

GIRLS SOCCER

Ross 3, Clay 2

OREGON — The Ross girls soccer team picked up its first victory Wednesday behind two goals and an assist from Johanna Wearsch.

The Little Giants defeated Clay 3-2 to move to 1-1 in the Great Lakes League. Ross is 1-2 overall.

Ross defended against 21 shots on goal. Kristina Szymanowski had nine saves.

Allison Clark lent a hand with one goal and one assist, and Nikki Straight recording one assist.

The junior varsity girls had to settle for a 1-1 tie with Maggy Abbulone scoring the lone goal for Ross.

Ross girls blank Lorain Southview

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The Ross girls soccer team picked up its second victory Monday behind Johanna Wearsch and Shannon Hickey, who scored three goals apiece in a 9-0 victory over Lorain Southview.

The Little Giants moved to 2-1 in the Great Lakes League and 2-2 overall.

Christina Szymanowski had two saves and Jen Mielke one save in the victory.

Brittany Werling, Marissa Rodriguez and Nicki Straight accounted for the remaining three goals.

Ross hosts Napoleon on Wednesday.

The junior varsity girls also shut out Southview, 12-0.

Fremont outshot Tiffin 12-5 and goalkeeper Rob Straight had 3 saves. Ross is now 2-3, 0-1 in the GLL. The Giants travel Tuesday to Lorain Southview.

GOLF

Elmwood 169, Otsego 173, Gibsonburg 177

Gibsonburg's Craig Mintz shot a 41 to lead his team in the match against Elmwood and Otsego on Monday on the red course at Sycamore Hills Golf Course.

Teammate A.J. Sleek shot a 44, Alex Hausman a 45 and Brian Wassil a 47 for the Golden Bears. Gibsonburg is 1-11.

Lake edges Woodmore

CURTICE — Medalist Josh Ledford's 33 led Lake to a tri-meet win over Woodmore and Northwood at Chippewa Golf Course in the Suburban Lakes League.

The Flyers fired a 152, one stroke ahead of Woodmore.



WEARSCH

High School Girls

Fremont Ross 5, Admiral King 1

Johanna Wearsch 2 goals; Alison Clark 1 goal, 1 assist; Tiffany Howard 1 goal; Allison Derr 1 goal; Shannon Hickey 1 assist.

Record: 4-2, 3-1 (GLL).

GIRLS SOCCER

Ross 7, Whitmer 0

TOLEDO — Britini Werling scored twice, and Johanna Wearsch had three assists as the Little Giants moved to 4-2, 3-1 in the GLL.

Ross took 28 shots on goal and limited the Panthers to five.

Wearsch, Shannon Hickey, Tiffany Howard, Alison Clark and Allison Derr each scored a goal. Hickey and Marissa Rodriguez added assists.

Ross hosts Sandusky today.

Little Giants win Findlay tune-up

Freshman Shannon Hickey recorded her second hat trick of the season as the Fremont Ross girls soccer team tuned up for Wednesday's showdown with Findlay with a 9-2 victory over Sandusky.

Hickey scored three times as the Giants outshot the Blue Streaks 38-7. Sophomores Alison Clark and Britini Werling added two goals apiece for Ross (6-2, 5-1 Great Lakes League).

Johanna Wearsch contributed a goal and three assists, while Nicki Straight had a goal and an assist. Marissa Rodriguez had an assist.

Ross, which trails Findlay by one game in GLL action, has won its last two GLL contests by a score of 16-2. The Giants whipped Whitmer 7-0 on Saturday.

