

Soccer

High School

Ross Schedule

Aug. 30	Bedford, 5 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Maumee, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Firelands, 7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Findlay*, 5:15 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Tol. Central Catholic*, 1 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Northview, 5:15 p.m.
Sept. 17	Toledo Christian*, 1 p.m.
Sept. 19	Sandusky, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Defiance, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Maumee Valley*, 1 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Eastwood*, 5:15 p.m.
Sept. 29	Tol. St. Francis*, 5:15 p.m.
Oct. 1	Ashland, 1 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Whitmer, 7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Toledo St. John's*, 5:15 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Tiffin Columbian, 5 p.m.

* NOHSSL games

Ross Roster

Legend: D-defender; M-midfielder; G-goalkeeper; S-sweeper; F-Forward

No.	Player	Pos.	Gr.	HT.	Wt.
32	Craig Copley	D	9	5-8	130
28	Kyle Fisher	M/D	9	5-9	114
1	Michael Hickey	G	9	5-8	135
14	Matt Holbrook	S	9	5-7	115
4	Ben Huss	F	9	5-3	113
29	Ryan Newman	D	9	5-3	120
37	Mike Simonton	M	9	5-10	137
0	Amy Smith	M	9	5-5	115
27	Andy Smith	M	9	5-9	128
12	Brian Thomson	M	9	5-8	125
10	Nik Wearsch	M/F	9	5-7	125
52	Bill Flower	F	10	6-0	160
23	A. Humberger	F	10	5-10	140
47	Kevin Jackson	M	10	5-11	165
15	Kris Myers	G	10	5-11	165
6	Hans Schmidlin	M/D	10	6-1	175
34	Owen Sorg	D	10	5-9	140
16	Corey Sterling	M	10	5-10	140
30	Jacob Sterling	D	10	5-7	125
26	A. Stainbrook	F	10	5-7	130
42	Don Wensinger	D	10	5-7	142
00	Paul Wilson	D	10	5-9	135
38	Matt Garlock	M/D	11	5-11	150
31	Nathan Huss	F	11	5-11	155
20	Matt McClory	F	11	5-8	140
5	Nathan Mortimer	D	11	6-2	180
19	Neil Sachs	M	11	6-0	150
3	Heather Schnee	M/D	11	5-2	125
21	Derek Smith	D	11	5-6	120
33	Mike Straube	S	11	5-8	160
17	Jason Strayer	M	11	5-10	155
9	Carlos Baez	F	12	5-8	135
7	T.J. Fisher	D	12	5-8	155
1	Ken Flower	G	12	5-9	170
88	Jason Fox	D	12	6-1	180
22	Mike Fraley	D	12	6-0	170
11	Marius Huber	M	12	6-2	160
2	Nathan Rhodes	M	12	5-7	150
12	Juan Sanchez	D	12	5-8	175
18	Eric Slemmer	M	12	5-8	150

Coach: Jon Detwiler; Varsity assistants: Tom Ackerman and Greg Strayer; Junior varsity head coach: Ben Hickey; JV assistant: Nate Sorg.

New coach takes over at Ross

By **BOB MARKER**
Staff writer

Jon Detwiler's apprenticeship is over.

After several years learning the game of soccer as junior varsity at Fremont Ross High School, Detwiler takes over the varsity job this year.



DETWILER

"When I started, I did not know anything about soccer,"

Detwiler said. "I have come a long way thanks to Victor Huntley, who got the soccer program going."

Huntley guided the Ross program through its first four years. Last season, the Little Giants finished 9-9 and moved into the top division of the Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League for the first time.

The top two teams in the second division switch places each year with the lower two teams in the upper division.

