

Ross gets chance at revenge today

After losing to Bowling Green in the regular season, Ross will get another shot in sectionals today at Findlay.

Bowling Green defeated the Little Giants 5-1 on Sept. 29 as Rachel Daugherty scored the team's only goal.

"We were physically there, but not mentally," coach Ron Huss said.

Ross went 1-1-1 following the loss.

Shannon Hickey played a role in six goals of a 7-2 victory over Sandusky on Sept. 30 and scored the lone Little Giant goal in a 1-1 tie with Napoleon on Oct. 7.

Ross finished the season at 7-7-1.

"The girls share the load," Huss said. "All 16 are vital. Our main improvement this year has been that the girls think more team than individual."

Missed opportunity dooms Little Giants

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FINDLAY — Fremont Ross was rolling.

The Little Giants jumped ahead of Bowling Green on a quick score by Shannon Hickey and absolutely controlled the first nine minutes of Wednesday night's Division I sectional quarterfinal.

They had three shots in that span and kept the ball at Bowling Green's end.

But it was a missed opportunity in that time frame that rocked Ross in its 5-1 season-ending loss at Graham Memorial Soccer Stadium.

At about the 31-minute mark, Rachel Daugherty gave Ross a golden chance to go up 2-0.

From near the far corner, she fired a shot that went past Bowling Green goalie Claire Strange and

rolled parallel to the goal line. There were a couple of Ross players near the ball, but none of them redirected the ball for the easy score.

"That was the pivotal moment," Ross coach Ron Huss said. "There was nobody there but purple, and they just stood there and watched it, hoping it would go in.

"If we had somebody there to redirect it," Huss continued, "I think it could have been a lot closer game and it may have even turned the game around the other way."

Megan Short tied the game five minutes later, and Bowling Green dominated the rest of the way.

Erin Weinert scored just 14:14 left before halftime and Heidi Huber added a second-half hat trick for Bowling Green (10-5-2).

Daugherty's shot through the box was the Little Giants' last opportu-

nity of the game. They didn't record a shot in the final 70 minutes.

"It kind of woke us up," Bowling Green coach Chris Waterfield said of Ross's quick start. "We needed that. I think we were a bit overconfident.

"We pretty much picked it up after that first goal, though," he continued. "Some people figured out that they needed to start stepping up."

Ross ended its season 7-8-1.

This was the second 5-1 loss to Bowling Green on the year. This was a different game, though. In the Sept. 29 matchup, Bowling Green dominated from the start.

Hickey took possession of a goalie kick, beat one defender and shot the ball past Strange at the near post to give Ross a 1-0 lead

just 4:26 into the game.

"I think everybody was really pumped up that we were actually up on a team that beat us 5-1 last time," said Hickey, who finished the season with 17 goals and 14 assists. "We wanted to shake things up a little."

They almost shook things up a lot with another tally, but a season-long problem showed up again.

"We had trouble finishing all year," Hickey said. "We didn't follow shots."

Said Huss: "I have been preaching all season that the forwards and halfbacks as they see the ball go toward the net, they have to go toward it. Our girls just kind of froze."

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Down 2-1 at halftime, the Little Giants were discouraged but they were not worried.

Earlier in the season, they were down 3-1 to Ontario at half and came back and won 4-3.

It wasn't to be on Wednesday, though.

Huber scored two goals within 34 seconds to give Bowling Green a 4-1 lead with 30:44 left.

"I think after they got two goals there in the second half, I saw the girls' heads go down," Huss said.

Huber completed the Bobcats' scoring with 13:08 left.

Bowling Green tallied 12 of its

18 shots in the second half.

"The second half was horrible," said Hickey, one of seven Ross seniors. "I am disappointed. This isn't how I wanted it all to end."

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