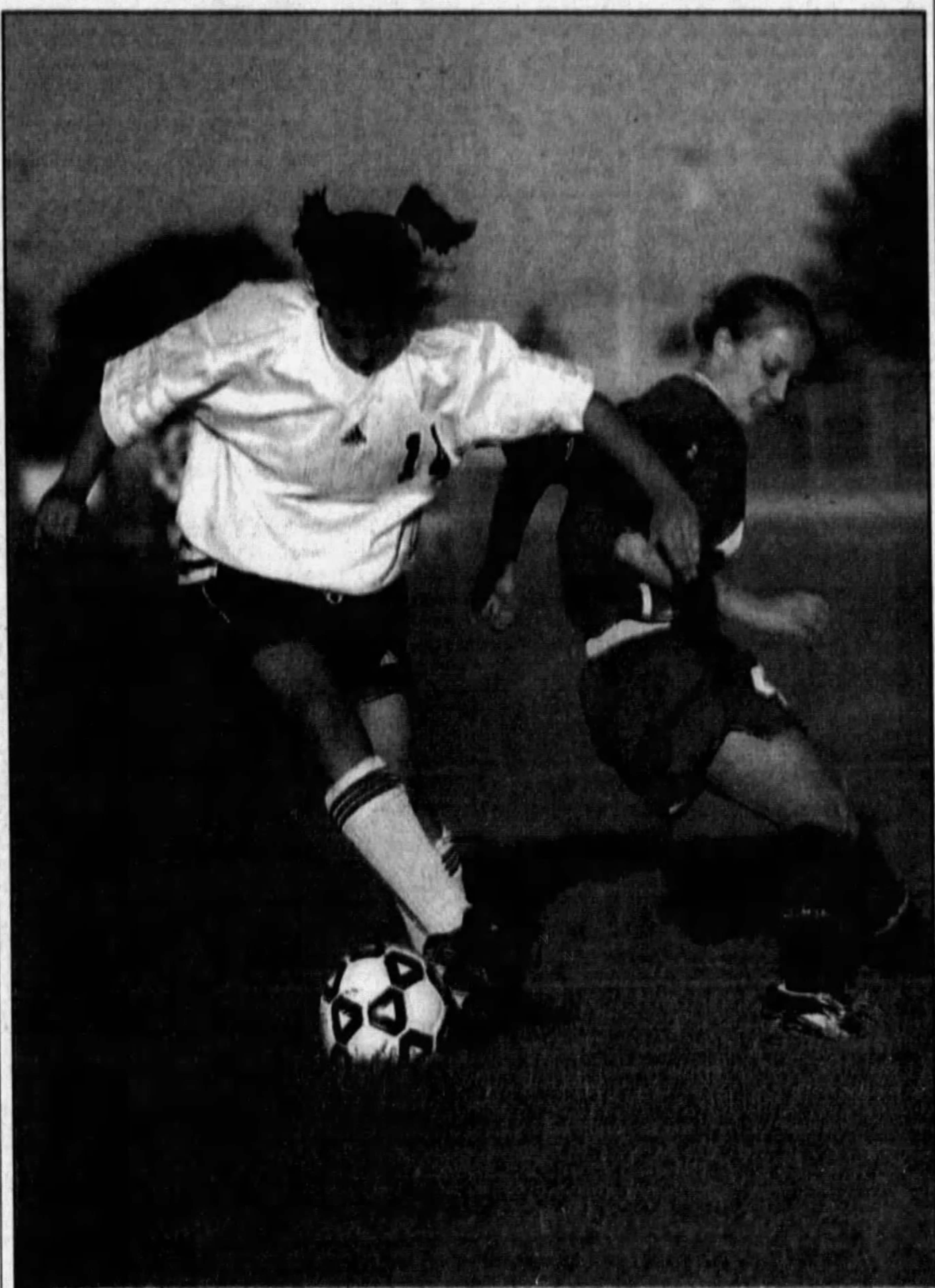
"We just dominated from whistle to whistle," Ross coach Scott McVeigh said of Monday's match. "We passed real well, just like we did Saturday."

Ross visits Findlay at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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HICKEY



News-Messenger photos/Ben French

MARISSA RODRIGUEZ of Fremont Ross (left) battles an Oregon Clay player for control the ball Wednesday at Alumni Field.

Little Giants earn day off

Clark, Wearsch lead Ross attack

By **TIMOTHY R. WOLFRUM**
Sports editor

Two rousing cheers arose from the Fremont Ross girls soccer team Wednesday at Alumni Field.

