



Front Row: Derek Sprouse, Anthony Weiker, Cory Gotron, Matt Salas **Second Row:** Blair Ellenberger, Adam Shearn, Paul Overmyer, EJ Theller, Adam Wilhelm **Last Row:** TJ George, Nick Rowan, Danny Chavez, Tyrone George, Tony Huffman

Southview hands Ross two defeats

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross played Sylvania Southview to a 1-1 halftime deadlock before a strong Southview defense took over the game and produced a 2-1 soccer win.

In another Saturday boys match, St. Joe blanked Seneca East 7-0. Southview's girls defeated the Little Giants 10-0.

Jack Phillips scored from 8 yards out in the second minute of the second half to give Southview the lead.

After getting five shots on goal in the first half, Ross was held without a shot in the second half. Southview finished with 14 shots on goal.

David Stearns put Southview on top 1-0 with a goal 17 minutes into the match. Tyrone George tied it for Ross in the 31st minute, finding the net from 25 yards out on a direct free kick.

Ross hosts Marion Harding to

day at 5 p.m.

St. Joe 7, Seneca East 0

Milena Mauric and Nicolas Kemorok each scored two goals and had two assists for the Crimson Streaks, 1-1.

St. Joe led at the half 4-0 in cruising to the win.

The Crimson Streaks host Mohawk today at Rodger Young Park.

Southview girls 10, Ross 0

Ross allowed eight first-half goals before rebounding with a stronger second-half effort.

"It was like two different teams," Ross coach Ron Huss said. "In the first half, they were not quick to the ball — they were just off. In the second half — after we had a little talk — the girls played like a different team. We did give up two more goals but they were late in the half."

Ross, 0-1, travels to Marion for a 5 p.m. Tuesday match with Harding.

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Fremont Ross bounced back from a setback Saturday to Sylvania Southview to blank Marion Harding 5-0 Monday in a Greater Buckeye Conference soccer opener for both schools.

Mike Lozano scored three first-half goals for the Little Giants with Danny Chevez and Cory Gottron adding goals in the second half.

In other Monday games, SJCC shut out Mohawk 2-0, Genoa edged Oak Harbor 3-2 and the Pandora Gilboa varsity defeated the Old Fort junior varsity 4-1.

Also, the Oak Harbor and

Genoa girls played to a 3-3 tie.

The last three Little Giants goals were unassisted. Tyrone George assisted on Lozano's first goal in the 19th minute of the first half and Adam Shearn assisted on Lozano's second in the 37th minute.

Ross will play at Port Clinton Thursday. The varsity game begins at 5 p.m. and the junior varsity at 7 p.m.

SJCC 2, Mohawk 0

The Crimson Streaks climbed to 2-1 with the win.

Jon Carrizales and Milena Mauric scored unassisted goals, both in the first half, for SJCC. Carrizales scored in the 17th

Little Giants top Redskins

Lake nips SJCC, 2-1

News-Messenger reports

Matt Salas scored the first two goals and defensively had 12 intercepts as Fremont Ross handed Port Clinton a 3-1 setback Thursday at the Redskins field.

In other boys action, Lake slipped past St. Joseph Central Catholic 2-1 and the Oak Harbor girls rolled over Vermilion 5-1.

The Little Giants, 2-1, took a 3-0 lead behind Salas goal at the 31-minute mark of the first half and his second at the 24-minute mark of the second half.

Dammu Chavez assisted on Salas' first goal and Adam Shearn on the second.

Tyrone George scored Ross's final goal unassisted at the 30th minute of the second half.

Brennan Madison scored Port Clinton's goal with three minutes remaining in the game.

Ross took 14 shots while its defense only allowed three shots. Derek Sprouse had 10 intercepts and Chavez added eight. Ross outshot the Redskins, 14-3.

Lake 2, SJCC 1

With two goals in the second half, Lake, 3-0, overcame an early Crimson Streaks lead.

