

Ross routs Woodward 7-1 in soccer sectional

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TOLEDO — Fremont Ross scored five first-half goals and cruised to a 7-1 win over Woodward in the first round of the boys Division I sectional soccer tournament at Lucas County Recreation Center Monday night.

It was the first tournament victory for the Little Giants since Ross program began three years ago.

Woodward scored first on an unassisted goal by Ray Espinosa six minutes into the game. It served as a wake-up call for the slumbering Ross offense.

"Our conditioning took over after that," Ross coach Victor Huntley said.

Francisco Rosito and Bob Dorobek hooked up on the first two Ross goals, both scored by Rosito. The first was in the 15th minute, a 5-yarder to the left corner of the net past goalie Mike Kenniger. The second in the 21st minute was on a breakaway off Dorobek's pass.

Dorobek gave Ross a 3-1 lead 45 seconds after Rosito's second goal on a breakaway off a pass from Brendan McGuire.

Rosito added his third goal, this one unassisted, on a breakaway in the 28th minute and Geoff Streeter scored his first goal of the season in the 35th minute, rebounding in a shot by McGuire for a 5-1 halftime lead.

With Huntley clearing his bench early in the second half, Ross added the final two goals. Rosito scored his fourth off a Torsten Keiser feed in the 45th minute.

The final Ross goal in the 57th minute came off a corner kick from Justin Marker. Sophomore Nathan Miller headed the ball to freshman Jason Strayer who beat Espinosa, who took over for Kenniger in the second half, in the left corner.

"Our passing got better as the game went on," Huntley said. "Everyone got to play quite a bit and that is good."

"Our defense played well after

that first goal, but it was our conditioning that played a big part. They (Woodward) were getting tired toward the end of the first half."

The Little Giants got off 18 shots in each half while Woodward managed three in each 40-minute segment. Rosito had 14 shots on goal, McGuire had five and Strayer got off four.

The win was the fourth against 12 losses and a tie for the Little Giants.

Ross will take on second-seeded Toledo St. John's at 5 p.m., Thursday, in the second round quarterfinals. The Titans rolled over Toledo Waite 11-0 in the first game Monday.