

Ross' lack of experience shows in loss

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Fremont Ross' boys soccer team suffered a 6-0 non-conference loss to Port Clinton on Thursday.

But that doesn't mean Tyler Kincaid didn't do everything in his power to keep the Redskins off the scoreboard throughout the game. Kincaid cleared scoring chances away from the Little Giants' defensive zone on several occasions, including a sliding effort in the first half.

"He did a good job controlling the back," Ross coach Phil Collison said. "Once he got going he developed confidence. He goes to the ball hard. He's able to play with his head up."

"Once we learn our shape (spacing and configuration) and continue to communicate, we'll move forward."

Kevin Harmon of Ross (0-2) made several difficult saves by coming out to challenge shooters and dropping down to use his feet almost like a hockey goalie. He took the ball right off an attacker's foot in a 1-on-1 situation and stopped a few rebounds.

Harmon, however, made a few mistakes when vacating his net and Port Clinton scored several of its goals from outside the box.

The Redskins scored three times in the first half.

"We're a young, inexperienced team," Collison said. "Toward the end (we) picked up the pace, and got a rhythm and some confidence."

"They continued to work hard and develop the game plan."

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Port Clinton's Alec Ochs battles for the ball against Fremont Ross' Taylor Biehler during a soccer match Thursday. JONATHON BIRD/NEWS-MESSENGER

ROSS 2, SANDUSKY 0

SANDUSKY — Taylor Biehler and Brett Foos each netted an unassisted goal in Thursday's win over the Streaks. Kevin Harmon notched 8 saves for the Little Giants.

Records: Ross — 1-3 (0-1 Three Rivers Athletic Conference).

Next: Ross vs. Norwalk, Saturday.



Ross' Andre Guzman (3) and Whitmer's Mason Andrews (2) chase after a ball during a Three Rivers Athletic Conference soccer game on Tuesday. BRENDA SOULE/NEWS-MESSENGER CORRESPONDENT

Lapse in focus dooms Ross

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FREMONT — If only there were 75 minutes in a soccer game.

How different could the season be for Fremont Ross?

That's a question coach Phil Collison is pondering.

The Little Giants have been plagued by inopportune breakdowns at key times. That trend that continued on Tuesday as with the game tied up, Toledo Whitmer scored two goals in a forty-second span at the end of the first half, going on to top Ross 3-2 in a Three Rivers Athletic Conference tilt.

"Typically it just seems like we have spurts of time where we have about five minutes of play where we lose track of what it is that we're trying to do," Collison said. "If we can

conquer that, then we'll continue to be more successful."

Austin Burgess struck the first blow for the Panthers (3-8-1, 1-3-0) at 5:54 of the first half when his shot beat Little Giants' goalkeeper Kevin Harmon from just inside the box. Jake Wyrostek got the other on a breakaway goal at the 5:14 mark as Whitmer scored three unanswered goals to go ahead 3-1 at the half.

"I think that really took the wind out of their sails," Panthers coach Stephen Zampardo said. "But they came back in the second half, and they came committed."

The Little Giants (1-7-2, 0-4-1) had generated plenty of attacks in the first 40 minutes.

Just eight minutes in, Ross midfielder Jacob Scofield-Relford had a good scoring opportunity when his shot was

deflected at the last second by Whitmer goalie Ryan Wicher. But four minutes later, he generated an even better attack when he found Nathan Domiray in nearly the same spot for a goal at the 27:14 mark.

The Little Giants tallied nine first-half shots, six on goal. Whitmer countered with 15 shots, with 12 on net.

"Towards the end of the half, we were changing the way we played," Collison said. "When we started to go back to working on possession in the second half, we did a little bit better."

Ross fired nine second-half shots, but only got two at the Panther's net. They held Whitmer to 12 shots in the second half and seven on goal.

"(Ross) has some good talent on that team," Zampardo said. "I know Phil has had his struggles early on, but they're learn-

ing a new system like we are."

Ross's Fabian Ramirez had two free kicks in the second half just miss — one which was saved by the goal high on net, while the other sailed just over the crossbar.

With time winding down, Adam Jenkins kept playing and scored a goal just as time expired.

"We played a harder game than we've played in quite some time," Collison said. "The kids competed."

Kevin Harmon made 14 saves for the Little Giants.

"He did a good job," Collison said. "He takes away the breakaway for us and that's super important. But he did a good job of coming off his line and he made some good saves."

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Boys Soccer

Old Fort 2, Fremont Ross 1

Cole Davidson continued his torrid scoring-pace, tallying two more goals Monday for Old Fort, which bested Fremont Ross.

Davidson, now with 26 goals on the year, tied the game for the Stockaders (10-3) with 37:37 left in the second half. His goal just under 10 minutes later put them ahead for good.

Marc Salas assisted on both markers.

Jacob Scofield-Relford scored the lone goal for the Little Giants at the 28:48 mark of the first half.

Kevin Harmon had 10 saves for Ross in net, while Dalton Perry had five saves for Old Fort.