

Ross soccer swept by S'view

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Sylvania Southview scored the final three goals Saturday and up-ended Fremont Ross, 3-1, in the Little Giants' boys soccer opener at Kelsey Hayes Field.

After a scoreless first half, Ross took the lead on a 35-yard cross by Mike Lozano that got by Southview goalkeeper Chris Minard at the seven-minute, five-second mark of the second half.

The Cougars tied the score on Jake Phillips' penalty kick 10 minutes later. Kevin Lanning followed up with the go-ahead goal in the 31st minute, and iced the triumph with another goal in the final minute of play.

Southview outshot Ross 10-6. Robby Straight led the Little Giants

with nine intercepts. Daryl Copley added seven, and Derek Sprouse, Luke McElfresh and Blair Ellenberger had six intercepts apiece.

Ross plays host to Findlay at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Southview 7, Ross 0

SYLVANIA — The Little Giants lost more than their first match Saturday when sophomore goalkeeper Stephanie White suffered a serious injury.

White was LifeFlighted to St. Vincent's Medical Center in Toledo after sustaining injuries to her liver and kidney during a collision with a Southview player in front of the net, Ross head coach Ron Huss said.

White left the field after the injury but rode the team bus back to Fremont. She went to Memorial Hospital after experiencing discomfort and was rushed to Toledo when tears were discovered in the liver and right kidney, Huss said. She is expected to be released Tuesday.

White is out for the season.

"She was really disappointed about not being able to play," said Huss, who visited White on Sunday. "But I told her her health is much more important. She's got her whole life ahead of her."

Southview dominated the match, allowing the Little Giants no shots on goal.

Ross travels to Findlay on Wednesday.

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FINDLAY — The Fremont Ross girls soccer team is making headway in its pursuit of perennial Great Lakes League champion Findlay.

The Little Giants scored their first goal in four seasons of competition against the Trojans on Wednesday during a 4-1 defeat.

Natalie Durnwald's goal off a pass from Alison Clark allowed Ross to tie Findlay at 1 after the first half.

"The girls were just totally psyched when we came off the field at halftime," Ross head coach Ron Huss said. "The girls needed something like this to show we can be competitive with anyone."

Findlay took the lead for good with 34 minutes, 39 seconds remaining in the match when Heather Arnette scored on a direct kick. The Trojans scored two late goals to pull away from Ross (0-2, 0-1 GLL).

Findlay outshot the Little Giants 27-3. But junior goalkeeper Shannon Hickey, who filled in for injured starter Stephanie White, made 23 saves and impressed Huss and her teammates.

"Tonight, she played a whale of a game," Huss said of Hickey.

White, who suffered a serious injury in the season opener at Sylvania Southview, has been released from the hospital and hopes to return to school next week. The team plans to forgo practice Friday and visit White, Huss said.

White collided with a Southview

player near the goal and suffered tears in her liver and right kidney. She is out for the season.

Ross visits Napoleon today.

Margaretta 3, Edison 0

MILAN — Monica Frisch scored twice as the Polar Bears collected their first victory over the season.

Tela McCullough knocked in the other goal for Margaretta (1-1). Jenna Cullen added an assist. Goalkeepers Melanie Johnson and Veronica Borchardt had three and two saves, respectively.

The Polar Bears host Lorain Southview today.

BOYS GOLF

Gibsonburg 166, Bettsville 218

Derek Eddings and Craig Mintz each broke 40 as the Golden Bears cruised on the red course at Sycamore Hills Golf Club.

Eddings fired a 38, Mintz a 39 for Gibsonburg. Alex Black shot a 44, and three Bears — Brent Hiser, Ricky Hausman and Tony Stevenson — carded 45s.

Adam Lawrence turned in a 49 to lead Bettsville.

Gibsonburg visits Tiffin Calvert today. Bettsville hosts Mohawk today.

Seneca East 165, Lakota 192

TIFFIN — Randy Phillips led the Tigers to their fourth victory in as many dual matches with a 37 at Clinton Heights Golf Course.

Lakota (2-6) got a 44 from Bryan

Ross girls claim first GLL victory

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NAPOLEON — Britini Werling and Alison Clark each had a goal and an assist Thursday as the Fremont Ross girls soccer team earned its first Great Lakes League win.