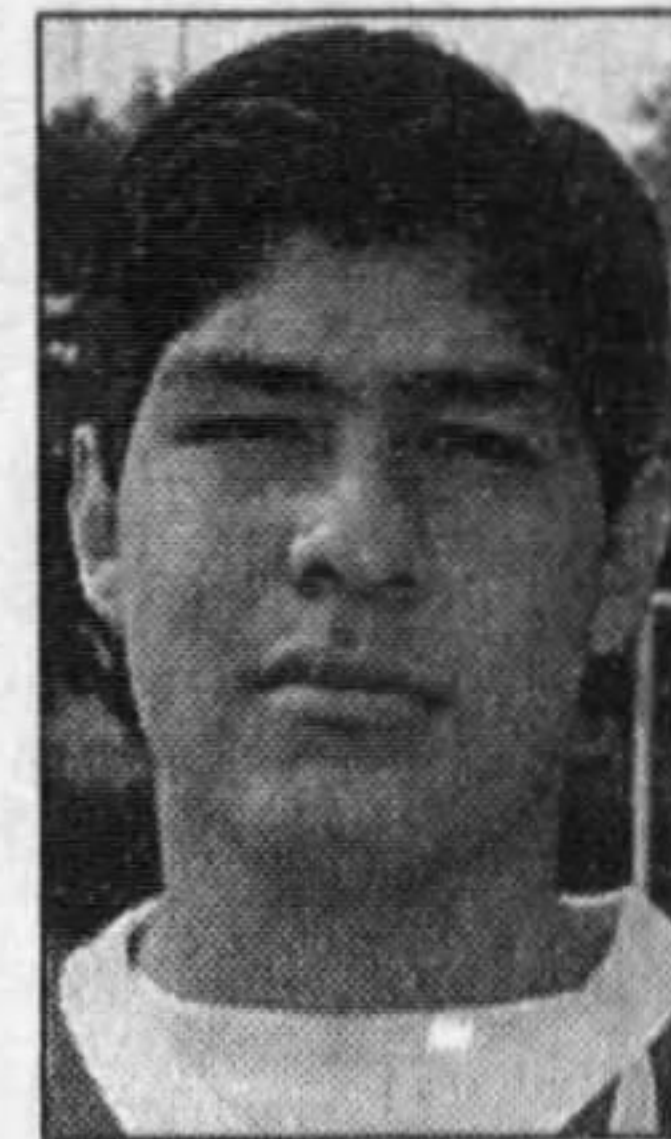
"We have a lot more ball control than we have had in the past," Detwiler said. "That has allowed us to change our offen-



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sive style a little bit.

"We have gone more to our midfielders, changing the control to middle of the field rather than pushing forward all the time."



SANCHEZ



BAEZ

Detwiler rates the Little Giants' team speed as good especially on the wings with seniors Nate Rhodes and T.J. Fisher, freshman Nik Wearsch and Car-



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los Baez, an exchange student from Colombia.