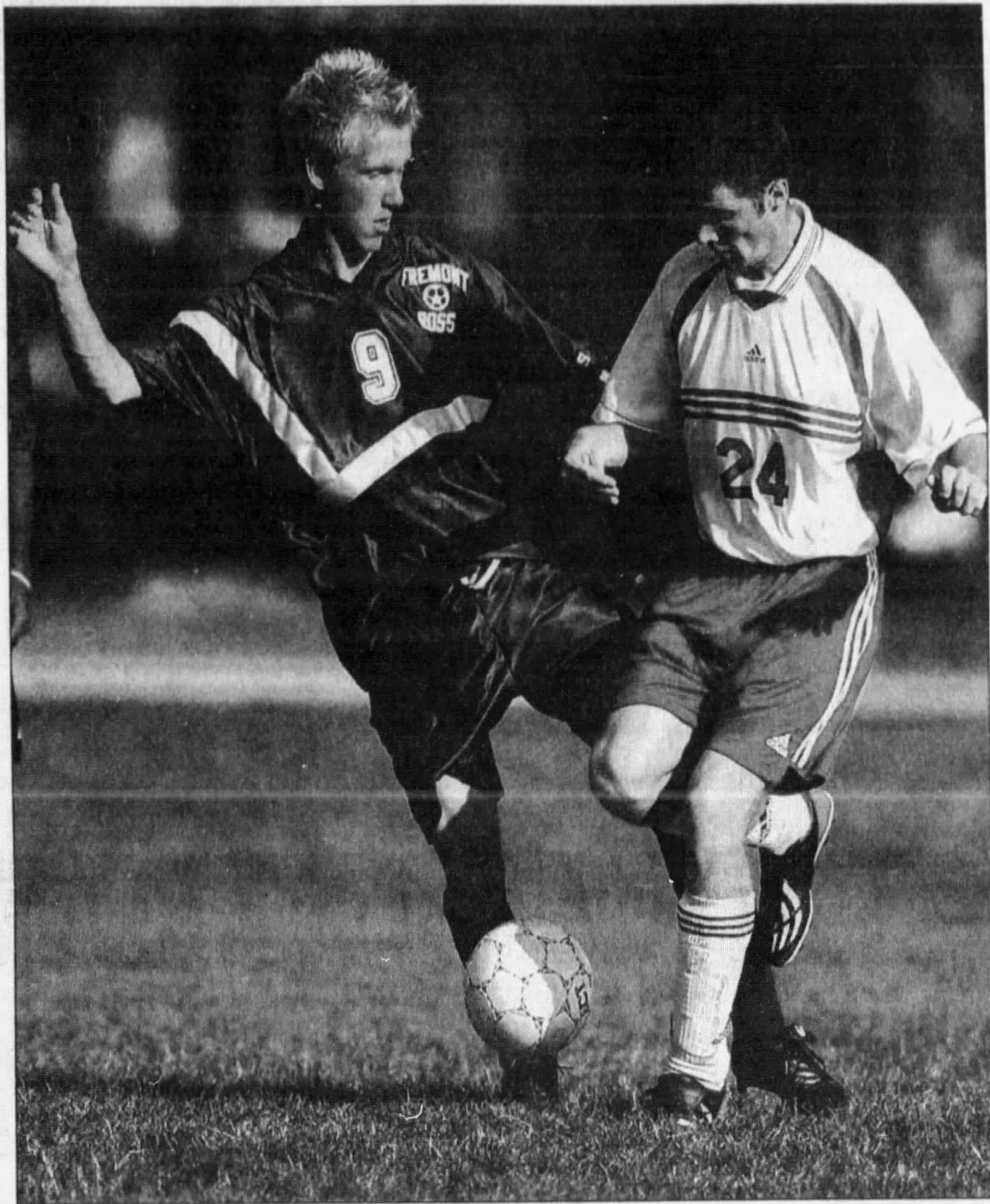
Nicolas Komorek scored SJCC's goal in the first half off of an assist from John Carrizales. SJCC goalie Kevin Celek had 33 saves.

Justin Snyder and Matt Rollins scored for Lake.

SJCC, 2-2, was outshot 40-7.

The Streaks host Tiffin Calvert Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

Girls



News-Messenger/Ben French

ADAM WILHELM of Ross, left, tries to gain control of the ball from Ryan Lemmon of Port Clinton in the first half of the match in Port Clinton Thursday.