Clark scored an unassisted goal eight minutes into the match, and the Little Giants rode their defense and the goalkeeping of Shannon Hickey to a 3-0 victory over Napoleon.

"It was nice to get that first league win," Ross head coach Ron Huss said. "The kids were sore after a physical game with Findlay last night. But the gut-checked and played hard."

Betsy Adams scored Ross's second goal on a redirect off a shot by Werling 27 minutes into the first half. Werling rounded out the scoring midway through the second half on a feed from Clark.

Hickey made four saves, including one on a penalty kick. Center fullback Jackie May kept Napoleon's top player, Chelsea Small, in check for the entire game. Megan Theller played well at stopper, Huss said.

Ross (1-2, 1-0 GLL) hosts Napoleon for a rematch on Tuesday.

Ross flourishes late

Adams scores twice in final 7:06; Ross wins 4-1

By **TIMOTHY R. WOLFRUM**
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The Fremont Ross girls soccer players say they come alive after halftime.

On Tuesday, it took the Little Giants just a little longer to rise up and take down Napoleon for the second time in a week.

Sophomore Betsy Adams scored to break a 1-all tie with seven minutes, six seconds remaining in the match, then scored again during a three-goal flourish as Ross rallied past the Wildcats, 4-1, at Kelsey Hayes Field.

"I knew we could get them. Just getting there was the hard part," said senior Alison Clark, who assisted Adams on the Little Giants' final score.



ADAMS

Adams scored twice, and classmate Rachael Daugherty added the other second-half goal. Daugherty assisted Adams on the go-ahead tally.

The Ross players joked that they rallied in an effort to avoid the wrath of first-year head coach Ron Huss.

"I think it's more or less the talk we have at halftime," Adams said.

"We always do better the second half because we get yelled at. We do better after we get yelled at."

Said Clark, "We seem to be a

second-half team. I don't know why. I don't know if we're mentally prepared or if just takes us a while to kick it in. Usually when coach says we're going to run sprints if we don't go, then we kick it in."

The Little Giants (2-2, 2-1 Great Lakes League) were coming off a four-day layoff, another explanation for the slow start. They had rested since their last match, a 3-0 victory Thursday at Napoleon.

"The girls never gave up," Huss said. "We talked at halftime that it was kind of ugly out there. I don't think we were into the game mentally real well. There may have been an attitude since

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SAMANTHA MINICH, right, of Fremont Ross makes sure Napoleon goalkeeper Rachel Snyder controls the ball during Tuesday's Great Lakes League match at Kelsey Hayes Field.



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ROSS'S Jackie May chases down the ball with a Napoleon defender close behind. The Little Giants defeated the Wildcats 4-1 on Tuesday night at Kelsey Hayes Field.

Ross nets 4-1 triumph over Napoleon

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we beat them last week 3-0 they thought they could get them again. But you have to play the game."

Napoleon freshman Chelsea Small scored the game's first goal at the 19-minute mark of the first half when she broke away and rifled a shot past Ross goalkeeper Shannon Hickey and into the lower left corner of the net.

Although the Little Giants enjoyed several scoring opportunities — they outshot the Wildcats 24-9 for the match — they came up empty until Clark redirected a Britini Werling corner kick with her chest in the 31st minute.

Clark charged from the far post, and the ball bounced her way after Ross's Samantha Minich missed a header attempt.

"I remember coach was telling me to be on the back post and be in position," Clark said. "So I went over there and ended up being in the right spot. It's always good to listen to the coach."

Huss used Clark's example at halftime to stress staying in position for the second half. The Little Giants listened just in time.

Adams was in the right place when Daugherty won a battle with a Napoleon defender on the left side of the net and booted the ball free. Wildcat goalkeeper Brandee Dietrich hesitated as Adams approached the ball, leaving the left side of the net wide open. Adams converted with 7:06 to play.

"R-Doc (Daugherty) was there for me," Adams said. "She picked it up, and I was there to get it in. Luckily, the goalie was out of position."

