

Little Giants seek communication

By **BOB MARKER**

Staff writer

Victor Huntley has witnessed a role reversal.

"Last year," the Fremont Ross High School soccer coach said while recalling the first season of the sport for the Little Giants, "the communication was here but the fitness was not.

"This year, it is the other way around."

Huntley said players communicating their position on the field is a key part of soccer, but added "you have to have fitness."

In the first match last season, Ross tired badly in the second half, losing 7-1 to Tiffin Columbian.

"We are in better shape," Huntley said, "we just have to get the communication."

Today, Ross travels to Bedford, Mich., to open the season against the Mules. Last season, Bedford trounced Ross 8-0 in one match but the Little Giants tied the Mules 3-3 in the second match between the teams.

Huntley's second team is senior-dominated with 15 on the 19-member varsity squad. A junior and three sophomors comprise the remainder of the varsity team.

"We lost only our halfbacks and we have replaced most of the forwards with experienced guys," Huntley said. "The forward line and the defense should be clicking, but the halfbacks are a little weak.

"Our depth is not there. When we go to the bench, it is weak.

"We have a sound defense; our goalkeepers are experienced. The defense

should work for us, so once we get our forwards working, we should be sitting pretty good this year."

The chief graduation loss for Ross was center-forward Nate Sorg, the team's leading scorer.

"But we have Bobby Dorobek and Nathan Sachs to fill the hole," Huntley said. "They are pretty sound and have some experience from last year. Once we get them tuned, they should be alright."

Dorobek lettered last season while Sachs moved up from the junior varsity and saw a little varsity action late last season.

Letterman Fred Schnee will be in goal for the Little Giants with his brother Mike, backing him up. Mike Schnee played the wing and inside forward last season and will be used when needed at those spots

again.

Sophomore Karl Antesberger and senior Bill Babione will be on the wings with junior Justin Marker and Dorobek the inside forwards. Sachs will start in the center.

A pair of lettermenm Eric Keiser and Ryan Jackson step into the halfback slots while the fullbacks — one of the stronger parts of the team according to Huntley — are Greg Byrnes, Adam Leutenegger and Justin Terry.

The Little Giants will play five Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League Division II games in their 16-game schedule.

"Once we get to jelling," Huntley said, "we should be rolling, hopefully by at least game four."

The first home match is 5:30 p.m. Sept. 3, against Maumee.

Mules kick Little Giants in opener

By **BOB MARKER**
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BEDFORD, Mich. — Fremont Ross fell victim to the heat and the Bedford Mules' short game in the second half of a 4-3 high school soccer loss Thursday in the season opener for both teams.

Justin Grocki scored two second-half goals for the Mules, erasing a 3-2 Ross halftime lead. Grocki's game-winner, with about 18 minutes remaining, came on bad break for the Little Giants.

John O'Berski's shot from about 10 yards was seemingly stopped by Ross goalie Fred Schnee while he was flat on the ground, but the ball squirted out of the grasp of Schnee and Grocki was there to collect the loose ball, ramming it in from 5 yards away.

O'Berski had put Bedford ahead 1-0 on a penalty shot 10 minutes into the game. The

shot was set up on a tripping penalty by Ross fullback Adam Leutenegger. The penalty shot, however, seemed to change the momentum toward Ross.

Two minutes later, Ross left-winger Bill Babione's hard shot from 20 yards away broke through the arms of Bedford goalie Todd Dusseau to tie the game.

The Little Giants followed quickly with goals by Bobby Dorobek and Karl Antesberger for a 3-1 lead.

"They got three surprise goals," Bedford coach Chuck Gallagher said. "We had two mis-kicks in our defense and Fremont took advantage of them."

Ross coach Victor Huntley said, "We took the momentum of the game from them, but in the second half, the guys got tired because we do not have any depth. We put guys in there but we are not getting the backing that we are supposed to

have.

"Plus, it was very humid and that helped wear us down."

Bedford coach Chuck Gallagher said the Little Giants' style took his team by surprise.

"The Fremont team plays a long ball (long kicks) game," Gallagher said, "and that is something we are not accustomed to; a long ball (kicking) game just does not let us control the ball at all."

"Our bench was the key. The kids were pretty well cooked about 10 minutes into the second half but we were able to circulate a few guys and then got our starters back in and that is when they finished it off."

Approximately two minutes before the half, Bedford's Chris Renius cut the Ross lead in half with a 15-yard shot from the right side.

Goalie Mike Schnee survived a torrid assault by the Mules in the first half, stopping 18 shots. After taking over for Fred Schnee, who started in goal in the second half, Mike Schnee collected seven more saves to finish with 25.

