



The boys and girls soccer teams split with Oak Harbor tonight during preseason scrimmages. The Lady Giants were defeated 7-0 while the Little Giant Men were 2-1 winners over the Rockets. Carter Rodriguez (pictured) scored the go-ahead goal in the second half as Connor Growel tied things up at 1-1 with :09 left in the first half with a good penalty kick. **See less**



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The Fremont Ross Little Giants boy's soccer team had what appeared to be a warm up match ahead of their game with Findlay with an 7-0 win over Toledo Start Wednesday evening. (Pictured below) are #3 Senior Zach Decker, #18 sophomore Mason Albright, #20 freshman Eder Morales Ortiz and #22 freshman Chase Culbertson. The Trojans come to Fremont Ross Tuesday for the teams first TRAC contest. GO ROSS beat FINDLAY!

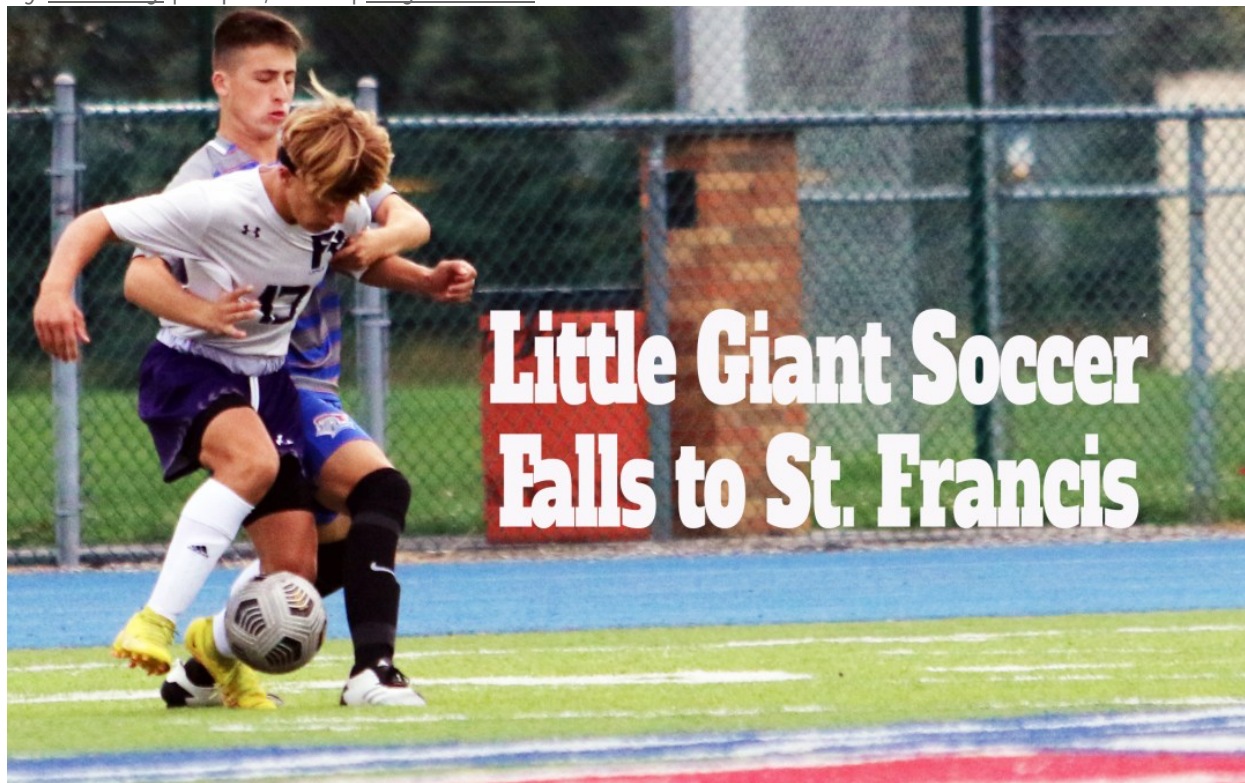




Little Giant's boys soccer fell to Findlay 4-0. Another great effort by Ross goalie Logan Baacke who fought off 10 Trojan shots on goal. The Little Giants next travel to St. Francis. Ross is 2-2 on the year and 0-1 in the TRAC.