The first came at the final whistle of a 3-1 Little Giants' victory over Oregon Clay, a triumph that kept Ross firmly entrenched in second place in the Great Lakes League standings.

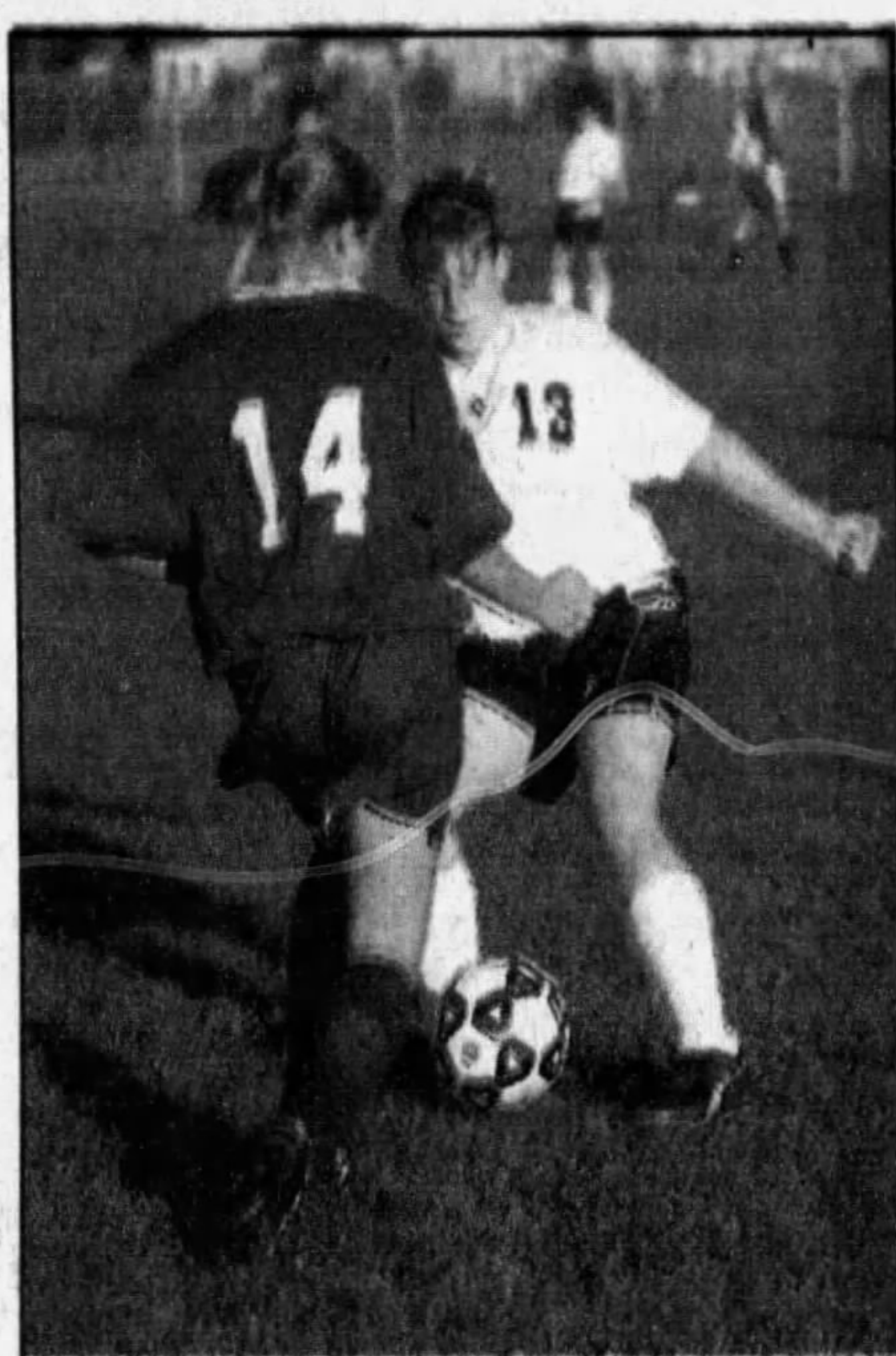
The second, and even louder, hurrah erupted when coach Scott McVeigh informed his girls they wouldn't have to practice today.