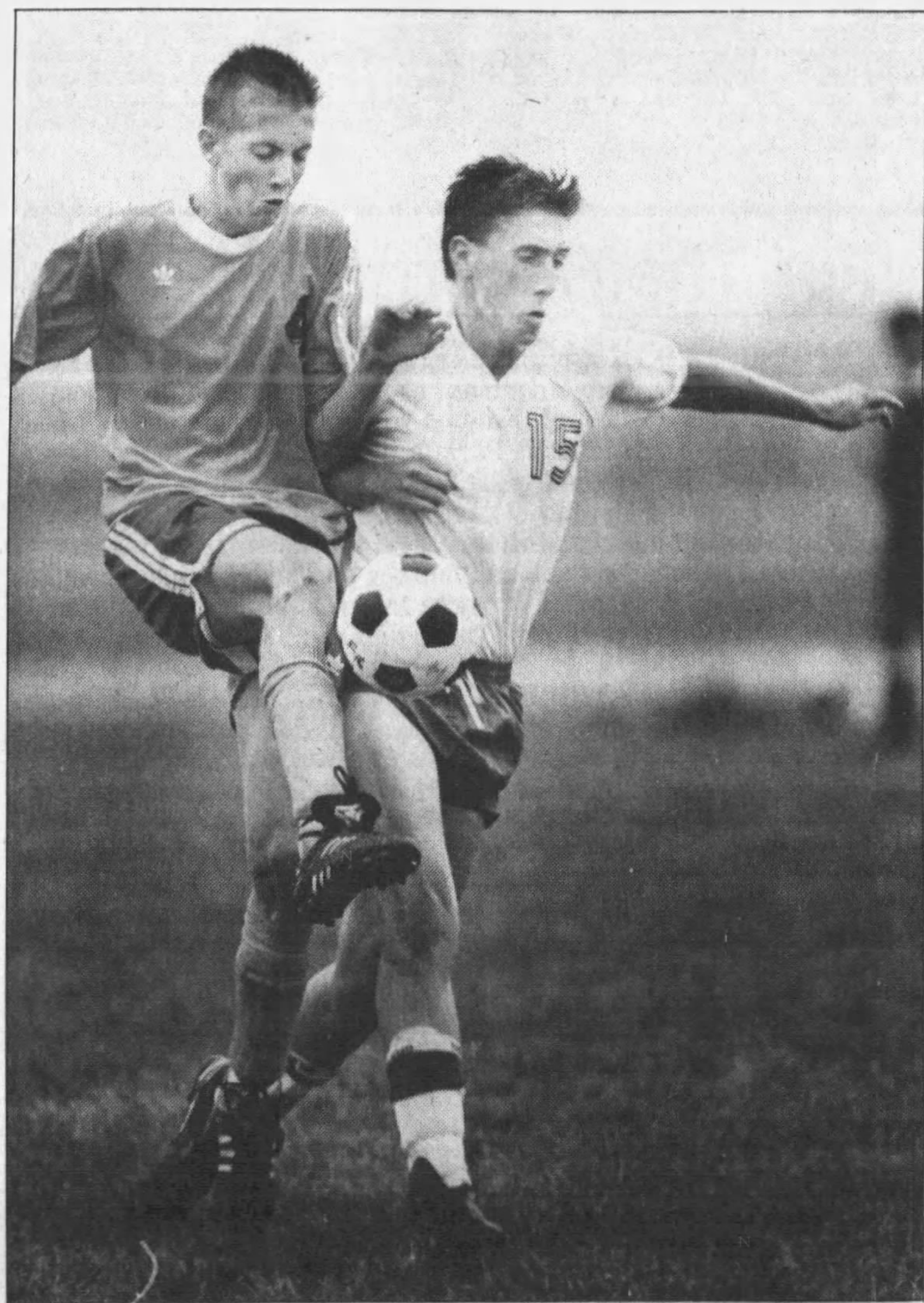
Ross was outshot 48-14 including 23-6 in the second half.

"We settled back into our game in the second half," Gallagher said, "and it worked out great for us."

Despite the loss, Huntley saw some positive aspects.

"Last year, this is the team that beat us 8-0," he said. "The first half we had them 3-2 which means there has been a big turnaround. The balance of the team is here, but the bench is there."

Ross will have another shot at finding the bench Tuesday when Maumee comes to town for a 5:30 p.m. game.



News-Messenger/Andy Morrison

Close encounter

Steve Dittman (4) of Maumee and Fred Schnee (15) of Ross collide while going for the ball during Tuesday's soccer match at Ross High School. The match was stopped 28 minutes into the first half because of lightning and rain. Maumee led 6-0.

Whitmer blanks Ross

News-Messenger reports

Jason Muir scored two goals, leading Toledo Whitmer to a 3-0 high school soccer victory over Fremont Ross at Ross High School Thursday.

