

Change abounds among Fremont coaches

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FREMONT — All three Fremont soccer programs are employing new coaches this season.

At Ross High School, Jeff Pendry and Ron Huss have vacated their posts as the Little Giants' boys and girls soccer coaches, respectively. Pendry guided the boys team for 13 years, while Huss led the girls program for eight years.

Phil Collison, who coached St. Joseph Central Catholic's soccer team for the last seven years, is the new coach of the Ross boys.

"I was looking for a new challenge," Collison said. "The chance to coach against Division I schools is exciting to me."

He will have to find a replacement for graduated goalie Bobby Gipe, who earned a spot on the All-District's second team.

Senior Adam Loucks has a hold on the goalie position. In front of him will be defensemen Camron Michael (senior),

Aaron Brandt (junior) and Austin Wilhelm (sophomore).

Midfielders include seniors Shawn Cluck and Josh McAfee, juniors Victor Layton and Eric Kingsborough and sophomore Michael Pickerel.

The Little Giants forwards are senior David Adams and junior Zach Foos.

"I think we became a better team after the boys took it upon themselves to play in a winter indoor soccer league," Collison said. "And with our feeder program (Fremont Emeralds) giving us a lot of new players, it bodes well for the future."

There are a combined total of 17 sophomores and freshmen out for the Little Giants' boys soccer program this season.

Because of the vacancy left by Collison at SJCC, the Crimson Streaks have hired Steve Llewellyn to coach soccer.

Llewellyn, a native of Trinidad and Tobago with 28 years of coaching experience, takes over the Crimson Streaks, who were 6-10 overall in 2007.

For the last six years, he has guided the Fremont Emeralds along with Collison.

"I'm trying to have the players understand the passion of soccer," Llewellyn said. "I think the maturity of the players has become more apparent during the last year. I want this team to work as a cohesive unit and display perfect fundamentals. I'd like to thank our supporters for giving me this opportunity."

The Crimson Streaks' forwards are seniors Mark Kwiatkowski and Chris Wobser and sophomore Paul Wendt.

Midfielders include senior Grant Nicholas, juniors Shelby Keating, Sophia Cullen, Jordan Foos and Lizi Glanemann; sophomores Matt Wickline, Adam Culbert, Nick Wickline, Cliff Carl, Parker Rutherford, Alex Young, Chris Carpenter and Robert Reineck.

Defensemen are senior Tyler Cleveland, juniors Brianna Fisher, Courtney Stierwalt and Chris Liebold; sophomores Lauren Fulwider and freshman Zach

Molyet.

Senior John Koenig is penciled in as the SJCC goalie. His backups are junior Jessica Molyet and Rutherford.

Otto Gonzalez takes over as coach of the Ross girls soccer team for Huss, who coached the Little Giants to a 7-8-1 mark in 2007. Gonzalez, who hails from Peru and has lived in Fremont for the past year, has 30 years of soccer experience.

"I want to instill the passion of soccer into these players," Gonzalez said. "To me, soccer is a free game that is played for fun and with intelligence. I want my players to become excellent decision-makers because soccer is an extremely fast game that requires quick reaction time."

His first priority will be to find replacements for graduated players Suzanne Chudzinski and Emma Ellenberger, as well as five other players who had nine years of combined experience. Chudzinski set Ross records for goals in a game (10), in a season (37) and in a career (100), and

Ellenberger holds Little Giants' marks for assists in a game (six, also an OHSSA record) and assists in a career.

Gonzalez pointed to junior Rachel Humbert (forward) and seniors Gabriella Rojas (stopper) and Alisha Zimmerman as experienced players who can be counted upon to guide the Little Giants' younger players.

"They can help the younger players by giving them advice," Gonzalez said.

Other returning letterwinners include senior Amanda Herr (goalie), juniors Alexandra Miller (forward), Lizzy Ellenberger (forward), Shelby Connors (forward/midfielder), Catherine Arnold (defense) and Jennifer Ohms (defense), sophomores Morgan Bauer (midfielder), Vanessa Rojas (midfielder/defense) and Alexandra Rojas (midfielder).