"It's a well-deserved day off," McVeigh said. "They've been working their tails off, and it shows. We've had a lot of sniffles and coughs the last few days. Our last two days of practice have been our worst."

But it didn't show Wednesday, when the Little Giants (8-3, 6-2 GLL) summoned the energy necessary to beat the Eagles (4-4 GLL) behind the goalkeeping of Christina Szymanowski, the teamwork of Alison Clark and Johanna Wearsch and the defense of Sashay Price.

Ross defeated Clay 3-2 in the first meeting between the two teams Sept. 6.

Clark and Wearsch shared the first two goals Wednesday. Clark scored one minute, 30 seconds into the match on a pass from Wearsch. Then, after Ashley Dosch of Clay tied the score two minutes later, Wearsch



SHANNON HICKEY of Ross maneuvers past a Clay defender Wednesday.

scored off a Clark feed nine minutes into the match to give the Little Giants all the scoring they would need.

In the second half, sophomore Brittini Werling finished off the scoring on a penalty kick eight minutes in. Ross earned the shot when Tiffany Howard was tackled by a Clay player inside the box.

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Giants defeat Clay in GLL

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Meanwhile, Price was shadowing Clay's Lindsay Roberts, who scored a hat trick in a match against Ross last season. Roberts went scoreless for the second time this year against the Little Giants.

Szymanowski stopped five shots in the second half and aggressively shut down the Clay offense by sprinting out of the goal to snuff loose balls.

"Babe' (Szymanowski) played

a real nice game," McVeigh said. "She was going after the ball more. She got a good first step on the ball tonight."

Ross, which trails Findlay by two games in the GLL standings with four matches to play, is at Lorain Southview on Saturday.

**SAVE
BIG BUCKS!**

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LORAIN — Sashay Price is the Fremont Ross girls soccer team's defensive enforcer.

On Saturday, Price tasted offensive glory, even if it was by accident.

Price scored a goal as the Little Giants earned a 5-0 Great Lakes League victory over Lorain Southview.

"It was on a free ball," Ross coach Scott McVeigh said of Price's goal, "and she said she was trying to pass the ball when it went in the goal."

Brittini Werling, Johanna Wearsch, Shannon Hickey and Allison Derr also had goals for the Little Giants (9-3, 7-2 GLL). Nicki Straight had two assists, and Marissa Rodriguez added another.

Ross outshot Southview 29-4.

The Ross junior varsity team claimed a 2-1 victory to improve to 4-4-2 on the season.

The Little Giants are at Lorain Admiral King today.

By TIMOTHY R. WOLFRUM
Sports editor

The Fremont Ross girls soccer team exploded for six goals in the second half to ease past Toledo Whitmer 7-0 Thursday in a Great Lakes League contest at Alumni Field.

Freshman Shannon Hickey led the way with two goals. Tiffany Howard and Allison Derr each contributed a goal and an assist. Nicki Straight, Britini Werling and Johanna Wearsch scored a goal apiece. Marissa Rodriguez added an assist.

"It was a total team effort," Ross coach Scott McVeigh said. "At halftime, it was 1-0, and the team really came together in the second half."

Ross is 11-3, 9-2 in the GLL.

The Little Giants won the junior varsity match 2-1.

Ross is at Norwalk on Saturday.

Soccer

High School Girls

Ross 7, Toledo Whitmer 0

Leaders — Shannon Hickey 2 goals; Tiffany Howard 1 goal, 1 assist; Allison Straight 1 goal; Britini Werling 1 goal; Johanna Wersch 1 goal; Marissa Rodriguez 1 assist.

Record: 11-3, (9-2 GLL).