Muir scored eight minutes into the game on a right-footed boot from 5 yards away, beating Ross goalie Mike Schnee.

Ninety seconds later, the Panthers' George Morrison beat Schnee with a 10-yard kick to the right side of the net, giving Whitmer a 2-0 halftime lead.

The Panthers dominated the first half, getting off 16 shots with the only Little Giants shot

coming off the head of Bob Dorobek. Whitmer goalie Dan Burks stopped that as Ross had problems crossing midfield.

In the second half, Muir struck again, taking a pass-in from Casey Bain and hitting from point-blank range as Schnee never had a chance. The goal came 15 minutes into the half. After that, Ross picked up momentum but was never able to seriously threaten.

The Little Giants outshot the Panthers 8-6.

Ross, 0-3, hosts Firelands at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Little Giants, Firelands tie

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Ross came close but a goal off a corner kick pulled Firelands even and into a 1-1 deadlock in high school soccer Saturday morning at Ross High School.

The tie put the Little Giants' record at 0-2-1.

Bill Babione's hard left-footed shot from 15 yards out on the left side sailed over the hands of Firelands' goalie Allen Zvosec 13 minutes into the second half and put Ross ahead 1-0.

With both teams playing hard-checking defensive games, Ross held off Firelands until the corner kick with 13 minutes and 48 seconds remaining. Jason Corley brought Firelands even when he slipped the ball pass Ross goalie Mike Schnee. Corley's shot from 3 yards away came out of a crowd of players schuffling in front of Schnee.

After that goal, no team came close to scoring.

"We played much better," Ross coach Victor Huntley said, while recalling the first three games — a 4-3 losses to Bedford and Whitmer and a game against Maumee which was called off because of lightening and rain with Ross trailing.

"We are beggining to jell.," Huntley said.

Tuesday, Ross hosts Bedford at 5 p.m.

Bedford defeats Ross 4-1

News-Messenger reports

Bedford collected a pair of first-half goals from Scott Klastemier and went on to defeat Fremont Ross 4-1 in a high school soccer match at Ross High School Tuesday.

The loss dropped the Little Giants to 0-3-1.

Klastemier scored from 10 yards out on the right 10 minutes into the game and knocked in his second with 1:49 remaining in the half. His second shot, from an acute angle 15 yards away on the right side, hit the left goal post and snaked past Ross goalie Mike Schnee before finding the right corner —putting the Mules up 3-0.

Klastemier's goals were sandwiched around a penalty goal by John O'Berski.

Bedford outshot Ross 19-1 in the first 40 minutes of play.

Bob Dorobek pulled Ross to 3-1 with a penalty shot 15 minutes into the second half. The kick was set up when Karl Antesberger was tripped in the goalie box.

Jack Manko finished the scoring for the Mules, scoring on a corner kick that glanced off a Ross defender.

Bedford finished with a 28-7 shot advantage.

The Little Giants travel to Toledo tonight for a 7 p.m. match against Toledo Central Catholic at the Lucas County Recreation Center. The junior varsity teams will play at 5 p.m.

Ross soccer coach happy despite loss

Central knocks off Little Giants 4-0

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Victor Huntley liked what he saw even though the scoreboard reflected the fourth loss for the Fremont Ross soccer team.

Toledo Central Catholic, behind three first-half goals by Pete Chelminch, defeated the Little Giants 4-0 Wednesday night at the Lucas County Recreation Center.

"That is the best we have looked this season," Huntley said. "The kids kept hustling; they did not stop."

Ross, 0-4-1, hustled but the Fighting Irish came up the clutch plays, mainly a pair of corner kicks on which Chelminch used his head — literally.

Chelminch headed in a corner kick from Ryan Williams at the 18:20 mark of the first half. Six minutes later, he took a pass from Williams and slid a 5-yarder past Ross goalie Mike Schnee.

With time running out, Chelminch put in his third goal, another header off a corner kick from Bret Seymour. That put the Irish up 3-0 at the half.

TCC outshot the Little Giants 13-4 in the first 40 minutes.

In the second half, Ross threatened only once but a last-second save by fullback Tony Paszwicz saved the Irish shutout. Eric Keiser of Ross, moved up from

his halfback slot to center forward, nudged the ball behind TCC goalie Pete Parkiet.

The Central goalie fell, but just as Keiser was about to put the finishing touches on a 5-yarder to the open goal, Paszwicz sneaked in from the right and took the ball off Keiser's foot.

That eliminated the Little Giants' only shot in the second half.

"We played a good second half," Ross assistant coach Bob Dorsey said. "The kids really hustled."

"They (TCC) just had a couple of great corner kicks."

The Irish had 27 shots on goal, 14 in the second half while Ross had four in the first half and one in the second.

Schnee had 12 saves.