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FREMONT ROSS

Coach: Otto Gonzalez, 1st year

2007 Record: 7-8-1 overall, 2-2-1 in GBC

Key losses: Suzanne Chudzinski, forward, four varsity letters; Emma Ellenberger, midfielder, two letters; Molly Reed, defense, two letters, Courtney Kozak, defense, three letters; Samantha Reyes, midfield/forward, two letters; Robin Edgar, forward, one letter; Lilly Overmeyer, midfielder, one letter.

Key players: Alexandra Miller, jr., forward, two letters; Rachel Humberger, jr., forward, two letters; Morgan Bauer, so., midfielder, one letter; Vanessa Rojas, so., defense/midfielder, one letter; Alexandra Rojas, so., midfielder, one letter; Gabriella Rojas, sr., stopper (defense), three letters; Alisha Zimmerman, sr., defense, two letters; Lizzy Ellenberger, jr., forward, two letters; Amanda Herr, sr., goalie, two letters; Katalina Gutierrez, so., defense; Shelby Connors, jr., midfielder/forward, two letters; Kaytlynn Heberling, so., defense; Catherine Arnold, jr., defense, one letter; Amber Oglesbee, so., defense; Madeline Lopez, jr., midfielder; Adrianna Avila, jr., defense; Jennifer Ohms, jr., defense, one letter.

Outlook: Gonzalez takes over for Ron Huss, who guided Ross for the last eight seasons ... The Little Giants will be without Chudzinski, who set Ross records for goals in a game (10), in a season (37) and in a career (100), and Ellenberger, who holds Ross marks for assists in a game (six, also an OHSAA record) and assists in a career.

GIRLS SOCCER

Marion Harding 5, Fremont Ross 1

Tara McDonald scored on an assist from Lizzie Ellenberger in the second minute to give Ross a 1-0 lead before the Little Giants allowed five unanswered tallies by Marion Harding.

Goalie Amanda Herr suffered the loss despite making 10 saves for the Little Giants.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Ross 3, Toledo Start 0

FREMONT — Tara McDonald, Lizzie Ellenberger and Alexandra Miller had goals as Fremont Ross secured its first win of the season, topping Toledo Start on Thursday.

Morgan Bauer assisted McDonald's goal, which came in the 39th minute. Ellenberger scored an unassisted goal in the 52nd minute and McDonald set up Miller's goal in the 64th minute.

The Little Giants held a 30-10 in shots. Goalie Andra Snodgrass made eight saves for Ross (1-2 overall).

Ross falls despite strong start

Little Giants take lead before falling to Bowling Green

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FREMONT — The Fremont Ross girls soccer team couldn't sustain its dominant start during a 5-1 non-conference loss to Bowling Green at Alumni Fields on Monday.

The Little Giants hit the Bobcats with an attack that saw Ross



possess the ball in the Bowl- **Bowl. Green 5, Ross 1**

ing Green zone for 18 of the first 25 minutes of the match.

In the eighth minute, Morgan Bauer buried a pass from Eline Sorensen in the right corner of the net from 15 yards out to give the Little Giants a 1-0 lead.

"We have to find a way to continue the passion that we have at the start of our matches," Ross coach Otto Gonzalez said after the Little Giants fell to 1-3. "It seems like we are very aggressive at the beginning, and then it just goes away."

A shift in momentum occurred with about 15 minutes left in the first half after the Bobcats recorded their first shot-on-goal in the 22nd minute.

"Give Fremont credit

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for being ready to play at the first whistle," Bowling Green coach Christopher Waterfield said. "Ross has some sharp players, which is not always the case under a first-year coach. They clearly out-possessed us early in the match."

But the match began to shift after the Bobcats (5-3) made a change in strategy.