# KNIGHTS FIVE GOALS BETTER THAN GIANTS

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By Bill Bray

TOLEDO – The Fremont Ross Little Giants (2-3, 0-1) traveled to Toledo to take on the Knights of St Francis (3-3-1, 1-0) and fell 6-1 in their first TRAC match-up.

It was a tale of two halves for the Giants. The majority of the first half the Knights held the Giants on their defensive end of the field. Because of this, the Knights hit for four goals, the first on a penalty kick at 32:45. Fourteen minutes late at 18:58, the Knights found the Ross goal again when St Francis' Grant Blakeslee, on a bit of a breakaway, found the net as the Knights increased their lead to 2-0. At 9:31, the Knights' Jacob Hoffman was present after Logan Baacke blocked the shot. The ball rolled free, and with Baacke on the ground, Hoffman put the rebound into the net for a 3-0 St Francis lead.

The Knights' final first-half goal came at the 7:56 mark when Caleb Trent went high and left with the ball to get past Baacke. The half ended with the Knights up 4-0.

The second half was a different story as Fremont stepped up their game and played the Knights nearly even for the 40-minute session. The Knights scored only two goals, and Ross Carter Rodriguez put the Giants on the board at 18:32. The Knights did not score again during the final 19 minutes of the contest. This was a credit to the Ross defense. Bryce Estep, Adrian Ontiveros, Evan Garcia, Frankie Navarro, and Gabe Wensinger were ever-present to shut down the Knights' attack along with Baacke in goal, with several tremendous saves.

Coach Alex Coressel was quite pleased with the second-half awakening. "We were absolutely fantastic in the second half. Had we played that way in a few of our earlier games, those turns would have been wins. I'm so proud of these kids and the way they played the second half."

Ross has three straight home games over the next week. Bowling Green comes to Fremont for a Saturday game. Then Lima and Sandusky are at Ross on Tuesday and Thursday.



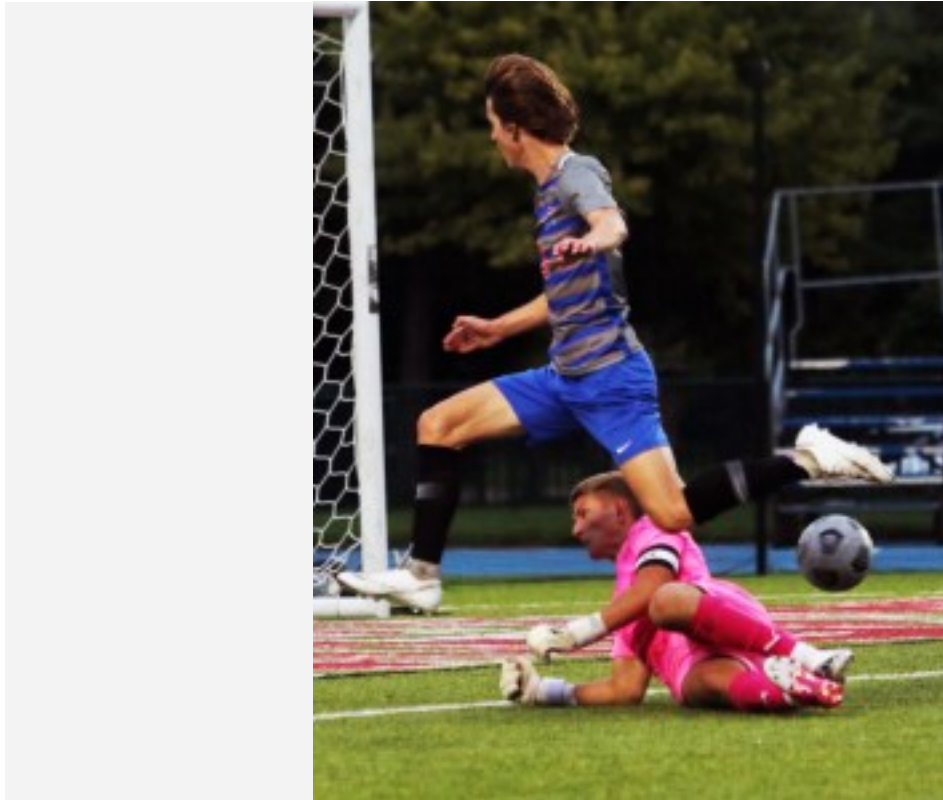
Connor Growel (9) goes after a free ball.