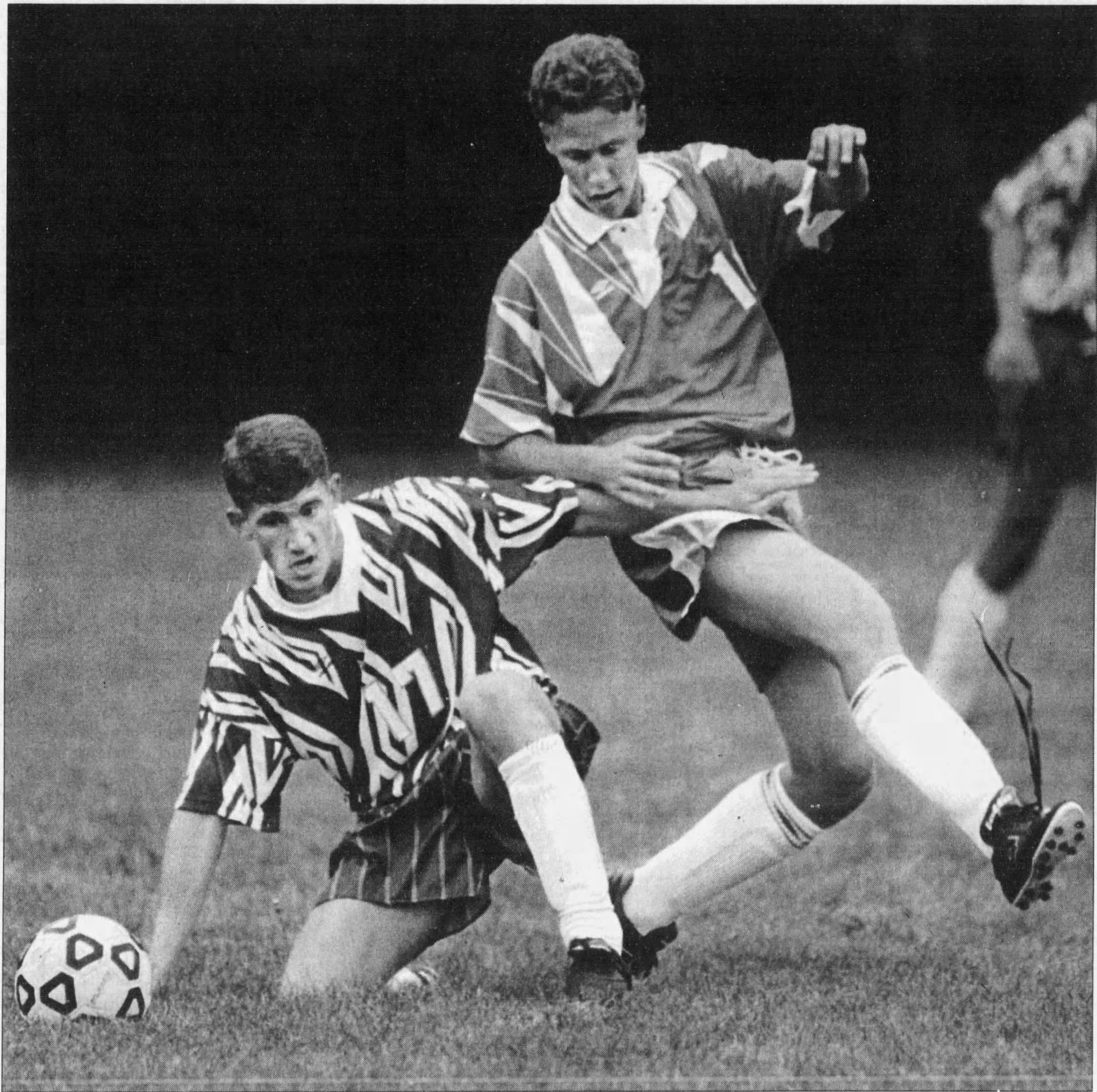
"Baez is an excellent addition to our forwards," Detwiler said. "Another exchange student from Switzerland, Marius Huber, will be playing midfield for us."

Other top returnees include junior Jason Strayer, a midfielder, and senior defender Juan Sanchez. Also back is goaltender Ken Flower, a senior.

The move to the upper bracket of the NOHSSL means a stronger schedule for the Little Giants.

Toledo St. John's is a perennial state power and Maumee.

"Our goal is to stay in the top bracket," Detwiler said.



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JASON STRAYER (left) of Fremont Ross tries to control the ball while warding off Bedford's Harold Howell during the first half of the Mules' 4-2

high school soccer victory over the Little Giants Tuesday at Ross High School. The match was the first for both teams

Bedford hands Ross opening loss

News-Messenger reports

Bedford (Mich.) took advantage of a one-man advantage and defeated Fremont Ross 4-2 in the first soccer match for both teams Tuesday at Ross High School.

Ross led 2-1 when Nathan Rhodes received a red card three minutes into the second half. Rhodes was ejected for a dan-

gerous play, and Bedford took advantage.

"We didn't seem to generate any offense after that," said Ross coach Jon Detwiler, who believed Rhodes was merely retaliating. "We played too much on our end of the field."