Ross put the game away with 2:12 remaining. Werling ripped a shot that Dietrich deflected right to Daugherty, who used her knee to direct the ball into the empty net.

For good measure, the Little Giants scored again with 1:07 left. Clark fired a perfect crossing pass to Adams, who put it away to cap the scoring.

"As I pointed out to the girls at halftime, you have to play positions," Huss said. "If you're in position, things are going to happen. That's what happened down there. Betsy did a nice job getting in on the far post, and she was able to hit net for us because she was in position."

Hickey recorded five saves in goal for Ross. Senior defender Jackie May marked Small, Napoleon's top player, and kept her under wraps after the first-half goal.

Ross is at Defiance on Saturday.

SOCCER

Tol. Whitmer 3, Ross 2

Ross had plenty of shots, just not enough goals.

The Little Giant girls soccer team outshot Whitmer 19-14, but was on the losing end of a GLL match at Kelsey Hayes Field.

"It was a heartbreaker," Ross head coach Ron Huss said. "We couldn't finish off our shots and missed some opportunities for our headers to go in. We came up on the short end. Those are the kind you want to win. But the girls played hard."

Alison Clark scored the first Little Giant goal to tie the contest 1-1 at the 27 minute, 42 second mark in the second period. Rachel Daugherty had the other Ross goal on an assist from Britini Werling with 22:04 remaining.

Ross goaltender Shannon Hickey had 11 saves.

Kelly Kubicki had two goals for Whitmer.

The Little Giants (2-3, 2-2 GLL) travel to Oregon Clay on Wednesday.

GIRLS SOCCER

Ross 2, Clay 0

OREGON—The Little Giants even their record at 3-3 as Rachael Daugherty and Natalie Durnwald scored goals on redirects.

Alison Clark and Britini Werling assisted on the two goals. Goalkeeper Shannon Hickey turned in her first shutout.

Ross (3-2 Great Lakes League) is at Ontario on Saturday.

Giants scorch GLL foe

Werling scores 4 goals in rout

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The Fremont Ross girls soccer team got everybody involved on Monday as the Little Giants lambasted Great Lakes League foe Sandusky in a 11-0 rout at Kelsey Hayes Field.



Britini Werling led the barrage with four goals as Ross had 28 shots on goal to Sandusky's four. Betsy Adams had two goals, while Allison Clark, Rachel Daughtery, Shannon Hickey, Megan Theller and Miranda Pasch each contributed a goal.

Clark had five assists for Ross, and Sierra Pena earned her first varsity save on a penalty kick.

The Little Giants host Toledo Central Catholic at 5 p.m. today.

GOLF

Ross 157, M. Harding 182

Philip Foster fired a 37 for medalist honors to lead the Fremont Ross golf team to a non-league triumph over Marion Harding on Monday.

Scott King carded a 39, while Andrew Aseltine had a 40. Spencer Schabel and Wes Eckhardt each contributed a 41.

The Little Giants (3-1) host Great Lakes League rival Findlay at 4:30 p.m. today.