The Little Giants travel to Maumee Valley Country Day for a 1 p.m. Saturday game.

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More shots doesn't mean victory for Little Giants

News-Messenger reports

MAUMEE — Fremont Ross had a season-high 16 shots on goal but the Little Giants were unable to avoid their fifth soccer loss of the season Saturday.

Maumee Valley Country Day, behind a pair of goals and two assists from sophomore Evan Creutz, stopped the Little Giants 4-1 in a Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League match.

Ross dropped to 0-5-1 and 0-2 in league play. MVCD is 3-1-1.

Creutz scored on an assist from Robby Franco midway through the first half to put MVCD ahead. With about five minutes remaining in the first 40 minutes of play, Mark Mick scored off a corner kick from Creutz, putting MVCD on top 2-0 at halftime.

Eric Keiser scored for the Little Giants 10 minutes into the second half. Keiser took a pass from Bob Dorobek, had his first shot stopped by goalie Max Lawrence, but followed the ball in — knocking a short shot through when the ball got away from Lawrence.

Ross threatened several times after that but was unable to crack the MVCD defense.

Mike Baker gave MVCD a 3-1 lead on a 15-yard shot from left of the goal off Creutz's feed, and Creutz hit from in close with five minutes remaining for the final score of the match.

Ross learns hard lesson in 5-2 soccer loss

By **BOB MARKER**

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SANDUSKY — Ross learned a basic math fact Monday night: It takes two halves to make a whole.

Sandusky taught the Little Giants a lesson in the first half — a hard lesson — during a 5-2 high school soccer victory over Ross at Strobel Field.

Playing aggressively - at times literally knocking Little Giants away from the ball and out of thier way - the Blue Streaks piled up a 4-0 lead at the half.

Paco Romero led the assault, knocking in two of his three goals in the first 40 minutes. Ivan Lyons added a goal on a header off a corner kick from Jacob Jepson and

Andrew Miller snapped in a 10-yarder for Sandusky in the first half.

It was a half where the Blue Streaks out-shot Ross 18-3.

But that was Sandusky's half; the second half belonged to Ross.

"That was the best half that we have played this season," Ross coach Victor Huntley said about the second half. "We were aggressive; the kids showed they wanted to play."

Ross, with defenseman Adam Leutenegger scoring on a 25-yard direct kick and Eric Keiser hitting from in close, "won" the second half 2-1.

Sandusky's second-half score came on a penalty kick off Romero's foot. The pen-

alty was for a handball in the goalie box.

Leutenegger got Ross on the board early in the second half with a shot high in the left corner. Sandusky goalie Gary Witter dove for the ball, but hit the goal post as the ball caromed into the net.

Romero's penalty shot put Sandusky's lead back to four at 5-1, but with Bill Babbione assisting, Keiser put the finishing touches on a ball that had escaped substitute goalie Scott Didion.

Later, Didion made up for that lost ball, stopping Keiser twice; once on a penalty shot and the other on Keiser's follow off the penalty boot.

Even though the Little Giants fell to 0-6-

1, Huntley felt the second half showed him something.

"We are beginning to come around," he said.

"We just have to get started sooner," assistant coach Bob Dorsey said.

Ross had 10 shots on goal in the second half, two less than Sandusky.

Starting Ross goalie Mike Schnee had eight first-half saves while Fred Schnee took over in the second half, stopping six shots.

The win was Sandusky's first, putting them at 1-5-1.

Ross entertains Tiffin Columbian at 5 p.m., Thursday, and hosts Toledo Christian at 1 p.m., Saturday.

Ross nets 1st victory

By BOB MARKER

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Tiffin Columbian gave Fremont Ross an early wake-up call and the slumbering Little Giants won their first soccer match of the season Thursday at Ross High School.

Columbian scored on Aktug Birinic's goal 58 seconds into the game, putting Ross down in the battle of winless teams.

"We had to give them one," Ross assistant coach Bob Dorsey said, "to wake us up."

It was another 10 minutes before Ross, 1-6-6, scored after Birinic's 10-yard shot down the middle eluded Ross goalie Fred Schnee.

Bob Dorobek pulled Ross even, scoring on a penalty shot when a Tornado was called for a handball in the goalie box.

Dorobek's goal was followed two minutes later by the go-ahead goal off the right foot of Mike Schnee. Eric Keiser set up Schnee with a pass that got past Columbian goalie Bob Florence, giving the Ross right-winger a point-blank shot from 2 yards out.

Ross coach Victor Huntley had switched Mike Schnee and Fred Schnee before the game. Mike Schnee had started Ross's previous seven games in goal while Fred Schnee had started at right wing the last four games.

"We are looking a lot stronger," Huntley said. "The kids are talking to each other; we had some nice shots. The kids are passing better and handling the ball a lot better."

