

Ross knocked out of districts

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PERRYSBURG — Fremont Ross fell behind 5-0 and never recovered Tuesday, losing 7-1 to Toledo St. Francis in the district semifinals.

The Little Giants, who had never advanced past the sectional tournament until this year, finished the season at 11-7.

"It's been a good season," Ross varsity assistant Ben Hickey said. "We played several ranked

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teams. We probably could have won a few more games. The season has been a good season."

St. Francis, the state's third-ranked team, and Ross remained scoreless for the first 17 minutes before J.P. Baskin scored three goals in five minutes. Ted Kulwicki added another goal, giving the Knights a 4-0 halftime edge.

Trying to generate offense in the second half, Ross moved goalie Michael Hickey to the field and replaced him with Dan Wise.

"We didn't get the ball past the goalkeeper much but we had more offense in second half," Ben Hickey said.

Trailing 5-0, Nik Wersch scored unassisted for Ross's only goal.

The Little Giants were outshot 21-5 and Michael Hickey finished with 11 saves. Wise had two saves.

"We didn't play a bad game," Ben Hickey said. "It's easy to see why St. Francis is ranked where they are."

St. Francis plays St. John's at 7 p.m. Saturday in the district final.