

Ross names Huntley head soccer coach

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Victor Huntley has been named head soccer coach at Ross High School.

Dave Aschenbach, principal and acting athletic director, made the announcement Monday afternoon.

Soccer is a new sport at Ross.

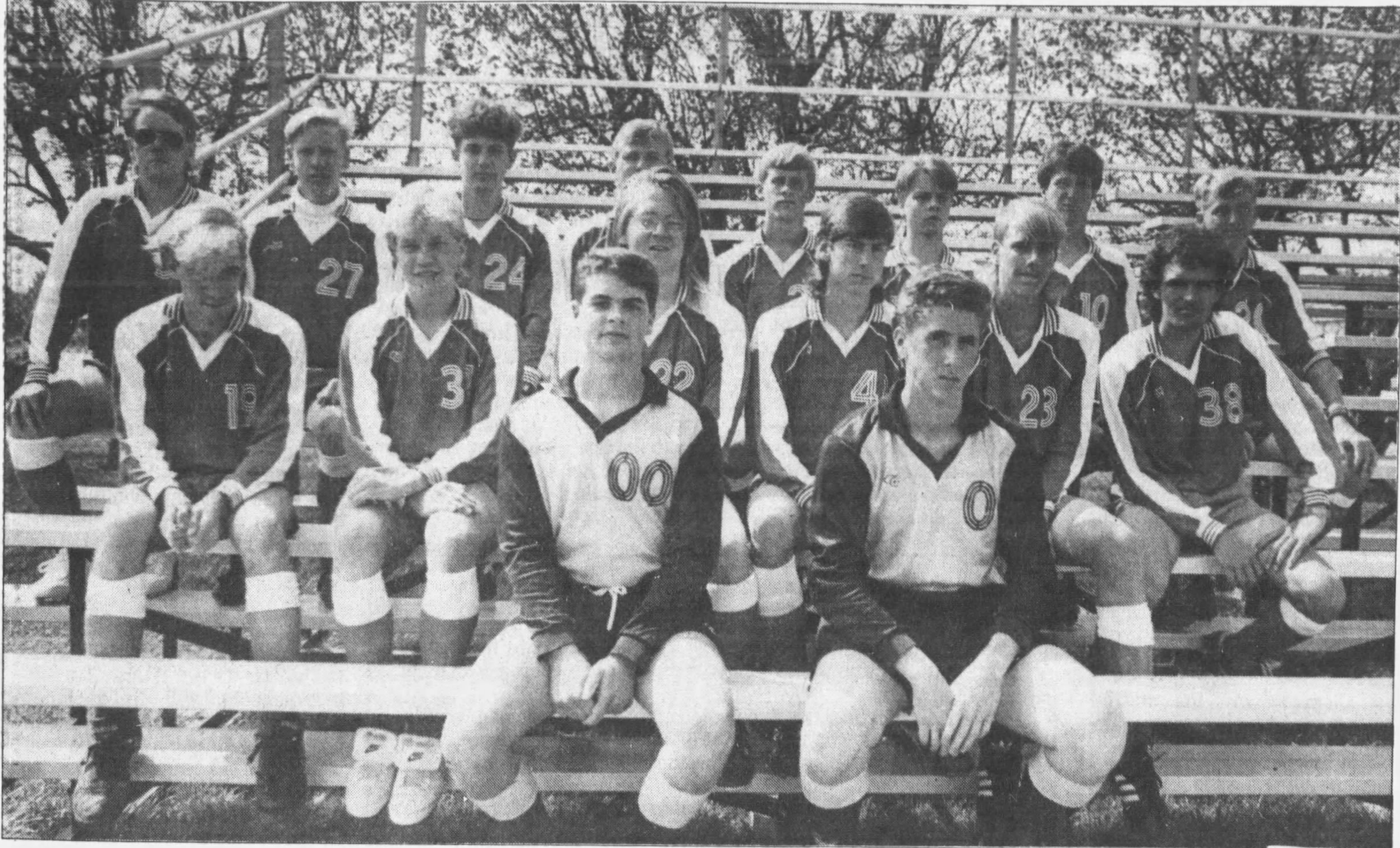
Huntley is a graduate of the University of the Virgin Islands, where he played soccer. He said he has been associated with soccer for nearly 40 years and has been involved with soccer in Fremont since the sport was introduced as a recreation activity.

"I taught for a year in the Virgin Islands," Huntley, a resident of Fremont and a native Trinidad and Tobago, said. "I like working with kids. I think there is a lot of talent in the Fremont area."



HUNTLEY

Huntley left today for Nebraska where his son, Kevin, is competing in the National Junior Olympics Track and Field Meet in Lincoln. He will return early next week and will set up a meeting with prospective players later in the week.



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THE FIRST Ross soccer team opens its 1990 season Monday at Tiffin Columbian.