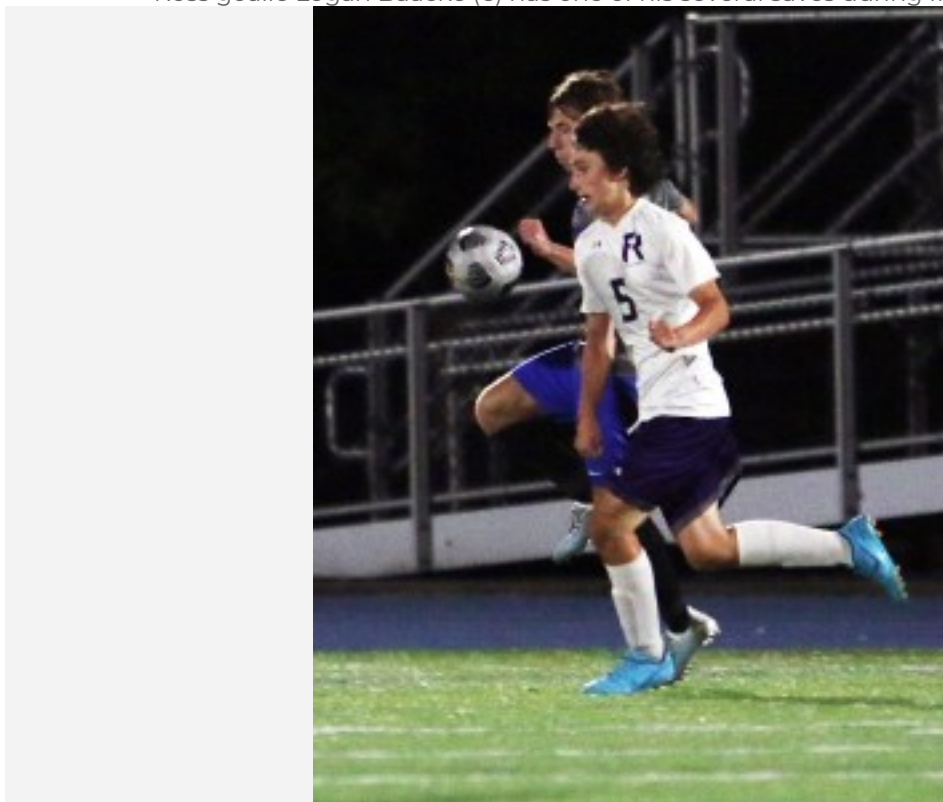
Freshman Stephen Reiter (13) is a bit late to get in the way of a St Francis pass.



Fremont's Evan Garcia (12) displays an excellent defensive effort during second half action.



Ross goalie Logan Baacke (6) has one of his several saves during first half action.



Braden Estep (5) is step for step as he chases the ball during the first half.



Ross boy's Soccer fought Bowling Green to a 1-1 tie Saturday morning. Next up Lima Sr. Tuesday afternoon. (Pictured Carter Rodriguez dribbles down the field versus Bowling Green.



**Fremont Ross Athletics**

September 13, 2022 · 🌐



Boys Soccer team moves to 3-3-1 with a 4-2 TRAC victory over Lima Tuesday night.



# CARTER RODRIGUEZ GETTING A 'KICK' OUT OF FALL

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By Bill Bray

FREMONT – Senior Carter Rodriguez started the summer before his senior year preparing for his final soccer season. Things did not go quite as planned for the talented young man, as coach Ed Baptista, the team's Offensive Coordinator, came calling.