Columbian, 0-6, started quickly in the second half but the Little Giants defense turned the momentum around just as quickly. Still, it took over 20 minutes for Ross to get some breathing room.

Defenseman Greg Byrnes scored the third Ross goal with a header at the 19:45 mark, following a scramble in front of the Columbian goal on a Ross corner kick by Mike Schnee.

Ross turned in its best shooting game of the season, firing 27 shots at Florence, including 10 by Keiser.

"The kids are playing better," Huntley said.

Ross wins 2nd match

News-Messenger report

Fremont Ross won its second successive soccer match Saturday, defeating Toledo Emmanuel Baptist 3-1 in a Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League clash at Ross.

The win was the first for Ross against two losses in the NOHSSL. Ross is 2-6-1 for the season while Emanuel Baptist is 1-4-2.

Jay 'Morrissey gave the Warriors an early lead, firing a 5-yard shot past Ross goalie Fred Schnee seven minutes into the contest.

Bill Babione's first of two goals at the 7:23 mark of the first half tied it for Ross. The senior left winger took a short pass from center forward Eric Keiser and slipped a 2-yard shot past Warrior goalie David Cross.

Keiser put Ross ahead, scoring on a penalty kick at the 24:46 mark of the second half. A Warrior defender was called for shoving in the goalie box, setting up Keiser's shot.

A little over a minute later, Babione scored off a scramble in front of Cross. Karl Antesberger's shot was stopped by Cross but the ball bounced over to Babione who rammed in another close-range shot, giving the Little Giants a two-goal cushion.

The Little Giants defense took over from there, allowing four shots on goal with Schnee stopping all four, giving him eight saves for the game.

Ross had 17 shots on goal, seven more than Emanuel Baptist. Keiser had six of the Little Giants' shots and Babione four.

Ross, Defiance play to scoreless tie

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross and Defiance took turns battling the wind Thursday night in a scoreless high school soccer match at Ross High School.

With Defiance taking the wind at its back in the first half, Ross played a defensive game; in the second half, it was the opposite.

Webb, Heins first at Old Fort

News-Messenger reports

OLD FORT — Howard Webb and Stacy Heins placed first in a

Defiance got off 16 first half shots and Ross had 19 in the second half.

"We had a problem with the wind," Ross coach Victor Huntley said. "In the first half, we were more stable, but in the second half, we were misjudging.

"It was like a wedge in golf only we were getting a 4-iron result. We just could not handle it."

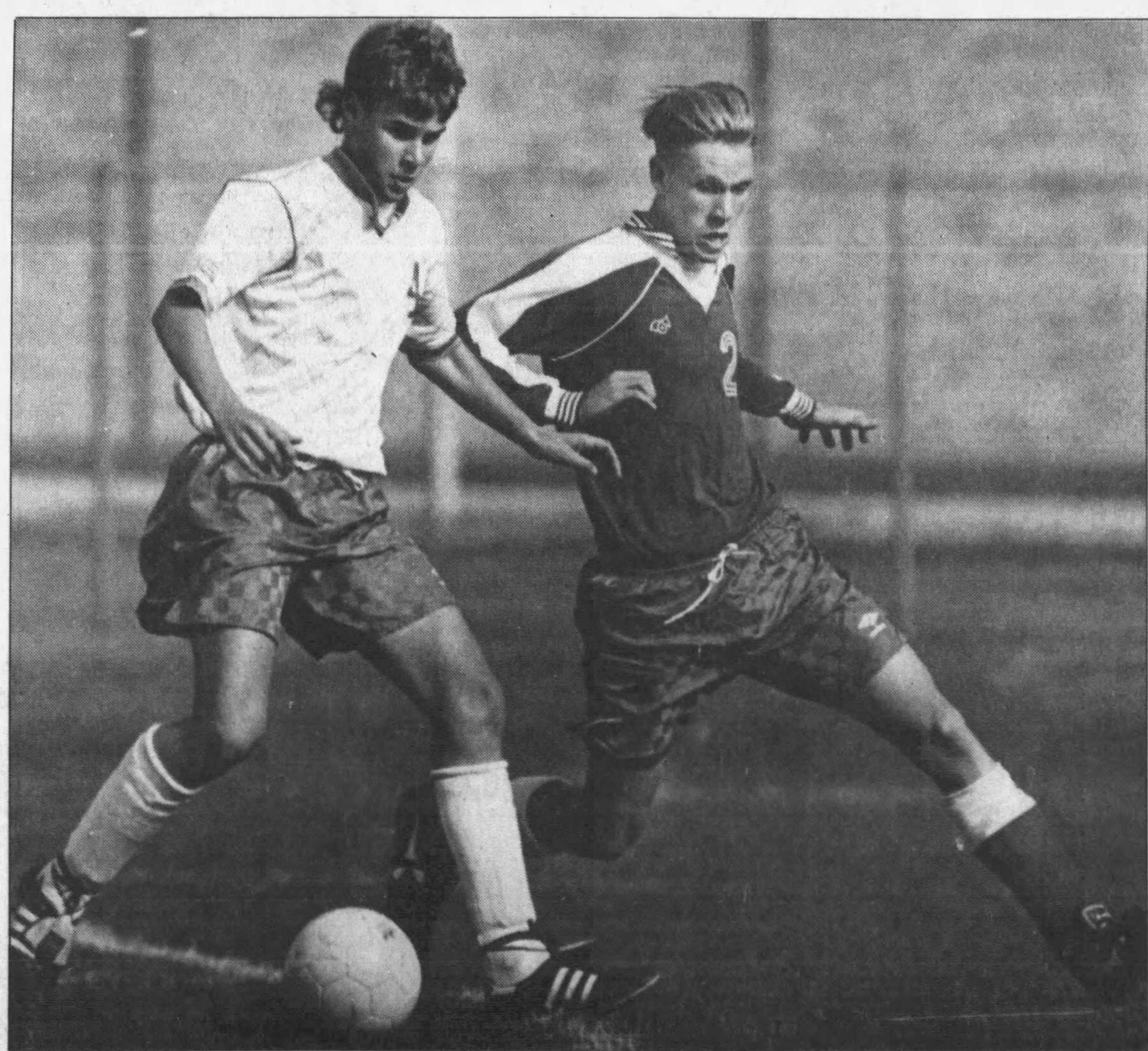
The Little Giants, 2-6-2, outshot the Bulldogs 25-21. Defiance, 4-4-2, had a 16-5 edge in shots in the first half, but Ross had the better scoring opportunities. The wind figured in both.