Bedford, which outshot the Little Giants 20-13, took the lead and added an insurance

goal later.

"Once they got the goal advantage, they switched to a six-man defense," Detwiler said.

Matt McClory scored both Ross goals, off assists by Nik Wearsch and Mike Fraley.

Mike Hickey made 16 saves for the Little Giants, who travel to Maumee Thursday.

Maumee boots Little Giants

News-Messenger reports

MAUMEE — Two goals in the first four minutes of the second half helped Maumee to a 6-1 victory over Fremont Ross Thursday.

Ben Scott, who gave Maumee the lead with a

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goal late in the first half, made it 3-1 three minutes into the second half. A minute later, Jason Davidson scored.

"It was a lack of conditioning on our part," Ross coach Jon Detwiler said. "Their two quick goals took a lot of enthusiasm out of our kids."

Ross, which tied the game at a goal apiece on Eric Slemmer's direct kick midway through the first half, managed six shots on goal.

Maumee, meanwhile, had 20.

"They controlled the ball," Detwiler said. "We could have been more aggressive of defense."

Ross is winless in two matches, and Maumee has won twice without a loss.

The Little Giants play at Firelands Saturday.

(23, 22:39)...Firelands defeated Ross 2-1 in high school soccer. Jason Strayer scored for Ross in the second half. Nik Wearsch got an assist on the goal. Ross is 0-3.

Ross blanked

Findlay outshot Fremont Ross 24-15 and shut out the Little Giants 5-0 in a high school soccer match Thursday.

Kasper Jerlsen scored twice for Findlay.

Ross soccer team wins 1-0

TOLEDO — Jason Strayer scored a first-half goal off an assist from Nathan Huss on Saturday, leading the Fremont Ross soccer team to a 1-0 victory over Central Catholic.

The Little Giants improved to 1-4, while Central dropped to 2-2-1.

Defense gives Little Giants soccer squad second victory, 2-0

News-Messenger reports

Excellent defense. That's how Fremont Ross soccer coach Jon Detwiler says you win a match when your opponents outshoot you 22-8.

That's what happened Tuesday, when the Little Giants blanked Sylvania Northview 2-0.

"Our defense is doing a good job of keeping shots on the perimeter," Detwiler said.

Freshman goalie Mike Hickey made 17 saves.

"He has a lot of experience," Detwiler said. "He's played on several traveling teams and in the

Olympic development program."

The defense was led by sweeper Mike Straube and middle defender Jason Fox.

"Jason does a good job of pushing things to the outside," Detwiler said. "Straube is kind of an unsung hero."

Jason Strayer scored both Ross goals, finding the net in the 21st minute of each half. Nate Rhodes got the assist on Strayer's second goal.

Ross won for the second time in four matches, while Northview fell to 3-2-1.



HICKEY



FOX



STRAUBE



STRAYER

Ross wins

The Fremont Ross soccer team defeated Toledo Christian 2-1 on Saturday, its third win in seven matches.

Carlos Baez and Nathan Rhodes scored the goals for the Little Giants, getting assists from Eric Slemmer and Jason Strayer, respectively.

Ross tops Sandusky

By **BOB MARKER**
Sports Editor

Mike Hickey was every bit of what the Hickey family minivan's license plate reads: GOLIE.

All that's missing is the "A" but Hickey was not missing Monday afternoon as he handled all that Sandusky could kick at him. His seven saves paced Fremont Ross to a 2-0 high school soccer victory.

"Mike Hickey is an incredible goalie," Ross coach Jon Detwiler said.

Hickey's diving saves off free kicks by Sandusky's Paco Romero in the 59th and 65th minutes killed Sandusky's only serious threats.

Ross broke into the scoring column in the 38th minute.

Jason Strayer took a long crossing pass from Matt Garlock, dribbled past Blue Streaks defender R.J. Pooch and slipped the ball past goalie Jeremy Ward in the near corner.