"I think we gave their backs too much room to operate at the start," Waterfield said. "After we began putting more pressure on their backs, we gained control of the ball more often."

Bowling Green's new outlook led to a trio of goals in the final eight minutes of the first half.

In the 33rd minute, Anna Erfman lifted a shot from 23 yards out past the outstretched arms of Ross goalie Andra Snodgrass to tie the match at 1.

About four minutes later, Snodgrass came out of the net to defend Emily Kleine's shot from close range. The Little Giants' goalie fell to the turf to stop the ball, but it popped free and Kleine kicked in the rebound to hand the Bobcats a 2-1 lead.

With time ticking down in the first half, Bowling Green generated a flurry of scoring chances in the 39th minute. Liz Hammer walked into the goal box for a shot that Snodgrass covered up before sending a cross pass to Jessica Sikula, whose header eluded the Ross goalie and gave the Bobcats a 3-1 edge with five seconds remaining before half-time.

The Little Giants were forced to com-

pete without three players who suffered ankle injuries in the match. Defender Kaytlynn Heberling (in the 33rd minute) and forward Lizzy Ellenberger (in the 73rd minute) had to be helped off the field. Forward Tera McDonald limped to the Ross bench in the 60th minute, but she returned to the match seven minutes later.

"They are very important players," Gonzalez said. "I'm going to have to work more with our reserves to make them more consistent players. It would help give us a better rotation of players throughout a match, and they might have to fill in for any injuries we may have."

Hammer helped Bowling Green nail down its final margin by scoring twice in the span of 3½ minutes during the second half.

In the 66th minute, she produced the Bobcats' fourth goal after the Little Giants turned the ball over deep in the Ross zone. After Summit Starr made a 30-yard run to get the ball out of Bowling Green territory, her pass went to Hammer, who split two defenders and beat Snodgrass in a 1-on-1 matchup.

The Bobcats held a 19-10 advantage in shots despite the Little Giants taking five of the first six shots. Bowling Green goalie Brittany Davis made seven saves while Snodgrass had 12 saves.

Ross, which is playing five games in six days this week, travels today to Sandusky for a Greater Buckeye Conference match at 5 p.m.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Sandusky 4, Fremont Ross 2

SANDUSKY — Tera McDonald scored a pair of goals, but Ross dropped a Greater Buckeye Conference match to Sandusky on Tuesday.

The Little Giants were outshot 15-8, while goal Andra Snodgrass made five saves.



Charlie Longton/News-Messenger

FREMONT ROSS'S TERA McDonald moves the ball against Oak Harbors' Katie Lemon Wednesday evening at home.

Rockets beat Little Giants

By MATT MILLS
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FREMONT — The Oak Harbor girls soccer team scored three goals in the first 18 minutes en route to a 6-1 non-conference win over Fremont Ross on Wednesday.

Kelly Bryant scored her first goal of the game en route to her hat trick at the 12 minute mark.

"We know how each other play and that's big. We talk non-stop

and that definitely paid off for me tonight," Bryant said.

She also scored two more goals in the second half at the 53 minute mark and the 55 minute mark. Sara Lipstraw scored in the first half for Oak Harbor as well on a spectacular header at the 18 minute mark.

Scoring for the Lady Giants was Taylor Michael at the 58-minute mark, but that was the only bright spot for the Lady Giants in this contest.

Fremont has a tough stretch this week and that is definitely something that has their coach Otto Gonzalez's attention.

"Five games in seven days is just too much for these girls," said Gonzalez. "We're still out there giving it everything we have and playing hard, but at some point that schedule will catch up with you."

The Lady Rockets picked up in the second half right where they left off in the first. Lipstraw

added her second goal at the 48 minute mark and Bryant scored her second and third goals of the contest in the second half as well.

"We got a lot of work in on our areas of weakness — passing and crossing," said Rockets coach Renee Goldstein. "We never know what to expect from Ross with only seeing them once a year. We especially didn't know what to expect from them today with their new coach."