Bill Babione's shot from five

yards away hit the top of his foot on the shot into the wind and sailed over the goal. Defiance escaped another tight situation when the ball was blown off the foot of Eric Keiser on a breakaway.

In the second half, Ross sweeper Dustin Haynes had two head shots on goal off corner kicks from Mike Schnee. One was just wide and the other was kicked away as it headed for the right corner of the net.

Ross goalie Fred Schnee had nine first half saves and 11 in the match. Keiser had five shots and Haynes four.



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Little Giants blanked

Ryan Jackson, right, of Fremont Ross attempts to cut in front of Craig Hauzie of Findlay during a soccer match Saturday afternoon at the Trojans' home. Findlay, 6-5, defeated Ross 6-0, holding the

Little Giants without a shot on goal. Benjy Patterson led the Trojans with two goals. Ross, 2-7-2, travels to Toledo Christian for a 5 p.m., Tuesday match.

Toledo Christian penalty kick beats Ross

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Tim Hatzidakis' goal on a penalty kick gave Toledo Christian a 4-3 victory over Fremont Ross Tuesday in a Northwest Ohio High School Soccer League match.

The Eagles, 10-2, trailed 1-0 at halftime and overcame 2-1 and 3-2 second-half deficits.

Hatzidakis' shot was set up when Ross defender P.C. Randolph was called for pushing in the goalie box as TC's David McWhinnie was about to get off a shot.

Ross, 2-8-2, managed to keep the Eagles on the hook until late in the second half despite getting only 12 shots on goal.

Toledo Christian had 47 shots on goal, 28 in the second half — including 12 in the final 10 minutes.

Mike Schnee's header off a crossing pass from Eric Keiser gave the Little Giants the first-half lead.

Jason Quinn pulled the Eagles even seven minutes into the second half, firing a 20-yard shot past Fred Schnee, who was screened on the play.

Fullback Greg Byrnes, playing up on a corner kick by Bill Babione, dumped in a 5-yarder, giving Ross a 2-1 lead at the 21:27 mark. Seven minutes later, the Eagles tied it on David McWhinnie's header off Bret Judkins' crossing pass.

Ross regained the lead a half-minute later when Babione knocked in a rebound. Babione's goal was set up when Ross sweeper Adam Leutenegger's di-

rect kick bounced off the goal post.

After that, the Eagles applied constant pressure on Ross, not allowing a shot on goal in the final 13 minutes. Fred Schnee kept Ross ahead, making a diving stop on David McWhinnie's shot to the right corner with 12 minutes left.

Toledo Christian tied it at 3-3 on Mike McWhinnie's goal off Ken Zouhary's throw-in at the 11:09 mark.



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Little Giants face Rebels in tourney

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Fremont Ross will play Toledo Bowsher in the first round of the Ohio High School Soccer Sectional Tournament.

Ross, 2-8-2, plays the Rebels, 2-4-0, at 7 p.m., Oct. 14, at the Lucas County Recreation Center.

