

Soccer

High School

Ross 8, Edison 2

First Half

Bobby Gipe (R) 19th minute

Vinnie Bocardo (R) 22nd minute

Andrew Fentin (E) 25th minute

Jeff Beier (R) 27th minute

Second half

Bob Howard (R) 6th minute

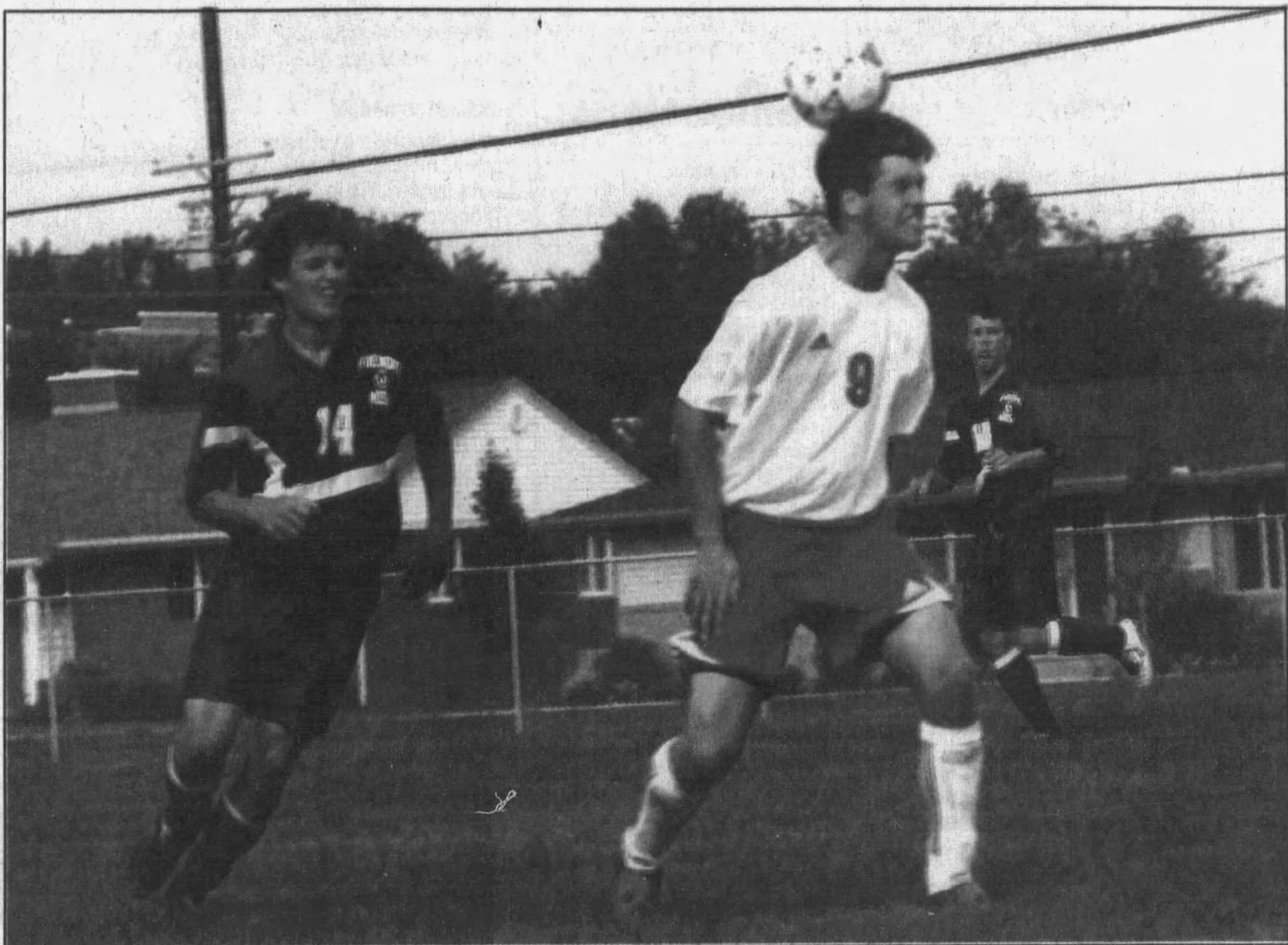
T.J. George (R) 10th minute

Howard (R) 14th minute

George (R) 16th minute

Blair Ellenberger (R) 17th minute

Fentin (E) 35th minute



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FREMONT ROSS senior E.J. Theller (14) makes his way toward Port Clinton's Kyle Millinger as Millinger heads the ball during the Little Giants' 4-1 victory over the Redskins Thursday. Ross is now 2-0.