JV Match: Ross 2, Toledo Whitmer 1.

Ross stings Streaks

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The Fremont Ross girls soccer team enjoyed its final Great Lakes League match of the season and wrapped up second place in the process.

The Little Giants rolled over Sandusky 10-0

as even goalkeeper Christina Szy-

manowski

got into the

offensive

act. Szy-

manowski

was moved

to forward in the second

half and contributed two as-

sists to the effort.

"We wanted to get her a

goal," Ross coach Scott

McVeigh said. "Everybody

was feeding her. She had a

great time."

Ross finishes the GLL

season at 10-2, two games

behind league champion

Findlay. The Little Giants

are 12-3 overall heading into

the season finale Thursday

at Norwalk.

On Monday, Shannon Hick-

ey, Britini Werling, Tiffany

Howard and Alison Clark

each collected two goals.

Clark added two assists. Alli-

son Derr pitched in with a

goal and two assists, and Jo-



WERLING

hanna Wearsch had the other goal. Jackie May and Nicki Straight also had assists.

Ross outshot Sandusky 36-0.

The Little Giants open Division I sectional play against Mansfield Senior at 5 p.m. Monday at Lexington.

The Ross junior varsity team won a 1-0 decision over Margaretta on Monday to finish the season 7-4-2.

High School

Ross 2, Norwalk 0

Leaders — Alison Clark 1 goal, Shannon Hickey 1 goal, Johanna Wearsh 1 assist, Christina Szymanowski 6 saves.

Record: Ross 13-3.

GIRLS SOCCER

Standings

	League			All Games		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Findlay	12	0	0	18	2	0
Ross	10	2	0	13	3	0
Clay	8	4	0	10	6	0
Whitmer	4	6	1	4	9	2
Admiral King	2	8	2	2	13	2
Southview	3	9	0	3	13	0
Sandusky	0	10	1	0	13	2

First Team

Kristy Coppes	Findlay	Sr.
Johanna Wearsch	Ross	Sr.
Sashay Price	Ross	Sr.
Stephanie Heacock	Findlay	Soph.
Ashley Seybold	Whitmer	Soph.
Jessica Tomazic	Southview	Sr.
Britini Werling	Ross	Soph.
Shannon McDougale	Clay	Sr.
Lindsay Roberts	Clay	Sr.
Sarah Roggelin	Clay	Jr.

Goalkeeper: Christina Szymanowski, Ross, Jr.

GLL Player of the Year: Lindsay Roberts, Clay.

GLL Coach of the Year: Scott McVeigh, Ross.

Second Team

Crystal Bollinger (Clay, Soph.), Amanda Swearingen (Findlay, Sr.), Lauren Hull (Findlay, Sr.), Amy Barriger (Whitmer, Soph.), Jenny Militzer (Whitmer, Sr.), Ashley Dosch (Clay, Jr.), Angela Hoelzle (Ross, Jr.), Angela Stroshine (Clay, Fr.), Rebecca Ward (Southview, Jr.), Alison Clark (Ross, Soph.).

Goalkeeper: Leah Miller, Findlay, Soph.

Honorable Mention

Admiral King: Monica Gerace (Soph.), Lauren Kishman (Soph.), Jackie Graynor (Soph.).

Clay: Melissa Ankney (Jr.), Diana Oravec (Sr.), Heather Soncrant (Jr.).

Findlay: Shaina Roberts (Jr.), Eva Diehl (Sr.), Aleischa Coover (Sr.).

Ross: Tiffany Howard (Jr.), Nicki Straight (Jr.), Shannon Hickey (Fr.).

Sandusky: Angela Ruffin (Sr.), Emily Griffiths (Sr.), Meghan Kaser (Sr.).

Lorain Southview: Sunshine Shuck (Soph.), Cherrelle Millender (Fr.), Sarah Gawlik (Sr.).

Whitmer: April Jeffers (Sr.), Betsy Lawrence (Soph.), Michelle Gunn (Fr.).