A Ross win would put them in a match against the winner of fourth-seeded Anthony Wayne, 7-2-6, and Toledo Waite, 3-2-1.

Maumee, 8-1-1, was seeded first with Sylvania Southview, 6-2-4, second and Perrysburg, 9-2-2, third.

Saturday, Ross fell to Ashland 12-0 in the rain and mud at Ashland College.

The Little Giants fell behind 3-0 in the first five minutes and never recovered.

Ashland, 6-5-2, had 46 shots on goal to the Little Giants' dozen.

Ross returns to action Wednesday, hosting Maumee Valley Country Day.

MVCD holds off Ross 6-5

By **BOB MARKER**
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Greg Byrnes recorded a hat trick and Ross scored four goals in the second half, but Maumee Valley Country Day held off the Little Giants for a 6-5 high school soccer victory Wednesday night.

Maumee Valley climbed to 9-4-2 while Ross fell to 2-10-2.

Mike Baker of MVCD matched Byrnes' three-goal production with his own hat trick, two coming two minutes apart in the second half, putting Ross down 5-1. Baker's third goal came at the 26:06 mark.

Five minutes later, the Little Giants caught fire.

"The last quarter of the game, the guys really showed something," Ross coach Victor Huntley said, "but in the first half, they were sleeping."

Byrnes, moved up from full-back to a forward slot midway through the first half, closed the gap to three at the 20:58 mark of the second half and six minutes later, pulled the Little Giants to within two with a goal off Dustin Haynes' throw-in.

Adam Leutenegger, moved from sweeper to center forward at the same time that Byrnes moved up from the defensive line, got Ross to within one with 11:11 left when his direct kick from 10 yards hit high in the right corner of the goal, beating goalie Chad Poopat.

Mark Mick put MVCD back up by two with 8:05 left, scoring his second goal and what turned out to be the winning goal. A minute later, Bob Dorobek scored off a pass from Leutenegger, cutting the MVCD lead to 6-5.

Ross was unable to get a shot off after that.

After Baker, Ryan Knotts and Mick had put MVCD up 3-0 15 minutes into the game, Byrnes scored his first goal off Bill Babione's pass and Ross trailed 3-1 at the half.

"We tried the switch before," Huntley said about switching Byrnes and Leutenegger, "and we saw that it worked — so anything that works, you might as well use it."

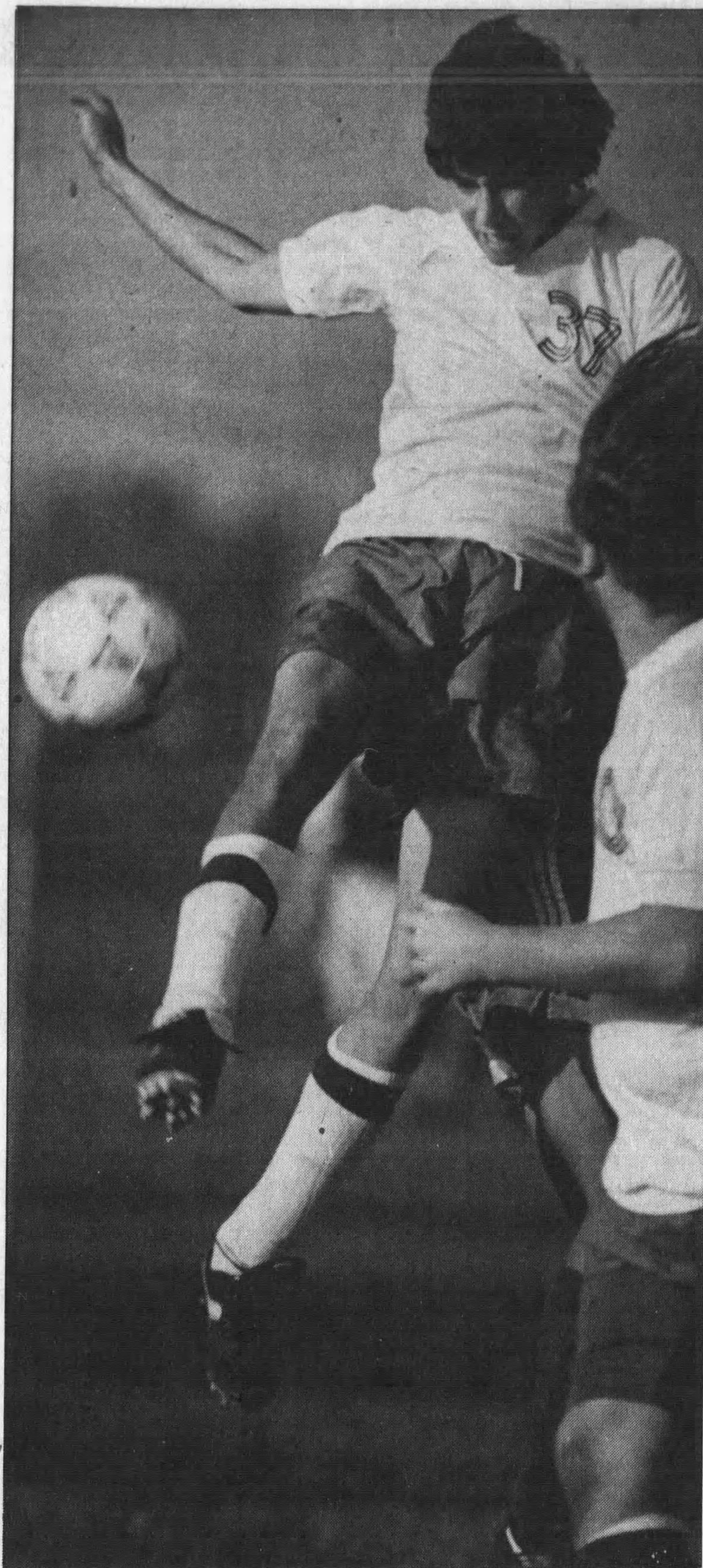
"The only thing, time was not in our favor."