GIRLS SOCCER

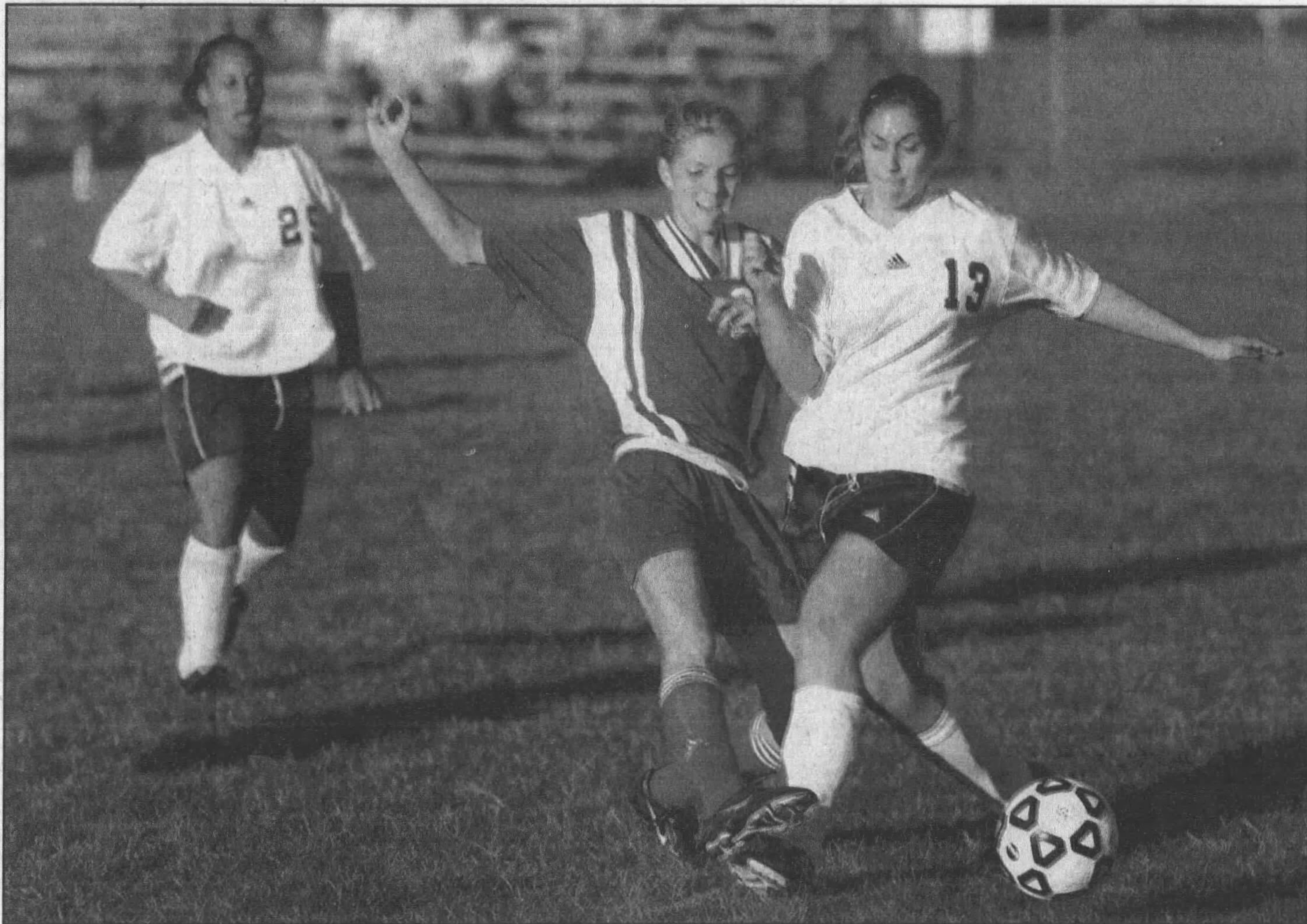
Toledo Central Catholic 4, Ross 1

The Little Giants mustered only eight shots on goal in a non-league defeat to Toledo Central Catholic at Kelsey Hayes Field.

Betsy Adams scored the lone Ross goal in the second half on an assist from Melissa Arbelo.

Ross hosts GLL foe Findlay on Monday.

Findlay peppers goal



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NATALIE DURNWALD, right, of Ross battles Findlay's Caitlin Logan for the ball as Ross's Jackie May closes in during Monday's match at Kelsey Hayes Field.

Trojans dominate Ross, stay unbeaten in GLL

By **TIMOTHY R. WOLFRUM**
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The young Findlay Trojans are auditioning for a go-to girl.

On Monday, the youngest of them came up from the junior varsity and gave a convincing performance.

Freshman Caitlin Logan turned in a hat trick as the Trojans eased past Fremont Ross, 5-1, in Great Lakes League girls soccer action at Kelsey Hayes Field.

Logan heeded a halftime speech from Findlay head coach Kevin Veroneau — he urged his charges to look to score more and pass less — with a pair of second-half goals.

"That's what we're looking for are goal scorers," Veroneau said. "She (Logan) makes some good

decisions. ... But she's a freshman, so sometimes she has to rethink her decisions. She could have had more goals."

