherlands exchange student Jeroen Wessels' extra-point boot gave Fostoria a 7-0 lead five minutes into the game. After that, it was trench warfare.

The Redmen defense refused to let Ross mount a rushing attack and kept enough pressure on quarterback Justin Perry to nearly eliminate the Little Giants' passing attack.

"We played as hard as we could," said Radeloff, his raspy



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TODD DESBIN of Ross grab hold of Fostoria running back Jason Doogs during early action Friday night at Harmon Stadium. Doog finished with 48 yards rushing.

High School

Fostoria 14, Ross 6

Score by quarters

Fostoria	7	0	0	7—14
Ross	0	0	0	6—6

Scoring

Fostoria: Tony Hammond, 20 pass from Derek Kidwell (Jeroen Wessels kick), 6:47, 1st.

Ross: Nick Wolf, 20 pass from Allen Dorsey (kick failed), 10:50, 4th.

Fostoria: Tom Breitigam, 1 run (Wessels kick), 0:34, 4th.

Team Stats

	R	R
First Downs	17	3
Rushes/Yards	60/278	19/0
Passing Yards	22	51
Passes/Comp./Int.	13/2/2	19/5/1
Punts/Average	2/38.0	6/38.8
Fumbles/Lost	4/1	3/2
Penalties/Yards	9/70	1/5

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Fostoria, Kidwell 17/63, Breitigam 14/72, Anthony Ferguson 14/91, Aaron Mora 2/9, Jason Doogs 11/48, Jared Schlosser 1/-9, Damon Moore 1/4. Ross, Justin Perry 3/-10, Tyrone Price 11/17, Alec Shawl 3/3, Wolf 1/2, Bryan Myers 1/-12.

Passing: Fostoria, Kidwell 13/2/2—22. Ross, Perry 15/3/1—9, Brian T. Wilson 1/0/0, Wolf 1/1/0—22, Dorsey 2/1/0—20.

Receiving: Fostoria, Breitigam 1/2, Hammond 1/20. Ross, Perry 1/22, Price 1/2, Wolf 1/20, Ryan Zimmerman 1/-11, Myers 1/18.

Records: Fostoria 10-0 (6-0), Ross 5-5 (4-2).

Football

High School

AP All-District

COLUMBUS (AP) — The 1991 Associated Press Northwest all-district football team, as selected by a media panel from the district:

Division I

First Team

Offense: Ends—Aaron Gralak, Findlay, 6-foot-3, 185 pounds, Senior; Quincy Noble, Toledo Woodward, 6-3, 200, Sr. Linemen—Larry Shears, Mansfield Senior, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Rob Monner, Mansfield Madison, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Jeremiah Valiant, Toledo St. Francis, 6-0, 310, Sr.; Steve Gfell, Toledo St. John's, 6-0, 270, Sr.; Jason Copeland, Toledo Whitmer, 6-0, 200, Sr. Quarterback—Dave Croci, Toledo St. John's, 5-9, 165, Sr. Backs—Chris Jaquillard, Toledo Woodward, 6-0, 205, Sr.; TYRONE PRICE, Fremont Ross, 6-1, 175, Jr.; Tim Kwiatkowski, Toledo St. Francis, 5-11, 192, Sr. Kicker—Bill Young, Toledo Woodward, 5-10, 170, Jr.

Defense: Linemen—Josh Wagner, Toledo St. Francis, 6-0, 270, Sr.; Greg Faist, Toledo St. John's, 6-4, 208, Sr.; DAMON WALKER, Fremont Ross, 6-3, 215, Sr.; Stiner Wright, Sandusky, 5-11, 215, Sr.; Paul Conn, Mansfield Senior, 6-4, 235, Sr. Linebackers—Mike Lieb, Sandusky, 6-2, 205, Sr.; Andy Todorowski, Toledo Central Catholic, 5-11, 192, Sr.; Lannie Martin, Toledo Start, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Josh Przybylski, Oregon Clay, 6-2, 205, Sr. Backs—Jamie Johnson, Mansfield Madison, 6-4, 210, Sr.; Gary Kuhn, Toledo Start, 6-3, 210, Sr.; CORY SEWELL, Fremont Ross, 6-1, 185, Sr. Punter—Dan Maidlow, Toledo St. John's, 6-3, 196, Sr.