After Hickey kept Sandusky off the board, Ross added insurance with a breakaway goal by Nate Rhodes. Carlos Baez's gentle touch pass to Rhodes set up the goal in the 67th minute.

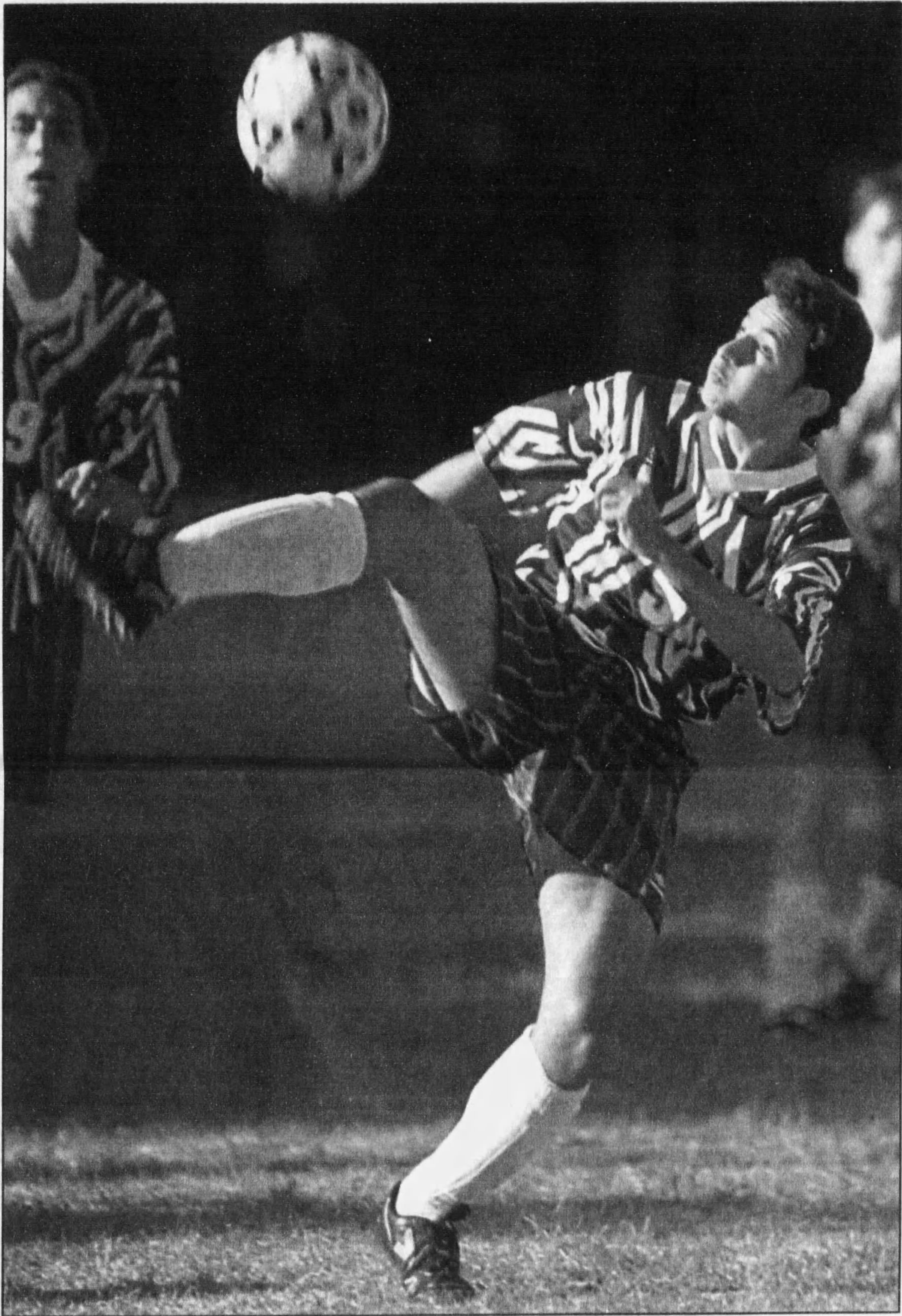
There was no score in the first half as Ross was kept off balance by the Blue Streaks.