"Coach Baptista asked me if I wanted to come out and kick," Rodriguez remembered. "So, one day I showed up and just kicked around for fun and he basically told me I was on the team." "I will be honest with you," coach Baptista began. "I watched him play basketball and saw how great of an athlete he was. I already knew he was a great soccer player. With our kicker graduating, I knew we had to find someone. So, I reached out to him, and he was excited about it. So, he started practicing immediately and kept practicing. It's allowed me to get to know him on another level. Not only is the kid a great student/athlete, but he's also an even better human being. I'm glad I reached out to him that summer day! He's adjusted well from soccer to football; he balances them out very well. He continues to stay focused and do his job. It's been a pleasure to have him around. He's a winner! On and off the field," Baptista concluded.

Rodriguez, just five games into the season, added his name to the football record book, connecting for eight extra points in a game versus Oregon Clay. "I'm loving being part of the football team," Rodriguez was quick to say. "Friday night lights, including all my great teammates, is an experience I will always remember." The fact that just six weeks earlier, he had never kicked a football, let

alone a point after touchdown in a game situation, was a fantastic feat. “I have definitely been working on it (kicking a football) very hard,” Rodriguez said. “I feel like I have got it down now.”



Carter Rodriguez is playing double-duty

He now shares time between his primary sports of soccer and football. “On days we have a soccer game, I don’t get to practice with my football kicking at all, but on off days, I practice with the soccer team from 3:00 to 4:30, then I head right to the stadium to work on my kicking until around 7:00 pm.” To be an adequate place kicker takes learning technique, according to Rodriguez. “Planting your feet and kicking the ball exactly where you want it to go takes understanding the position.”

Meanwhile, in his last two soccer games, Rodriguez has scored four goals. This number included three goals against Sandusky. His Soccer coach, Alex Coressel mentioned that Rodriguez isn’t in an uncommon spot. “We have had a long line of soccer players who have also kicked for the football team, including Nate Domiray, Mikey Contreras, Alec Slemmer, and Ayden Carter,” Boys soccer coach Alex Coressel said. “Carter is just a passionate kid who is extremely competitive,” Coressel said. “He will give you all he has and hates to lose. He is the kid that every coach wants to bring your team energy and hustle.” Rodriguez’s first experience with organized sports was with soccer. “I’ve been playing soccer since I was four or five years old,” Rodriguez remembered. “It’s always been my top sport. I like being able to run a lot.” All the work is paying off as Rodriguez leads the Little Giants boys’ soccer team in scoring this season.

With all this said, it is wintertime, and the basketball court is where the real passion lies for the senior. "I always think about basketball," Rodriguez said. "I never lose the thought of it. Basketball has a special place in my heart." Watching Rodriguez play last winter, it's very easy to see that this is true. The 'three-point shot' is his specialty. "I am hoping to attend a college and play basketball, that is my goal right now," Rodriguez said. His coach, John Cahill, also has high praise for his player. "Carter is a great kid who works hard and has a tremendous energy that is contagious," Cahill said. "He puts winning above all else, and we are all glad he is a Little Giant."

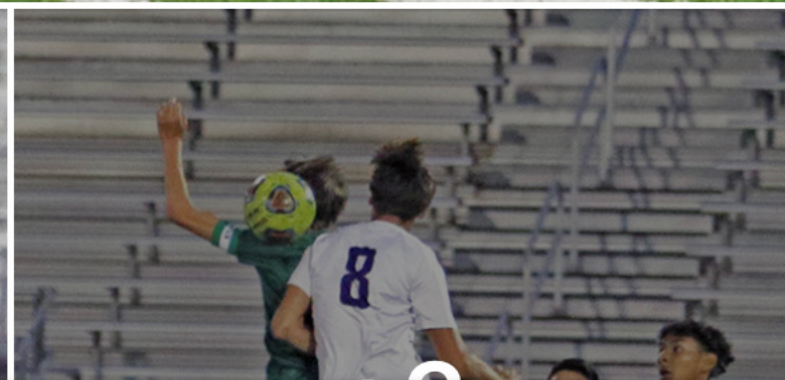
Add to all this, Rodriguez tried his legs on the track last spring. His track coach, John Elder, was another coach who had nothing but good things to say about Rodriguez. "Carter came out for track for the first time last year and right away he contributed," Elder said. "He was a great teammate and well-liked."