North Olmsted slips past Ross, 2-0

By **MATTHEW HORN**
Staff writer

The Fremont Ross boys soccer team learned to play without its coach on Saturday.

The Little Giants, 2-2, faced perennial state power North Olmsted without head coach Jeff Pendry for most of the second half in a 2-0 loss.

"Coach got a red card (which is accompanied by an automatic ejection)," Ross' Matt Salas said. "We've never seen that. We played well, but cards put a damper on the team. We became too focused on the calls, rather than the game.

"We started to worry about the refs. After coach left some of the players got down. It's a difficult adjustment without the coach."

Pendry said the team handled the scenario well.

"We have a very level-headed group," he said. "We held together well. It could have gotten worse but didn't.

"The pace remained even after I was gone. We still came down and had shots on goal."

The Eagles, ranked No. 4 in the Cleveland Plain Dealer's area top-10, scored two goals within a one minute and 38 second span just un-

der 10 minutes into the second half of what had been an evenly-played game. Tom Pilisay struck first with a shot from left to right across the goal and inside the far post on a counter-attack, and Casey Prusha was able to finish shortly after.

Pilisay placed his drive barely in front of the outstretched arms of Ross's diving goaltender, Anthony Weiker. Geoff Marsh was able to flick a crossing pass from the left of the field to the right to the ground with his head before Prusha and Weiker simultaneously converged on the ball. Prusha arrived first and poked the

ball behind Weiker.

Weiker made several saves in the game, including a penalty kick off the foot of Marsh in the first half. Weiker also stopped Steve Trapp numerous times, including a point-blank reflex save with the first half winding down.

Weiker said Pendry warned the team about Marsh and Trapp.

"We tried to make sure they weren't in the open and couldn't tee it up inside the 35," Weiker said. "(Their team) controlled the ball, used two or three touches and got rid of it."

After the two tallies for

North Olmsted, the Little Giants' Ty George was called for a handball when a ball ricocheted off his shoulder. Pendry was issued a red card after asking the referee for a clarification after he had walked across the field without being requested to do so.

George was issued a yellow card and Salas said it became more difficult for Ross to execute its game plan after the incident. Pendry said keeping up a consistent, quality pace of play became challenging.

"We wanted to control the

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Ross falls to Eagles

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ball and switch fields," Salas said. "We did well in the first half — then the yellow and red cards came out, and the coach got sent off. Our concentration broke."

Weiker said the Eagles are traditionally the strongest opponent on Ross' schedule and that the additional mental challenges made things more difficult.

"The key to the game became keeping our heads," he said. "We had to prevent the bad calls from getting in the way of playing the game. We have to get over the stuff we can't control."

"They're usually the best team we play."

Salas, Ross' captain and Great Lakes League Player of the Year last season, moved from sweeper to midfield after the two-goal outburst in an effort to stabilize the Little Giants.

Ross has defeated the Eagles, who have won three state championships in the last decade and competed in two more, once in the last four years.

After winning the GLL the last three years, the Little Giants will be challenged for supremacy in the Greater Buckeye Conference by Tuesday's 5 p.m. opponent Findlay. Ross had grown accustomed to playing Findlay's B-team, which it defeated last year, as part of its GLL schedule, but will now face the top players.

"They're a high-caliber team and an awesome program," Weiker said.

Pendry said playing Findlay at home could be pivotal.

"We're unbeaten (1-0) in the league," he said. "They're our biggest competition this year. It's nice to play at home first. If we can get up on them in the league it won't be as much of a pressure situation at their place."

ta to be a strong, physical team as they have been in years past. We should match up well."

Collison said Celek, who has three shutouts, has been very aggressive in the box. After allowing four goals in the first game, Celek has allowed only two since.

Findlay 2, Ross 1

Ross suffered its first GBC loss in a close match with a traditionally strong Findlay team.

The first goal came on a penalty kick from Findlay's Andrew Snook after Matt Salas was called for a trip in the box.

Ross matched that score in the 32nd minute when Tyrone George scored on a header off of a corner kick.

Findlay took the lead for good in the second half on a Jordan Bohnlein goal from 15 yards out.