The Ross defense, playing with a strong wind in its face in the first 40 minutes of play, was pelted with 19 shots on goal by MVCD. Ross, however, did not get the benefit of the wind in the second half when the teams switched goals. The wind calmed down.

"That happened," Huntley was able to laugh. "The wind died so we did not have that boost with us."

Maumee Valley outshot the Little Giants 32-12.

Ross entertains Ottawa Hills today at 5 p.m. in the final regular-season match.



News-Messenger/Chris Walker

GREG BRYNES (37) of Ross leaves his feet to get off a kick during a match against Maumee Valley Country Day Wednesday at Ross High School. Adam Leutenegger of Ross is in the foreground.

Browns' Modell concerned

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cleveland Browns president Art Modell says he is concerned about the team's inability to get started early, but is confident of coach Bill Belichick's skill.

"I think we have a brilliant head coach who has an enormous future in professional football," said Modell at a sports luncheon Tuesday.

He said if he had made a mistake in appointing Belichick coach then it was time to get out

of the business.

"But I don't think he's going to be the man of the year among the media people," Modell said. "I don't think he's going to run a seminar on public relations."

Modell said he had talked to Belichick about the team's problem with getting an early start in the game.

"I've talked to Bill about it and we've tried to analyze it to the best of our ability. It's bothersome. We can't consistently spot teams 14 points."

Little Giants close season with 3-3 tie

News-Messenger reports

Bob Dorobek's penalty kick with under three minutes to play gave Fremont Ross a 3-3 soccer deadlock with Ottawa Hills Thursday at Ross High School.

The tie ended the regular season for both teams. Ross finished the season 2-10-3 while the Green Bears ended at 4-8-3.

Ross drew first blood, scoring on Greg Brynes' fourth goal in two games 12 minutes into the first half. Nate Sachs' pass set up Brynes, who scored three goals Wednesday night in a 6-5 Ross loss to Maumee Valley Country Day.

Ottawa Hills tied the game with 23:50 remaining in the first half on Scott Dinger's breakaway.

The Green Bears broke ahead in the second half on Brian Epstein's breakaway midway

through the half. Five minutes later, the Ottawa Hills lead increased to two on Dinger's second goal.

With nine minutes left in the match, Ross closed to within one. On an indirect kick from 15 yards, Ross center forward Adam Leutenegger's kick glanced off the right shoulder of teammate Eric Keiser, past Ottawa Hills goalie Derek Keeler and into the right corner of the goal.

Dorobek's penalty shot was set up when Green Bears defender Tim Skinner was called for tripping in the goalie box when Dorobek got loose in front of Keeler. Dorobek's low shot sailed past Keeler into the left corner, producing the tie.

Ross goalie Fred Schnee had 13 saves as Ottawa Hills outshot the Little Giants 26-12.



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Fremont Ross soccer squad

The Little Giants are left to right, front row: Nathan Sachs, Karl Antesberger, Mike Schnee, Fred Schnee, Bob Dorobek and P.C. Randolph; second row: Justin Terry, Justin Marker, Eric Keiser, Andy Reardon, Bill Babione, Chad Russell and

Steve Wilson; back row: assistant coach Bob Dorsey, Adam Leutenegger, Greg Brynes, Dustin Haynes, Matt Hull, Ryan Jackson, Kevin Carter and coach Victor Huntley. Ross opens sectional play 7 p.m. Monday against Toledo Bowsher.