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Ross' Mikey Lather handles the ball. DOUG HISE

Lather scores 16 points in Ross loss

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Fremont Ross followed consecutive wins to begin its season with a slow start in its next two games.

It cost the Little Giants again Saturday in a 57-45 nonconference setback

to visiting Olentangy.

Ross beat Bowling Green and Norwalk, before falling Wednesday to Vermilion.

"It was a similar feel to the last game where we did not get off to a good start," Little Giants coach John Cahill said. "Kaden (Holmes) getting two early fouls did not help. He never got into sorts."

Ross trailed 28-22 at the half. Olentangy scored the first nine points in the game.

Braves coach John Feasal and Cahill are friends.

"We play them in the summer and they have beaten us like a drum in the

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Ross' Labronze Barnett passes the ball. DOUG HISE

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time I have been here," Cahill said. "(Saturday) is probably the most competitive we have been. They are a veteran team and fundamental.

"They are a lot like Findlay in that they are going to do things well."

The Little Giants climbed only as close as 41-33 in the fourth quarter after trailing 38-29 after three quarters. Olentangy forced 21 turnovers.

"The 1-3-1 hurt us tonight," Cahill said of zone defense. "Without a summer, there are so many things that are new. Kaden is a point guard now and we had not faced a 1-3-1. It was different and we made mistakes against it."

Olentangy's poor shooting didn't breed reluctance. It made 5 of 27 3-pointers, including two in the fourth quarter as it established a double digit lead.

Ross also struggled from the perimeter, making 3 of 19 3s. It canned 12 in the win over Norwalk.

Mikey Lather made two 3s off the bench Saturday and finished with a team-high 16 points.

"He has played a lot of different roles for us," Cahill said of the senior. "He actually missed a day of school sick, so we had a little different starting lineup. I was really happy with what he did. He gives you what he has got every night.

"Mikey was really good."

Labronze Barnett added 12 points for the Little Giants.

Cahill will continue to reinforce the importance of smooth starts.

"We really fought ourselves in defensive rebounding and taking care of the ball," Cahill said. "We have a lot of growing to do. We are going to get back to work. We have a full week of practice, which we need."

Scorecard

Olentangy 17-11-10-19 - 57

Ross 13-9-7-15 - 44

Olentangy (2-0): 22-54 FG, 8-18 FT, 5-27 3pt (James 3, Elmore 2), 37 rebounds (Sizemore 9), 15 turnovers. Scoring: Ethan Smith 6 1-5 13, Tavian James 5 3-4 16, Luke Elmore 4 1-3 11, Austin Sizemore 1 3-5 5, Zach Wiegling 3 0-1 6, Jack Huskey 1 0-0 2, Caleb Gossett 2 0-0 4.

Fremont Ross (2-2): 16-47 FG, 9-16 FT, 3-19 3pt (Lather 2, Vann), 33 rebounds (Lather 9), 21 turnovers. Scoring: Labronze Barnett 4 6-8 14, Dion Bradley 0 0-1 0, Jared Adkins 0 0-0 0, Kurt Harrison 3 0-0 6, Kaden Holmes 0 1-2 1, Mikey Lather 6 2-3 16, Anthony Vann 1 0-0 3, Bryson Hammer 1 0-2 2, Kalijah Alejandro 1 0-0 2.

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