"They pushed the ball really fast up the field," Detwiler said, "and we did not defend it as well as we did in the second half. Also, the key adjustment in the second half was we marked (defended) Paco Romero and that made a big difference in their offense. They did not move the ball up the field as well."

After eight first-half shots on goal, Sandusky managed four in the second half. Both teams had 12 shots on goal.

It was the fourth straight win for the Little Giants after four consecutive losses to start the season. It was Sandusky's sixth loss without a win.

This afternoon, Ross travels to Defiance.



CARLOS BAEZ of Fremont Ross gets off a bicycle kick during first-half action Monday at Ross High School.

Baez had an assist in the Little Giants 2-0 victory over Sandusky.

News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

Defiance stops Ross win streak

DEFIANCE — Fremont Ross had its four-match winning streak stopped by Defiance Tuesday.

Mike Ellison scored three goals as Defiance won 4-1, dropping the Little Giants' record to 4-5. Ellison scored all of the goals in the first half and teammate Josh Hartzell added another before Ross got on the board.

Nate Huss scored the Ross goal in the 73rd minute.

Defiance is 3-6.

Soccer victory

Nate Rhodes scored both goals in a 2-1 Fremont Ross high school soccer victory at Eastwood Tuesday.

"We moved him to center forward from the wing, and his speed created his scoring opportunities," Ross coach Jon Detwiler said. "We had the wind in the first half, that was a factor tonight."

"Some good defense in the second half kept them from scoring again."

Ross, 6-5, is 4-1 in the A Division of the Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League.

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Toledo St. Francis shut out Fremont Ross 4-0 Thursday in an A Division game in the Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League match.

The Knights limited Ross to 12 shots, and Mike Hickey^N made 10 saves for the Little Giants (6-6 and 4-2).

Prep soccer

Ashland shut out Fremont Ross 5-0 Saturday, scoring four goals in the first half at Ross High School.

The Little Giants, 6-7, managed seven shots in the first half but just two in the second.

Ashland improved to 8-2-1.

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Ross 3, Whitmer 2

Ross 1 2 — 3

Whitmer 1 1 — 2

R: Nate Rhodes (Carlos Baez), 20:00

W: David Wachowiak (John Blaze), 35:00

R: Baez, 21:00

R: Rhodes, 70:00

N W: Wachowiak, 75:00

Shots on goal—Ross, 10-6-16. Whitmer, 7-6-13.

Saves—Ross, Mike Hickey 7-4-11. Whitmer, Louis Brocus 6-2-8.

Records: Ross 7-7, Whitmer 7-5.



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Rhodes, Baez lead Ross to soccer win

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Nate Rhodes scored two goals, and Fremont Ross took a 3-1 lead then held on for a 3-2 high school soccer victory over Toledo Whitmer Tuesday night.

Rhodes opened the scoring with a goal off an assist by Carlos Baez, and gave the Little Giants their 3-1 lead in the second half.

"Their defense was pretty slow," Ross coach Jon Detwiler said. "The speed of Nate Rhodes and the ballhandling of Carlos Baez enabled us to get through it."

Baez added the third Ross goal, while Mike Hickey made seven of his 11 saves in the first half for Ross, 7-7.



BAEZ

Ross^N loses

Toledo St. John's shut out Fremont Ross 3-0 in a high school soccer match Thursday.

Ross trailed 1-0 at halftime, but Matt Sattler scored two goals in the second half for the Titans.

The Little Giants, 7-8 and 4-3 in the Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League, got 12 saves from Mike Hickey.

Prep soccer

Jason Strayer and Matt McClory scored three goals apiece and Fremont Ross shut out Tiffin Columbian 9-0 on Thursday.

Mike Hickey and Nate Huss combined on the shutout in goal.