We are all glad that Carter Rodriguez is a Little Giant indeed. Whether he is wearing no. 7 (soccer), 21 (football), or 10 (basketball), or running around the track, we can all count on this senior giving 100%.



September 21, 2022 · 🌐

Boys Soccer comes home with a game-shortened 2-2 tie with Central Catholic. Two second half goals by Carter Rodriguez and Connor Growel brought the Giants home with a TRAC tie.



# ROSS SOCCER TIES TOLEDO WHITMER 2-2

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By Bill Bray

FREMONT – The Boys' Soccer team used two second-half goals to complete their third tie of the season. This time with Toledo Whitmer

The first half was a defensive struggle for the first 28 minutes until Toledo Whitmer's Husien Aki Abbas was good with a penalty kick at the 12:18. That was all the

Whitmer's JJ Aiken added a second goal early in the second half, hitting the ball to the right side of the north goal with 36:54 left on the clock.

Ross's coach, Alex Coressel, was unhappy with his team's first-half play. "I was very unhappy with the first half. We had no energy, effort, or challenge. We had nothing."

The coach went over some things with the team during the 10-minute halftime session, and his words seemed to have made a difference in the second 40 minutes.

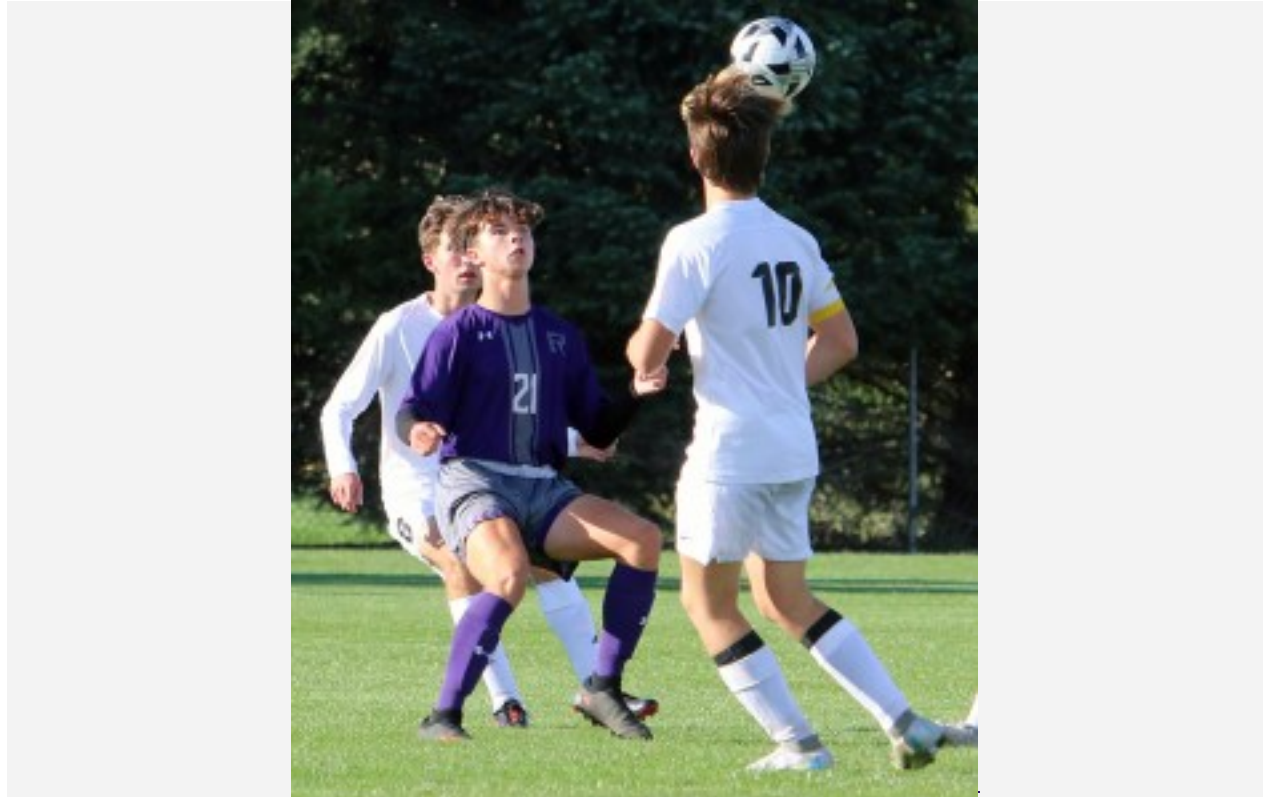
After Whitmer's second goal, it was Fremont's job to crawl out of the hole that they had dug for themselves and try to come back. They did just that. "The second half was high pressure and playing the way we wanted to play the entire game," Coressel continued. "It showed with the fact that we scored two goals in the second half."

