

# Adams, defense propel Ross into sectional finals

Senior's hat trick  
comes during  
second half

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**FINDLAY** — David Adams scored a second-half hat trick to help the Fremont Ross Little Giants advance with a 5-1 victory against Bowling Green in a Division I Sectional Tournament semifinal match Monday.

Adams scored in the 44th, 62nd and 74th minutes

as Ross turned a 2-1 halftime lead into a four-goal cushion.

In a contest that seemed like it was going to be physical from the start, it got a lot more physical as it went on. A total of seven yellow cards were handed out as well as two red cards.



**Ross 5,  
Bowling Green 1**

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The Little Giants led from the beginning, taking a 2-0 lead in the first 12 minutes.

In the 10th minute, Shawn Kluck scored for Ross, followed by another quick goal by Josh McAfee on a penalty kick about 2 minutes later. Just like that, the Little Giants had a big early lead.

But the Bobcats would not give up easily.

When Bowling Green was presented with a penalty kick of its own in the 22nd minute, the Bobcats attacker slid his shot into the left corner, just out of the reach of Ross goalie Adam Loucks.

It trimmed the Little Giants' lead to 2-1, but Ross defense shutout Bowling

Green the rest of the way.

"Our defense played good," Ross coach Phil Collison said. "We played a little careless in the first half but did a good job trapping them in the second."

Defense was the key for the Little Giants in the final 40 minutes. Ross controlled the Bobcats, who had only five second-half shots, by keeping the ball inside the Bowling Green zone.

"We played our game and, when we do that, we do well. We stayed calm and knocked the ball around," Collison said.

But it was the Ross offense that turned up the heat in second half as well. And Adams stepped his play up a notch too.

Collison said, "We just need to come out and play our game. We need to work hard the next two days and we just need to play hard."

The Little Giants advanced to play No. 1-seeded Findlay in the Division I Sectional Tournament finals at 5 p.m. Thursday.

# Trojans end Little Giants' season

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FINDLAY — The Findlay boys soccer team came out fast, scoring early and often, and Ross struggled to see the Trojans side of the field as their season ended with a 13-2 sectional loss.

The Little Giants would not even get a shot at the Trojans goal the entire first half, while the Trojans put

up nine first half goals.

Five Trojans posted multiple goals while two others scored one on their own. Senior Bryce Hixon led all Trojans with three goals; followed by senior Logan VanDerMolen, senior Renato Ugarte, sophomore Evan Zeller and sophomore Trey Bracy with two goals each. Junior Stephen Perkins and sophomore Grant Birchmeier also contributed with one goal



each. The Trojans had 10 assists on the 13 goals. Perkins and Bracy led the team with two assists each, while senior Captain Billy Geaman, VanDerMolen, senior Marcus Gabel, sophomores Kyle Boyd, Zeller and Birchmeier each contribut-

ed one. It was an offensive and defensive display that kept the Little Giants from ever getting into the game.

The Little Giants first goal did not come till the 39:01 mark in the second half when senior Shawn Kluck was presented was a penalty kick and was able to sneak it past the Trojan goalkeeper to finally put the Little Giants on the board. The Little Giants were able to score one final

goal with: 06 left on the clock when sophomore Lucas Wischart rifled a shot in to give the Little Giants one last goal before their season came to a close.

Though the Little Giants' season came to an end they have no reason to not be proud of what they have accomplished this season.

"We made dramatic improvements as the season progressed," head coach Phil Collison said. "We

played much better this season than we did last."

Last season the Little Giants finished the season with an overall record of 2-15, but this season the Little Giants had a winning record of 9-8.

"The guys have set a new bar for this program, and hopefully after this season our numbers will continue to grow and we can build off of what we had this year," Collison said.