Ross rolls to victory

George scores twice as Little Giants earn second straight win

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PORT CLINTON — T.J. George did some of his best work early.

The Fremont Ross junior notched an assist and a goal in the first 13 minutes of play Thursday, helping the Little Giants earn a 4-1 victory over Port Clinton.

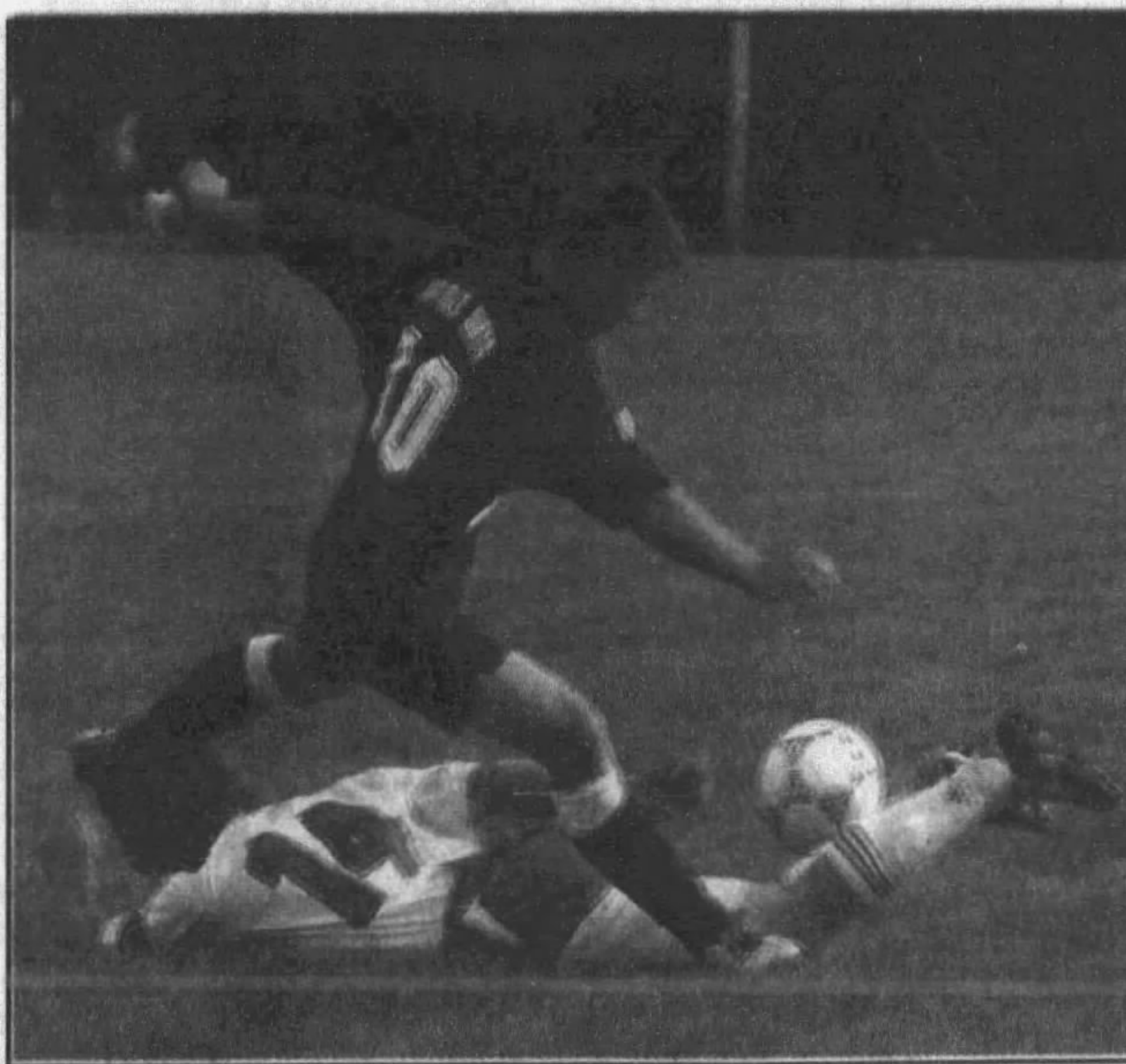
Taking advantage of the Redskins' offside trap, George used his speed to strike twice in the non-conference tilt. After assisting on Vinnie Bocardo's opening goal, George beat a Port Clinton defender one-on-one from around midfield to give Ross its second tally.