The Giants suffered some costly injuries during the second half. The Ross goalie, Logan Baacke, left the game after suffering what appeared to be an injured sternum. The second loss on defense was that of freshman Gabe Wensinger. The Ross freshman collided with a Whitmer player, and both had to leave the contest. It appears Wensinger suffered a head injury in the collision.

Coressel gave credit to his team. "I was happy the way kids stepped up after the two losses we had. Cole (Kinsey) stepped up in goal and had a nice save, and the guys in the midfield stepped up and did what they were supposed to do."

Fremont's two goals came from the foot of Connor Growel. The first Growel goal came on a penalty kick with just over 26 minutes to go. The Giants then tied the game up on the second Growel goal, this time on an assist from Carter Rodriguez.

"It was a very mixed bag. It was one of those games that could go either way, and it worked out that we clawed back into it and tied it."



Fremont Ross freshman, Logan Tucker, watches as he is ready to go on the attack with the ball.



Victor Martinez (10) displayed steady play from his Midfield position.



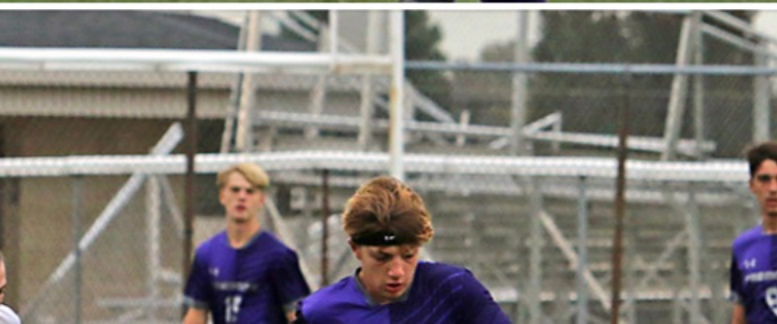
Connor Growel (9) scored both Ross goals during the contest. This shot was a failed penalty kick attempt in the first half.

With the tie, the Giants sit at 5-4-3 on the season and will be back in action Thursday, traveling to Springfield High School.



**FINAL** Fremont Ross 7  
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The Boys Soccer team improved their record to 7-5-3. They are back in action Wednesday afternoon at 5pm. Parent night will precede the match up with Tiffin Columbian. Attached are a few photos from tonight's 2-1 win over Oregon Clay. GO GIANTS GO!!



# ALL-STAR

The background of the entire page is a collage of soccer players in purple jerseys. In the center, a large image shows a goalkeeper in a pink jersey jumping high to catch a soccer ball in front of a goal. The word "ALL-STAR" is written in large, white, stylized letters with purple outlines at the top.

**Victor Martinez**  
**First Team**

**Frankie Navarro**  
**Honorable Mention**

**Logan Baacke**  
**"Goalie of the Year"**

**Connor Growel**  
**Second Team**

**Bryce Estep**  
**Honorable Mention**

**Carter Rodriguez**  
**Second Team**

**Cole Kinsey**  
**Honorable Mention**

# **“GOALIE OF THE YEAR” IS SYNONYMOUS WITH ROSS’ LOGAN BAACKE**

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By Bill Bray

FREMONT – If you have attended a boys’ soccer game this season, your attention is immediately taken to the ‘man in the goal’. Logan Baacke not only stands out for his bright pink uniform, but also for his tremendous play, which has been a staple on the Fremont Ross boys’ soccer team for the past three years. Why the pink uniform? “Why not wear it? It’s my senior year,” Baacke said.

