

Ross soccer program still toddling

Learning process continues in third season

Team seeks aggressiveness

Fremont Ross soccer coach Victor Huntley said the Little Giants are working on becoming more aggressive.

Here's how:

- ☐ More shots from outside the goalie box.
- ☐ More strategy on free kicks.
- ☐ Better tackling techniques to gain possession of the ball.

With that, Huntley hopes the Little Giants will find the net more often during 1992.

By **TIM HARMON**
Staff writer

Soccer supporters at Fremont Ross likely knew it wasn't going to be easy when the school began its program three years ago.

Although the Ross program is beginning its third season, the building process has just begun.

"We have some experience," Ross coach Victor Huntley said. "Before, we had kids playing for the first time ... any sport."

"Between now and the next two years, (the program) should be sitting even with any team in the area."

The Little Giants are developing depth as the seasons pass — the biggest indicator that the program is progressing. For the first time, a Ross reserve team

will play a complete schedule.

On the varsity, Huntley foresees an improved substitution pattern.

"I can look through the entire roster and see that everyone's ball skills are almost on the same level," he said.

But the improving ball-handling skills of the Little Giants need to improve further.

"This team is pretty much balanced ... the skill level of the forward line and the defense. We still have a few adjustments to make with the defense, but I feel comfortable with the forward line."

"We play a long-ball game. If you have a good forward line and you don't have a defense that can kick long, a team play-

Little Giants at a glance

COACH: Victor Huntley is beginning his third season at Ross. The Little Giants have compiled a 7-22-3 record in their first two seasons competing on the interscholastic level.

LEAGUE: Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League.

KEY LOSSES: Forward Bill Babione, the team's second-leading scorer a year ago; halfback Eric Kaiser; goalie Mike Schnee; and top defensemen Adam Leutenegger and Greg Byrnes.

LETTERMEN: Junior Bobby Dorobek, the top scorer last year; seniors Matt Lagrou, Justin Marker and Barry Bordner; juniors Nathan Sachs and Karl Antesberger; and sophomore Jason Fox.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Senior Torsten Kaiser, a foreign exchange student from Germany; sophomore goalie George Dorsey; and senior Brandi Johns.

STRENGTHS: Ball-control ability and communication.

WEAKNESSES: Kicking strength.

LAST SEASON: 2-12-3.

FIRST MATCH: Tuesday at Ross High School vs. Bedford, Mich.

ing a short-ball game has the advantage. We need to be able to kick long.

"The reason we play a long-

ball game is because the kids are still developing their ball-handling skills. One way to sustain is to play that style."

Ross blanked in opener

News-Messenger reports

Bedford scored a goal in each half to defeat Fremont Ross 2-0 in the season-opening high school soccer match for both teams Tuesday.

Juston Grocki scored unassisted from 10 yards out 9:29 into the match at Ross High school, beating Ross goalie George Dorsey to the left corner.

Dorsey, a sophomore, turned away 19 of 20 first-half shots, but Ross managed just five shots in the opening period.

Bedford goalie Andy Walniewicz turned away all five plus the lone Ross shot in the second half.

At 32:57 of the second half, Bedford's John Oberski headed in a corner kick from Matt Campbell, beating Ross goalie Matt Blody to the right corner.

The Mules, 1-1, outshot the Little Giants 30-6.

In a junior varsity game in Toledo, St. John's beat Ross 13-0.

Maumee routs Little Giants 14-0

News-Messenger reports

MAUMEE — Andy Pollock scored four goals and Jon Abele three as Maumee kicked Fremont Ross 14-0 in a high school soccer match Thursday.

The Panthers, ranked number four in the state, scored nine

times in the first half.

Maumee had 39 shots on goal, while Ross did not have a shot.

Maumee is 2-0 and Ross 0-2.

The Little Giants travel to South Amherst to play Firelands at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Ross soccer team loses

News-Messenger reports

SOUTH AMHERST — Fremont Ross got on the scoreboard for the first time this season, but Firelands' first-half assault was too much for the Little Giants' soccer team Saturday.

Firelands scored six goals in the first half, three by center forward Eric Youngless, and went on to a 7-2 victory.