Back of the year: Chris Jaquillard, Toledo Woodward.

Lineman of the year: Paul Conn, Mansfield Senior.

Coach of the year: Dana Woodring, Mansfield Madison.

Area Special Mention

Doug Siesel, Fremont Ross.

Area Honorable Mention

Dan Frederick, Doug Whipple, Alec Shawl and Todd Desbin, Fremont Ross.

Sewell honored as Ross football MVP

News-Messenger reports

Defensive back Cory Sewell was named the most valuable player for the Fremont Ross High School football team Tuesday night during the awards program in the high school cafeteria.

Sewell was also named the outstanding defensive back, while three other Little Giants were named most outstanding at their respective positions.

Sewell intercepted nine passes for coach Rex Radeloff's team. Along with being named to the Associated Press All-Northwest Ohio District first team, he earned first-team honors in the All-Great Lakes League voting announced by Radeloff.

The senior defensive back also knocked down four passes while causing one fumble and recovering another. He had 27 tackles and 14 assists.

In other special team awards, Doug Whipple, a senior, won the outstanding offensive lineman honor while senior linebacker Doug Siesel was named the outstanding defensive lineman. Tyrone Price won the outstanding offensive back award.

Whipple participated in more plays, 522, than another other Little Giants offensive player. He accumulated a blocking percentage of 75 percent while totaling 392 points in the Ross coaches' offensive point system.

Siesel led Ross with 64 tackles and 47 assists. He had two quarterback sacks and caused a fumble while knocking down one pass.

Price, a junior, rushed for 1,203 yards, a 5.67 per carry average. He had a team-high eight touchdowns and led Ross in scoring with 50 points.

Other awards went to Whipple as the most improved senior, Scott Root as the most improved junior and Craig Smith as the outstanding sophomore. Shawn Wilhelm was the True Grit honoree.

In addition to Sewell, Radeloff announced the other Little Giants earning All-GLL honors as



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voted by the coaches. Price was named on the offensive first team with Nick Wolf the team's punter.

End Damon Walker and Siesel joined Sewell on the first-team defense.

Earning second-team GLL honors were running back Alec Shawl and Whipple on offense as well as end Dan Frederick and tackle Todd Desbin on defense.

Offensive honorable mentions went to quarterback Justin Perry and Wolf at wide receiver. Defensive team honorable mentions went to defensive back Bill Barberree and tackle Richie Shull.

The remainder of the All-GLL teams will be announced when Fostoria wins or is eliminated from the state playoffs.

Little Giants' Sewell named first-team All-Ohio

Staff, wire reports

COLUMBUS — Warren Harding's Korey Stringer, a massive lineman who is adept at both pass- and run-blocking, and durable running backs Chris Jaquillard of Toledo Woodward and Travis McGuire of Massillon Washington headline the 1991 Associated Press Division I All-Ohio high school football team.

Corey Sewell of Fremont Ross was a first-team selection as a defensive back, and teammates Tyrone "Toddy" Price and Damon Walker were second-team and honorable mention selections, respectively.

Sewell, a 6-foot-1, 185-pound senior, intercepted nine passes, knocked down four others while causing one fumble and recovering another for the Little Gi-



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ants. He added 27 tackles and 14 assists.

Price, a 6-1, 175-pound junior running back ran for 1,203 yards on 212 carries, a 5.7 per carry average. He led Ross with eight touchdowns and 50 points.

Walker, a 6-3, 215-pound senior, had six quarterback sacks while recording 33 tackles and 24 assists. He also knocked down a

pass.

The team and special honors were based on the recommendations of a media panel from around the state.

Stringer was selected as the lineman of the year while Jaquillard and McGuire shared back of the year honors. Jaquillard was also the back of the year in the big-school division a year ago.

Bryan Deal of Dublin was chosen as the state coach of the year.