The Trojans (9-2-1, 6-0 GLL) dominated Monday's match, outshooting Ross 29-8. Busy Little Giants goalkeeper Shannon Hickey made 10 saves.

But the Little Giants, who scored their first goal in four seasons of competition against powerful Findlay during a 4-1 loss on Aug. 28, stayed close for as long as possible. They kept the Trojans scoreless for the first 21 minutes.

Findlay got started when Kristy Hewitt and Logan poured in consecutive goals within 14 seconds with about eight minutes left in the first half.

"I knew if we got it to halftime

and could keep them scoreless, that pumps the girls up," Ross head coach Ron Huss said. "After they got two goals on us, you could see they were hanging their heads.

"The girls weren't intimidated this year. I worked hard on getting them to understand we're just as good as anybody else. ... The girls didn't give up."

Stephanie Heacock, Findlay's lone senior, handed her team a 3-0 lead with a chip shot over Hickey with 28:02 remaining in the second half.

The Ross offense, dormant through the first half, finally awakened with an Alison Clark goal with 18:24 remaining in the match. Clark directed the ball into the right side of the net after a pass in traffic from Rachael Daugherty.

The score came less than a minute after the Little Giants put together a three-shot flurry against Findlay goalkeeper Britanni Croy. Croy made impressive saves on all three of the shots.

Logan capped the Findlay victory by scoring two late-match goals on passes from Kate Turnow. Her final goal came with 12 seconds left on the clock.

Huss said Ross failed to corral the Trojans' active front line.

"Shannon did well back in goal," Huss said. "It was our back line we had the trouble with. They just seemed to miss the assignment of somebody coming through. I remember three goals where we blew it in the back line."

Ross is at Whitmer on Monday.

GIRLS SOCCER

Ross 7, Whitmer 3

TOLEDO — The Little Giants improved to 4-3 in Great Lakes League play after stomping Whitmer.

Britni Werling led Ross with three goals, and Allison Clark had a team-high five assists. Clark added a score, as did Rachel Daughtery, Betsy Adams and Melissa Arbelo. Miranda Pasch and Abby Werling each contributed an assist.

The Little Giants (5-7, 4-3 GLL) hosts Oregon Clay on Wednesday.

GIRLS SOCCER

Clay 2, Ross 1

The Eagles scored two first-half goals, and it was too much for Ross to overcome during a Great Lakes League match at Kelsey Hayes Field.

Britini Werling scored Ross's second-half goal on a pass from Rachael Daugherty.

"We really came back in the second half and outplayed them," Ross head coach Ron Huss said. "Even the Clay coach complimented us. We couldn't buy a goal after the one we made in the second half."

The Little Giants (5-8, 4-4 GLL) outshot Clay 21-8. Ross hosts Bowling Green today.

GIRLS SOCCER

Bowling Green 1, Ross 0

The Bobcats poured in the lone goal with just 35 seconds remaining in the match to win a non-league contest at Kelsey Hayes Field.

"The ball was bouncing around like a pinball," Ross head coach Ron Huss said. "One of their players got a foot on it.

"We had no shots on goal in the second half. They kept us at bay pretty good."

Bowling Green outshot Ross 13-3. Little Giants goalkeeper Shannon Hickey made 12 saves.

Ross is at Norwalk on Saturday. The Little Giants begin Division I sectional play at 5 p.m. Oct. 17 against either Sandusky or second-seeded Lexington at Lexington.

Ross slams Sandusky in season finale

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SANDUSKY — The Fremont Ross girls soccer team closed out the regular season in dramatic fashion with a 9-2 pummeling of Great Lakes League rival Sandusky on Monday.

Six different Little Giants found the net with Britni Werling leading the way. She had a team-high three goals as Ross outshot the Streaks 26-3.

Allison Clark and two goals and two assists, while Shannon Hickey, Rachel Daugherty, Betsy Adams and Abby Werling contributed a score apiece.

"The girls played a well-balanced game and their short passes are finally working," Little Giants head coach Ron Huss said.

Sandusky scored both of its goals on penalty kicks.

Ross (6-10, 6-4 GLL) returns to the field on Oct. 17 for tournament play. The Little Giants will play the Sandusky-Lexington victor.



B. WERLING