Youngless scored at the 32:14 mark of the half and added his second goal 29 seconds later. With 8:58 remaining in the half, Youngless got his hat trick — giving the Falcons a 6-0 bulge.

In the second half, the Little

Giants outscored the Falcons 2-1 while shoring up a porous defense.

Halfback Jason Fox scored the first goal of the season for Ross off a long corner kick from Toby Contreras. Fox's 15-yarder fell into the left corner of the goal.

Francisco Rosito got the second Ross goal, taking a pass from Bob Dorobek on a breakaway and booting it in from 10 yards away.

The Little Giants, 0-3, travel to Bedford, Mich., Tuesday. The Mules defeated Ross 2-0 in the season opener last Tuesday.

Bedford blanks Ross again

News-Messenger reports

BEDFORD, Mich. — Fremont Ross suffered its fourth loss without a victory Tuesday, losing for the second time to Bedford in a high school soccer match.

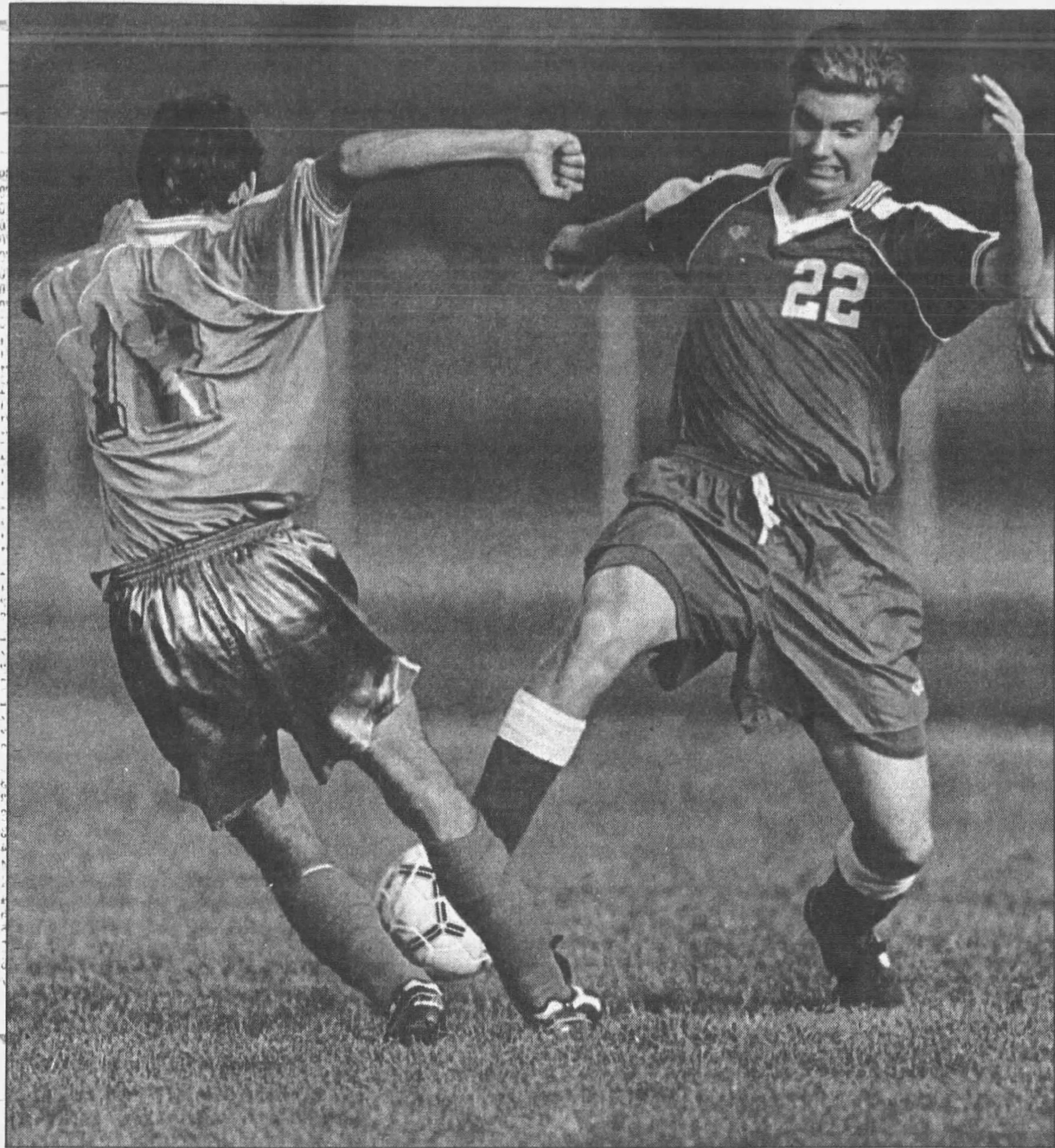
Bedford's 3-0 victory came a week after the Mules defeated the Little Giants 2-0 in the Ross season opener.