Anthony Weiker had five saves for

the Little Giants who were outshot 16-10.

Defensively, Salas had 11 intercepts, Danny Chavez had seven and Derek Sprouse five.

"We played pretty well. A couple of the breaks went against us tonight," Ross assistant Ben Hickey said. "I think we are more than capable of playing with them."

Ross is 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the GBC.

This was Findlay's first match.

Old Fort 7 Otsego 1

Old Fort continued its win streak with a big victory over Otsego.

Brandon Kistler and Greg Burks led the Stockaders with a combined six goals and three assists. Kistler had four goals and an assist and Burks scored two goals and had two assists. Jeremy Gregg scored and had two saves, Jimmy Sisi had an assist and Randy Ardery had three

saves for Old Fort.

Josh Beaverson scored Otsego's goal and Justin Dennen had 12 saves.

Old Fort outshot Otsego 33-8.

The Stockaders are 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the MSSSL.

"We have two tough games coming up with Riverdale and Van Buren," Old Fort Coach Ty Ray said. "We will have a better idea of where we are at this time next week."

Girls

Ross 8, Sandusky 3

Ross started out flat on a wet, muddy field in Sandusky but scored six goals in the second half to defeat the Blue Streaks 8-3 for its second Greater Buckeye Conference high school girls soccer win.

The Little Giants' Samantha

Soccer

High School Boys

Ross 7, Sandusky 1

Sandusky	1	0	—	1
Ross	3	4	—	7

First Half

R — Adam Shearn goal (Matt Salas assist) 16:00.

S — Pat McAuley goal 25:00.

R — Blair Ellenberger penalty kick 36:00.

R — Cory Gottron goal 38:00.

Second Half

R — Salas goal (Ellenberger assist) 7:00.

R — Adam Wilhelm goal (Tyrone George assist) 11:00.

R — Jaime Ramirez goal (Gottron assist) 14:00.

R — Danny Chavez goal (Andy Chavez assist) 34:00.

Shots on goal: Sandusky 1, Ross 19.

Goalkeeper: Ross — Anthony Weicker (no saves).

Intercepts: Ross — Salas 10, Derek Sprouse 9.

Records: Ross 3-4 (2-1 GBC), Sandusky 0-5 (0-3 GBC).

Ross boys stop Lima Senior, 5-0

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross boys soccer team moved to 3-1 with a 5-0 Greater Buckeye Conference victory over host Lima Senior Saturday.

In another game, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic was shut out by undefeated Genoa in the Midland Suburban Soccer League.

Blair Ellenberger scored two first-half goals and Adam Shearn added two second-half assists for the Little Giants, 4-4, 3-1.

"The second goal for Ellenberger, he put it by the keeper near post because the keeper came off his line," Little Giant assistant coach Ben Hickey said. "It was a beautiful shot — we expected him to pass from the angle he was at. He scored the first goal on the ground from 10 yards out. We're looking for him to score."

Danny Chavez, Kurt Munson and Tyrone George each added one goal, and Jaime Ramirez had one assist for Ross.

Hickey said Ross is "beginning

to come around."

"The kids passed the ball better and moved the ball really well," he said. "We won most of the 50-50 balls. We did a good job looking for each other and switching fields. We looked to shoot the ball rather than pass when we worked it in close. It was a good win."

The Little Giants outshot Lima Senior 13-6 and goalkeeper Anthony Weiker was forced to make just three saves. Matt Salas had 17 intercepts and Ben Baker 12 for Ross.

The Little Giants host Napoleon in the GBC at 5 p.m. today.

Genoa 5, SJCC 0

Trent Nissen scored three goals and Tom Bizjack added two assists as Genoa defeated the Crimson Streaks in Midland Suburban Soccer League to remain unbeaten this year.

Freshman goalkeeper Jared Auer notched his second shutout and the Comets, 7-0, 2-0, outshot the Crimson Streaks 29-3.

skins, 4-3-1, 2-1-1.

David Kroll made 15 saves for Port Clinton, which outshot the Rockets 28-27.

"We've had some issues with our offense but we've gelled," Romero said. "We played both halves strong. We had some opportunities to put the ball in the net and we took advantage of them."