As it turns out, soccer has been a staple in the seniors’ lives for a very long time. “Soccer started for me when I was about four or five years old, Baacke said. “I joined the rec. league, and that is when this all started, and I have been playing ever since then.” Baacke added that his dad also grew up in the sport and had passed it on to him. “The more I played, the more I liked it.” When Baacke was eight years old, his destiny was solidified when he was put into the net for the first time. “I loved the position from the very beginning and have worked really hard for the past seven years to become the best I can be at the position. It’s a beautiful game, and anytime I make a save, that energy rush is just so thrilling.”



Logan Baacke has always enjoyed getting to play in the field, but his heart is 'in goal'.

As he started his career as a freshman in the fall of 2019, he had dreams of a varsity career that he could not wait to start. "As I sat on the bench watching, I just could not wait for my playing time to increase as time went on," Baacke said. "Now, three more seasons have passed, and I am ending my high school career. I can't believe how fast it has gone."

The three years that Baacke played varsity could not have been much better, and some young soccer players can only dream of the high school career that Logan Baacke has had. "I was fortunate enough to get first team All-Trac my sophomore year as I played in goal 100% of the time. I feel like maybe the coaches who decided on the teams felt bad for me because I had so many shots fired at me. We just weren't terrific, and I had a lot of shots come my way."

Not only did Baacke finish with first-team honors in his junior and senior seasons, but he was named "Goalie of the Year" in the Three Rivers Athletic Conference each year. The "Goalie of the Year" over the last two seasons did get his opportunity to play in the field. "When I am in the field, it is more about getting the ball to other players with passes that could set up a scoring opportunity for us, Baacke explained. "When I am in goal, I have to watch more closely and communicate with my players more to let them know where the opposing team's players are on the field and hopefully be their eyes in those situations." Baacke gave kudos to Ross' defense and the team's defensive midfielders in Connor Growel, Victor Martinez, and Cole Kinsey. "They are all experienced and are doing a great job this year in their positions," Baacke said. "We just need to put the ball in the goal more, Baacke said. "We have

opportunities, and we need to take better shots on goal. All the ties we had this year would have and could have been wins.”

Baacke’s coach for the last four years, Alex Corressel is sorry to see his goalie leave but had nothing but praise for the “man in pink”. “He’s brought everything to this team,” the coach said. “Just a realness about the game. No matter what, he will tell you like it is. He will flat-out say whether he has had a good match or not. I think of the Lima game last year. He came to me at The half and said, ‘I am not playing well in goal. Put me in the field in the second half.’ We came back in the second half and won 7-3 after being down 3-0. Logan was instrumental in that win because of his play in the field in the second half. The kid is going to work hard no matter what, and he will ‘bring it’ every single game.”

As the season ends and Baacke thinks about his future, he is anticipating playing soccer at the next level in college. “Lake Erie College in Cleveland, Lake Erie Christian College in Lansing, Michigan, and Mid Atlantic Christian College in North Carolina have all been in touch with me,” Baacke said. One of the benefits of picking Mid Atlantic is the better weather, which would enable him to play outdoors more often. He is a little scared about possibly going that far away from home to play, but said, “I think I could handle it. The campus is right on the water, so that it would be nice.”

We all hope there are nothing but “nice” things in store for the “Man in Pink,” a man that won’t soon be forgotten when soccer teams of the future take the field.

# Ross Soccer (2022) Schedule

2022-23 ▾

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| Overall       | Conference               |
| <b>8-7-3</b>  | <b>3-3-2</b>             |
| 0.528 Win Pct | 4th in <u>Conference</u> |

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| Home    | 5-1-2 | GF     | 45 |
| Away    | 2-6-1 | GA     | 37 |
| Neutral | 1-0   | Streak | 1L |