Two of the Mules' scores bounced in off Ross defenders.

Bedford's Keith Upton scored two minutes into the game when his shot from the corner bounced off Ross defender McGuire's foot. At the 21-minute mark, Justin Grocki's shot off a scramble in front of the Ross goal, slipped through goalie George Dorsey's hands.

Kirk Keane put Ross down 3-0 with an unassisted goal with 3:43 remaining in the first half.

Bedford, 2-2, outshot Ross 31-4.



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JASON FOX (22) of Fremont Ross tries to move the ball past Erik Porter of Toledo Bowsher during the first half of Bowsher's 4-1 high school soccer victory over the Little Giants Thursday.

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Bowsher boots Ross to sixth straight loss

News-Messenger reports

Toledo Bowsher scored four first-half goals and made them stand up in a 4-1 high school soccer victory over Fremont Ross at Ross High School.

The loss dropped Ross to 0-6 and 0-2 in the Northwest Ohio Soccer League. Bowsher is 2-6.

Eric Porter scored twice for

the Rebels. Matt Albright opened the Bowsher scoring at the 35:43 mark and Porter followed five minutes later with his first goal.

The Rebels cushioned their lead with two goals in the final 5:19 of the half. Brian Bilow scored on a pass from Porter, and Porter scored on a breakaway with 3:17 to play.

The Little Giants scored at the 11:38 mark of the second half. Matt Lagrou collected a rebound off the right goal post on Barry Bordner's shot and pushed it past goalie Kevin Corson.

Ross outshot the Rebels 25-15.

The Little Giants return to action Monday, hosting Sandusky.

Sandusky whips Ross 12-0

News-Messenger reports

John Parschauer scored five goals and added three assists, pacing Sandusky to a 12-0 romp over Fremont Ross in a high school soccer match Monday at Ross High School.

Paco Romero added three goals and two assists as the Blue

Streaks evened their record at 3-3. Ross falls to 0-7.

Sandusky outshot the Little Giants 34-4. All four Ross shots were by Francisco Rosito.

The Little Giants travel to Defiance for a match at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Rosito's five goals give Little Giants first victory

By **BOB MARKER**

Staff writer

DEFIANCE — Wind. Fremont Ross had it, used it, and survived with it Thursday.

Franciso Rosito scored all the Ross goals in a 5-3 high school soccer victory over Defiance, which stopped a season-opening, seven-game losing streak for the Little Giants.

"The wind was a factor," Ross coach Victor Huntley said. "We had it with us in the first half and we played the ball high; in the second half we played the ball low and packed the defense in and frustrated them."

Rosito was especially frustrating for Defiance, 1-7.

The Brazilian exchange stu-

dent scored eight minutes into the game, drilling a shot from 10 yards out in the middle. Fifty-two seconds later, Rosito turned Bob Dorobek's pass to the middle into his second goal.

Rosito scored his third and fourth goals in the same pattern: quickly. At the 16:57 mark, he nailed a 15-yarder from the right side. Two minutes later, he rifled a 25-yarder from just above the corner of the goalie box — giving Ross a 4-0 halftime lead.

The four goals equaled the number of goals Ross scored in the previous seven games.

Defiance cut the Ross lead to 4-2 on goals by Tom Hageman and Tim Sauer before Rosito struck again.