"We did a good job mixing the ball around," George said. "Our defense did a good job of clearing the ball and getting it to our midfield so we could do something with it."

That first something happened with six minutes gone in the first half. George sent a cross that Bocardo knocked into the net to put the Little Giants on the board.

Seven minutes later, George outran his defender for Ross score No. 2.

"(We used our speed) to the fullest today," George said. "It



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FREMONT ROSS senior Blair Ellenberger jumps over Port Clinton's Brennan Madison and stays with the ball during the Little Giants win Thursday in Port Clinton.

showed with the goals that we scored.

"They were trying to play an offside trap. We just had to stay level with them. We played the ball over the top and we beat them with speed."

Derek Brown struck for the

Little Giants' third score just a few minutes before halftime. It gave Ross a 3-0 advantage — and some added confidence.

"It carries over into the second half," Ross coach Jeff Pendry said. "When they start the second half, they feel confi-

dent. They don't fall into a rut early in the second half and let an opponent back in."

George converted on his second goal 10 minutes into the second half, freeing himself of his defender for a one-on-one with the keeper.

E.J. Theller assisted on the score. Ross teammate Andreas Log also registered an assist.

"(There was) intensity from all 11 players out there," Pendry said. "When they lost the ball, they recovered very well."

"In doing so, they could transition and counterattack as a group, which is why they created so many offensive opportunities."

The Redskins had opportunities, too, including a pair of penalty kicks in the second half.

Sophomore Kyle Millinger converted on the second attempt, giving the Redskins their lone score of the game.

"I liked their effort," Port Clinton coach Paco Romero said of his squad. "We were just unlucky. We had some opportunities. Their defenders were very good."

It was the Little Giants' second victory in as many tries. Ross opened the season with a non-conference win over Edison.

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Gipe blanks Toledo Central Catholic

Bobby Gipe made six saves as Fremont Ross and Toledo Central Catholic tied 0-0.

Blair Ellenberger had 12 defensive intercepts and Ben Baker added 10 for the Little Giants (4-3-1 (0-1)).

Ross forced TCC's goaltender to make five saves as each team recorded eight shots on goal. E.J. Theller and Logan Wolf each had nine defensive intercepts for the Little Giants.

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Ross Statistics

First half

Bob Howard-Miguel Layton 13:00

E.J. Theller-T.J. George 33:35

Second half

Vinnie Bocardo :33

Layton-Howard 5:30

George 11:45

Layton-George 13:45

George-Ben Baker 33:00

Bocardo-Howard 39:00

Shots on goal

Ross27

Lima Senior.....6

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Becerra scores, Ross loses

Jesus Becerra scored off an assist from Blair Ellenberger but Ross fell to Napoleon 3-1 in the GBC.

The Little Giants (5-4-1, 2-2) were outshot 14-6. Bobby Gipe made eight saves for Ross.

Ben Baker and Logan Wolf each had 11 defensive interceptions, and E.J. Theller added 10 for the Little Giants.

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Layton nets two

Miguel Layton tallied two goals and added an assist as Fremont Ross shut out Marion Harding 3-0 in the GBC.

Bob Howard added one goal and one assist for the Little Giants (6-4-1, 3-2). Vinnie Bocardo added one assist.

Ross outshot Marion Harding 20-3. Bobby Gipe made three saves in blanking the opposition.

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Fremont Ross 1 Toledo Start 0

Goals: Bob Howard 23:45 of second half on penalty kick

Shots: FR 6 Toledo Start 3 TS no shots in first half

Saves: Bobby Gipe 2

Defensive Intercepts:

Blair Ellenberger 14

E.J. Theller 13

Logan Wolf 10

Record: FR 6-5-1

Junior Varsity FR 3 TS 0

Goals: Jesus Becerra 2 Andreas Log 1

Record: FR 4-5-1

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Howard scores, Ross wins

Bob Howard scored the game's only goal on a second-half penalty kick as Fremont Ross bested Toledo Start 1-0.

Bobby Gipe made two saves for the Little Giant shutout. Ross allowed no shots in the first half.

Blair Ellenberger had 14 defensive intercepts, E.J. Theller 13 and Logan Wolf 10 for Ross (6-5-1).