Ross soccer team upbeat about season

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

Like an infant, Fremont Ross High School soccer coach Victor Huntley is curious.

"I think that (the program) is well put together," Huntley said, "but I really can't see how we stand."

Huntley and the Little Giants, though, are anxious to find out.

"We're ready," Huntley said. "Very excited, very upbeat."

Ross is fielding an interscholastic soccer team for the first time ever. The Little Giants open the season at 5 p.m. Monday against Tiffin Columbian at Lincoln Field in Tiffin.

"If we play well, it would give them a sense of accomplishment," Huntley aid.

Thirty-two players are on the roster of Ross's first soccer team, and Huntley will divide the varsity and junior varsity evenly.

"They're learning to control the ball properly, but they have a tendency to pass the ball in the air," Huntley said. "They have

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Ross coach

to learn to keep it on the ground.

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Huntley said the Little Giants also need to learn the soccer jargon better.

"We want to work on communicating," he said. "The kids have to start talking to each other."

While the team learns to play as a unit, Huntley will continue to pick up on the nuances of high school soccer.

"I was surprised to see how much other schools are involved," said Huntley, who attended a coaching seminar at the University of Toledo and a meet-

ing of the Northwest Ohio Soccer Coaches Association recently.

The Little Giants have adopted a motto: "Work hard, work smart and work safe," Huntley said.

The team will be led by sweeper fullback Adam Leutenegger, a junior, and seniors Craig Moravec and Nathan Sorg, who play left halfback and center forward, respectively.

Senior Brian Newman is the goalie.

Directions

Directions to Lincoln Field in Tiffin as provided by the Ross Athletic Department:

Take Ohio 53 south into Tiffin; turn left at the BP Sohio Station. Go over the bridge and take the second right turn onto Ohio Ave. Follow Ohio Ave. to the fork and go left on Seneca St.

Lincoln Field is on Seneca St.

Varsity roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Gr.
0	Fred Schnee	G	11
00	Brian Newman	G	12
10	Nathan Sorg	CF	12
12	Ian Slaymaker	FB	12
19	Mike Schnee	RW	11
20	Bill Babione	LW	11
22	Adam Leutenegger	FB	11
23	Dustin Haynes	FB	11
24	Craig Moravec	HB	12
25	Bart Skinner	FB	9
29	Eric Keiser	HB	11
31	Tom Ackerman	FB	12
32	Jon Matney	IF	12
38	Doug Temple	F	12
40	Greg Byrnes	FB	11
35	Bob Dorsey	IF	12
	Ryan Jackson	11	

JUNIOR VARSITY

No.	Player	Pos.	Gr.
2	Karl Antesberger	F	9
11	Nathan Sachs	FB	9
15	Bob Dorobek	IF	9
17	Barry Bordner	F	10
18	Matt Lagrou	HB	10
21	Dennis Kuzman	G	11
26	Matt Snyder	HB	9
28	Craig Eppley	FB	11
30	Justin Marker	HB	10
33	John Willey	FB	9
34	Nate Cummings	FB	9
41	P.C. Randolph	FB	11
13	Justin Terry	FB	11
36	Bob Rich	HB	10
7	Steve Holbrook	FB	10
	Paul Bender	RW	10
	Geoff Streeter	FB	10
	Jason Carnahan	FB	10

Little Giants drop first match to Columbian

By JOHN CUMMINGS

Staff correspondent

TIFFIN — Fremont Ross' soccer team found out that playing varsity-level soccer is a lot like driving a new car.

You have to learn how it handles before you open it up and see what it can do.

When the Little Giants got to turn it open, they learned another lesson: check the gas.

Ross, playing its first ever interscholastic soccer game, coasted home after watching a veteran Tiffin Columbian team race past them 7-1 at Lincoln Field Monday.

"We have the ballhandling skills," Ross coach Victor Huntley said. "We need some conditioning. Once the conditioning and communication comes, we'll get there."

Columbian scored just 1:50 into the

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game on the first of senior Roger Brown's two goals. The score came after Ross full-back Greg Byrnes' pass to goalie Brian Newman was a little soft and Brown waltzed around Newman and deposited the ball in the back of the net.

Brown scored on a similar play with 20:47 gone in the first half.

Sandwiched between Brown's two goals was Jon Matney's header past Tornado goalie Greg Bleyle.

Matney's goal, the first in Ross history, came after Mike Schnee crossed the ball from the right wing. Bleyle went up for the ball, but Matney outjumped the Tornado keeper to even the score 1-1.

"He (Bleyle) tried to catch it instead of punching it out, and he got burned," Columbian coach Bill Bleyle said. "Ross just showed some nice offense."

Any other signs of an offense were quickly extinguished by a sagging Columbian defense that allowed Ross just 15 shots on goal. Of that, only 12 required Bleyle to make the save.