Taking a pass from Geoff Streeter on an indirect kick from inside the right corner of the box, Rosito's hard shot bounced off Defiance goalie Sam Keefer's shins and into the right corner of the net for a 5-2 lead.

But nearly 28 minutes were still left to be played.

"We had some wounded soldiers," Huntley said, "but our conditioning helped us and we kept hanging in."

Hageman scored on a penalty kick with 23 minutes left before Ross got its second wind.

Ross outshot Defiance 12-8 in the first 40 minutes but both

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teams finished with 18 shots on goal.

Ross goalie George Dorsey had 10 saves before leaving the game with a knee injury at the 23-minute mark of the second half.

Back-up goalie Matt Blody came in from a fullback slot and stopped five Defiance shots.

"This is a big lift," Huntley said. "It will give us a little roll for Toledo Central Saturday. It sure perked us up."

And took the wind out of Defiance's sails.

Ross hosts Toledo Central Catholic 1 p.m. Saturday and visits to Tiffin Columbian Monday.

Ross can't hold off C. Catholic

News-Messenger reports

Toledo Central Catholic scored five second-half goals, handing Fremont Ross a 7-1 high school soccer loss Saturday at Ross High School.

The Little Giants, 1-8, broke a scoreless tie 18 minutes into the match on Francisco Rosito's goal off Bob Dorobek's pass.

The Ross lead held until Pete Chelminiak's first of three goals pulled TCC, 7-0-1, even at the 18:13 mark. Matt Buckenmeyer's goal with 9:33 remaining in the first half put the Irish ahead 2-1.

In the second half, TCC had 24 shots on goal to the Little Giants' two as Chelminiak scored twice.

Ross plays Columbian at Tiffin today at 5 p.m.

Ross settles for soccer tie

News-Messenger reports

TIFFIN — Fremont Ross and Columbian battled to a 1-1 tie Monday afternoon in a high school soccer match.

Francisco Rosito scored his ninth goal of the season, putting Ross ahead 1-0 at the 14:06 mark of the first half.

Rosito took a crossing pass from left winger Geoff Street and slipped the ball past Columbian goalie Chris Bintz from 5 yards out.

The Brazilian exchange student took 11 of the 19 Little Giants' shots on goal.

Columbian, seeking its first win in 11 matches, tied the match three minutes later on Chris Borghese's shot from the left side. The goal came off an assist by Micah Dickerson.

The Tornadoes had one last-ditch shot at winning when Dickerson's shot from 25 yards hit the top bar of the goal with 1:15 left to play.

Columbian had 13 shots with Ross goalie George Dorsey turning in five saves.

The Little Giants, 1-8-1, travel to Toledo Waite for a 5:15 p.m., Thursday match.

Waite overcomes Ross rally

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross outshot, but did not outscore, Toledo Waite Thursday in a high school soccer match.

The Indians got only 14 shots but scored twice in each half for a 4-3 victory. Ross, which fell behind 3-1 before rallying in the second half, had 35 shots.

Chris Aranda scored a goal and assisted Geronimo Aranda on the game-winning goal with 16 minutes left in the game.

Waite, 4-5, also got goals from Mark Spetz and Phillip Hart.

Francisco Rosito scored all three Ross goals while getting off 13 shots.

Paul Bender assisted on Rosito's first goal, 26 minutes into the game. Jason Fox had the assist on Rosito's second goal nine minutes into the second half and Rosito scored unassisted to knot the match at 3-3 with 21 minutes left to play.

Toby Contreras and Justin Marker had five shots on goal for the Little Giants and Nate Fought got off four before leaving the game with a back injury with four minutes left.

Ross, 1-9-1, hosts Ashland at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Soccer loss

Randy Harding of Ashland scored two goals in the first two minutes of play and the Arrows went on to a 9-0 victory over Fremont Ross in high school soccer Saturday at Ross High School.

Ashland, 7-2-2, led 6-0 at halftime.

The Arrows had 41 shots while Ross had just two.

Ross travels to Toledo Whitmer Tuesday for a 7 p.m. game.

Whitmer kicks

Little Giants 12-3

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Whitmer scored six goals in each half and pulled away for a 12-3 high school soccer victory over Fremont Ross Tuesday night.