Stringer, all 6-foot-5, 295 pounds of him, is a repeater on the first team. During the 1990 season, he specialized in run-blocking as Harding captured the state championship.

This year, with Harding going to more of a run-oriented offense, he proved he could also

handle run-blocking.

The Trumbull County player of the year, Stringer has led Harding to a 22-2 record over the last two seasons. He also played tackle on defense, where he was credited with 52 tackles this year.

Stringer has already qualified academically for freshman eligibility and is being recruited by a string of top-25 teams.

Jaquillard, a 6-0, 205-pound senior, pushed his career rushing total to more than 5,000 yards by gaining 1,688 yards on 223 carries (7.6 yards per attempt) in only eight full games. He scored 22 touchdowns.

Jaquillard rushed for 2,000 yards a year ago and was named first-team All-Ohio and back of the year.

McGuire, a 6-0, 185-pound senior, carried 179 times for 1,414 yards (7.9 per attempt) for Massillon. He scored 22 touchdowns.

He saved his best for the last game of the regular season as he led his team to a victory over rival Canton McKinley by running 36 times for 301 yards and five touchdowns.

The overflow of quality ends on the first unit are: Findlay's Aaron Gralak, who had 57 catches for 860 yards; Ronnie Burr of Canton McKinley, with 36 receptions for 432 yards; Warren Harding's Omar Provitt, who caught 40 passes for 630 yards and six touchdowns and returned two kickoffs for scores; Reynoldsburg's Jeff Cummings, who

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had 65 catches for 1,126 yards and 11 touchdowns; and Oxford Talawanda's Thad Persinger, with 39 catches for 843 yards (21 per catch) and 12 touchdowns.

Joining Stringer up front are: Juan Porter of Cleveland St. Ignatius (6-4, 315); Eric Wendt of Cincinnati Moeller (6-5, 275); Jim Rosko of Youngstown Boardman (6-2, 225); and Larry Nosse of Euclid (6-8, 235). That averages out to 6-5 and 269 pounds per man.

The first-team quarterbacks are Jeff Stewart of Reynoldsburg, who completed 94 of 160 passes (59 percent) for 1,542 yards and 15 touchdowns and did not throw an interception, and Cincinnati Elder's Tim Austing, who hit on 103 of 187 passes for

1,941 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Also in the backfield are Fairborn's Tracy McDaniel, who averaged 7 yards a carry for 1,202 total, plus caught 10 passes for 256 yards, averaged 37 yards on 16 kickoff returns, 16 yards on 16 punt returns and scored 21 touchdowns; Grove City's Brian Thomas, who was called on to replace the injured Louis Willard and responded with 1,175 yards and 14 touchdowns; John Mandato of Eastlake North, with 1,417 yards on 242 carries (6 yards per attempt) and 15 touchdowns; and Cincinnati Princeton's James Olverson, who had 1,709 yards on 205 attempts (8.3 yards a tote) and scored 23 touchdowns.

The kicker is Josh Jackson of Logan, who converted 16 of 17 point-after kicks and was 11 of 14 in field goals, including a 47-yarder.

All-GLL

The Fostoria Redmen, who won the Division II state championship last Friday, are highlighted on the All-Great Lakes League football team.

In addition to Derek Kidwell and Tom Breitigam, who earned offensive back and defensive lineman of the year honors, respectively, Fostoria coach Dick Kidwell was named coach of the year.

Other top honors went to Matt Gregory of Bedford, Mich., as offensive lineman of the year and to Oregon Clay's Josh Przybylski as defensive back of the year. Three other Redmen were named first team all-league.

Fremont Ross, as was announced last month, landed four players on the all-league first team.

Little Giants' tailback Tyrone Price was one of only two juniors named to the offense, while linebacker Doug Siesel, end Damon Walker and defensive back Cory Sewell were selected to the first-team defense along with punter Nick Wolf.

Second-team selections from Fremont are Doug Whipple and Alec Shawl on offense and Dan Frederick and Todd Desbin on defense.

Justin Perry, Bill Barberree and Richie Shull of Ross are honorable mention selections.