Romero used five midfielders on the offensive attack Tuesday.

"I gave the team a new formation before the game," Romero said. "They didn't practice it. They put it into effect and it worked perfect. We caught them flat and jumped to an early lead."

Port Clinton plays at Margaretta at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Toleto Central 3, Ross 2

Blair Ellenberger scored on a penalty kick and defender Derek Sprouse added a goal after TCC took a 3-0 lead but Ross's come-

back fell short.

Anthony Weiker made two saves for the Little Giants, 4-6, who outshot TCC 10-5.

Matt Salas had 10 intercepts, and Kurt Munson and Sprouse each added eight for Ross.

The Little Giants play at Marion Harding in the Greater Buckeye Conference Monday.

Old Fort 2, Tiffin Columbian 2

Greg Burks scored his fifth goal of the year and notched his fifth assist as Old Fort played to the tie.

Burks scored from Adam Nye and assisted on Zak Magers' goal for the Stockaders, 4-3.

"We have some kids getting used to new positions," Old Fort coach Ty Ray said. "It has been a roller-coaster ride this year."

Randy Ardery made nine saves and Mike Porter seven for Old Fort, which had 18 shots on goal.

Boys soccer

Ross reverses field

Fremont Ross avenged a 2-1 loss earlier in the season and defeated Findlay 2-1 on Thursday in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

The Little Giants (5-6, 4-2) played Findlay's B-team before the Trojans joined the GBC, but topped the A-squad Thursday as Mike Lozano and Tyrone George each scored one goal. George added an assist.

Ross goalkeeper Anthony Weiker made nine saves, including four assistant coach Ben Hickey characterized as sparkling.

Matt Salas had 18 interceptions and Derek Sprouse 13 for the Little Giants.

Soccer

High school boys

Upper Sandusky 1, Old Fort 0

First half

50:00 Tommy Saito (US) penalty kick

Saves: Jerrod Parsell (US) 6

Shots: Upper Sandusky 22.

Lima Sr. 5, Ross 3

Lima	3	2	—	5
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Ross	1	2	—	3
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First half

L — Mike Berger, 2nd minute

L — Jamal Remy, 6th minute

R — Cory Gottron, 18th minute

L — Antonio Briggs, 35th minute

Second half

L — Zach Marshall (PK), 1st minute

L — Berger, 5th minute

R — Tyrone George, 6th minute

R — Mike Lozano (assist George),
21st minute

Shots on goal: Ross 8; Lima 12

Saves: Anthony Weiker (Ross) 5; Alex
Wills (Lima) 4.

Records: Ross 5-7 (4-3 GBC); Lima 4-
7 (2-3-2 GBC)

Soccer

High School boys

Napoleon 5, Fremont Ross 2

Ross.....	1	1	—	2
Napoleon.....	3	2	—	5

First half

N — Alex Birtcher (assist Greg Keller)

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N — Adam Birtcher

R — Matt Salas

Second half

R — T.J. George (first varsity goal) (assist Salas)

N — Alex Birtcher (assist Keller)

N — Keller (assist Ed Brito)

Goalkeeper saves: Anthony Welker 10, Ben Pflum 4.

Shots on goal: N 15, R 8.

Intercepts: Salas (R) 14, Danny Chavez (R) 13, E.J. Theller (R) 10

Records: Ross 6-8, 5-4; N 11-2-2, 8-0-

Boys soccer Ross blanked

Toledo St. Francis lived up to its No. 1 ranking, shutting out Ross 3-0.

The Little Giants were outshot 12-3.

Ross goalie **Anthony Weiker** had eight saves.

St. Francis improved to 14-0-2, and Ross finished the regular season 6-9-1.

Boys Soccer

MVP Offensive: Tyrone George

MVP Defensive: Matt Salas

Captains: Matt Salas, Derek Sprouse

Girls Soccer

MVP: Shannon Hickey

Best Offensive Player: Shannon Hick-

ry

Best Defensive Player: Betsy Adams

Coaches Award: Abby Werling

Most Improved: Samantha Legron

Captain's: Melanie Elias, Shannon Hickey, Erica Orndorff