Darrel Wachowiak scored five Whitmer goals and Rene Neilsen added three goals and three assists for the Panthers, 4-10.

Whitmer broke a 1-1 first-half deadlock with three straight goals. The Panthers led 6-3 at halftime.

Matt LaGrou's head shot off Toby Contreras' corner kick pulled Ross even at 1-all two minutes into the game after Wachowiak's first goal 43 seconds into the match.

Franciso Rosito and Matt Blody added the other goals for Ross, 1-11-1.

The Little Giants travel to Toledo Woodward for a match at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Ross^N soccer squad nets 9-0 victory

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross played through the rain and a porous Woodward defense for a 9-0 high school soccer victory Saturday.

The win was the second against 11 losses and a tie for the Little Giants.

Francisco Rosito raised his Ross school record for goals in a game to six, one better than he set earlier this season in the

Little Giants' win over Defiance.

Ross led 6-0 at halftime, surviving a steady rain in the first^N 40 minutes.

Bob Dorobek got Ross on the board two minutes into the game, taking a feed from Geoff Streeter for the goal. Rosito followed a minute later on a pass from Dorobek.

The Little Giants scored four goals in the last 11:15 to build their halftime cushion.

Dorobek scored on an assist

from Rosito and Rosito scored the next three goals, with assists from Matt Lagrou and Dorobek sandwiched around an unassisted goal.

In the second half, Rosito scored off passes from Brandi Johns and Toby Contreras. Paul Bender got the other Ross goal with Rosito picking up the assist.

Ross returns to action today, hosting Rossford at 5 p.m. at Ross High School.

Ross wins 2nd straight

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross scored four first-half goals before having to fight off Oegon Clay and a stiff headwind for a 4-3 soccer win Monday afternoon.

The victory was the second straight for the Little Giants, 3-11-1.

Francisco Rosito scored twice less than eight minutes into the game for an early Ross lead.

Torsten Keiser's first goal of the season put Ross up 3-0 at the 18-minute mark and Rosito's third goal in the 25th minute gave the Little Giants a 4-0 lead.

Bob Dorobek assisted on Rosito's first goal while Keiser got the assist on the second. Rosito

assisted Keiser's goal and Rosito scored his third off Geoff Street-er's corner kick.

All the goals were scored with the wind at the Little Giants' backs. In the second half, Clay got the help of the wind, outshooting Ross 18-1.

Felix Lamp, Steve Cherry and Jared Mills scored for Clay, with Mill's goal cutting the Ross lead to one coming 28 minutes into the final half.

Ross will host Maumee Valley Country Day in a 5:15 p.m., Thursday match. On Oct. 19, Ross plays Woodward in the first game of the sectional tournament.

MVCD boots Ross 4-2

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross took an early lead, but the quick feet of Mike Baker erased it quickly as Maumee Valley Country Day defeated the Little Giants 4-2 in a high school soccer match Thursday at Ross High School.

Francisco Rosito took a pass from Torsten Keiser and took a shot that goalie Evan Creutz got his hands on but was unable to control. Rosito, following his shot, drilled it into the net from 3 yards away — giving Ross a 1-0 lead six minutes into the game.

From that point on, the game belonged to Baker. The MVCD center forward scored all four goals, tying the game at the 8:21 mark of the first half.

Baker's breakaway gave MVCD a 2-1 lead.

Baker's third goal at the 7:53 mark of the second half came after he had dribbled through five Ross defenders, beating Ross goalie George Dorsey with a shot to the left corner.

Halfback Brendan McGuire pulled Ross to within a goal at 3-2 with a shot from 15 yards out 30 minutes into the second half. McGuire's boot came on a follow-up when Justin Marker's shot from the top of the goalie box was blocked.

But Baker came back quickly, scoring his fourth goal less than two minutes later.

The Little Giants, 3-11-1, will play Toledo Woodward 7 p.m. Monday at the Lucas Country Recreation Center in the Division I District Tournament.



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FRANCISCO ROSITO of Fremont Ross tries a shot as Maumee Valley Country Day's Matt Sack-

mann defends Thursday at Ross High School. MVCD defeated the Little Giants 4-2.