"We're trying to protect him a little bit this year," coach Bleyle said. "Our full-backs aren't that fast so they don't pull up,

and when the other team brings the ball down, we bring nine defenders back to make sure."

Garrett Bevlander scored the next pair of Columbian goals to give the hosts a 4-1 halftime lead. Bevlander scored his third and fourth goals to begin the second half and Dave Helkey scored the seventh goal.

"Those guys (Brown, Bevlander and Helkey) work together real well," Bleyle said. "You could say they have relatively some skill."

For Ross, Huntley said the Little Giants are three to four games away from improving.

"You can see when they touch the ball that they don't have a feel for it," Huntley said. "We have the talent. Give us three to four more games and you will see something different."

Blue Streaks blank Little Giants

Ross 0-2 in first season

By **BOB MARKER**
Staff writer

Ross finished strongly after a poor start but still had to settle for a loss in its soccer match Wednesday.

Fresh off a 7-1 loss to Tiffin Columbian Monday — the first soccer match in the school's history — Sandusky scored 71 seconds into the game and went on to a 4-0 victory at Ross High School.

Andrew Miller took a return pass from Guy Siebel and deposited the ball in the right corner past goalie Brian Newman at the 1:11 mark of the opening half.

The goal was the first of 29 first half shots against the Little Giants and Newman, but Ross was able to escape with only a 2-0 halftime deficit.

It could have been worse if Newman had not been able to stop a dozen shots and had the Little Giants failed to plug holes quickly.

"We hesitate too much," Sandusky coach Jose Romero said. "The team needs to get together. What's happening, everytime we play a group of kids who really, just kick the ball around, we tend to do the same."

The Little Giants would have liked to see more hesitation, long enough to get off some shots. As it was, Ross had just three first-half shots, one on Craig Moravec's direct kick from 35 yards out.

After Miller's quick goal, Newman and the Ross defense held

the Blue Streaks until Siebel took a pass from Miller for the second goal at the 22:55 mark.

The second half was a different story even though Sandusky added two more goals.

Ross coach Victor Huntley could see the second half improvement.

"The improvement was quick," he said, comparing the Little Giants he watched Wednesday to the team he saw Monday, "and that is what we want; quick improvement."

The Blue Streaks' lead grew to 3-0 when Brett Schee hit the left corner of the net after taking a short pass from Miller on an indirect kick from eight yards out 14 minutes into the second half.

With 10 minutes left, Siebel scored his second goal, again off a pass from Miller.

Ross got off 12 shots at Sandusky goalie Gary Witter in the second half, but came close only on long shots by Nathan Sorg and Bob Dorobek. Witter finished with seven saves.

"You could see the improvement," Huntley said as he numerically clicked off his feelings.

"One, in conditioning; two, in communications; three, the ball handling was a lot better; four, the passing was better — they weren't pitty-patting it; and five," Huntley said, "the defense improved a lot."

Ross travels to Bedford, Mich., Aug. 30 for a match against the Mules. The kickoff is 4 p.m.



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BOBBY DORSEY of Fremont Ross tries to control the ball in front of Adam Miller (6) and Guy Siebel

(middle) of Sandusky during the match at Ross High School Wednesday.

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BEDFORD, Mich. — Fremont Ross was shut out for the second time in three matches in high school soccer action Thursday.

Bedford scored six goals in the second half in an 8-0 victory over the Little Giants.

“(Bedford) is not a very big team, size-wise and numbers-wise, but they are well-conditioned and good ball handlers,” Ross coach Victor Huntley said.

Ross trailed 2-0 at halftime, when Huntley said frustration set in.

“The guys became frustrated because most of the shots they were taking didn’t go in,” Huntley said. “We had some good shots.”

Bedford outshot Ross 28-20.

“The defense wasn’t coming up and filling the gap (between the defense and offense),” Huntley said. “Their guys could settle in and get some good shots.”

Ross, 0-3, hosts Bluffton at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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have had it as well as them. We had more opportunities to score but we just weren't lucky but this is best game we have played so far."

Sorg nearly pulled off the hat

trick (three goals) with 14½ minutes remaining when his shot drifted right after Bluffton goalie Joe Busey fell while coming out to cut off Sorg's angle.

Temple's header over the net with 45 seconds left ended a torrid final two minutes when Ross had four shots on goal, two of them being stopped by Busey and the other wide of the target.

Bluffton nips Little Giants

By **BOB MARKER**
Staff writer

A breakaway goal with 20 minutes remaining was the difference as Bluffton handed Fremont Ross a 3-2 loss in high school soccer Saturday.

Jason Crandall broke clear of the Ross defense, dribbled in on goalie Brian Newman — pulling him out — and went around Newman for a point-blank shot.

"It was a sound game," Ross coach Victor Huntley said after his team slipped to 0-4. "The only mistake that we made was letting them get to the ball before us."

Three minutes before Crandall's goal, Bluffton had a goal erased when left winger Steve Weihraud was called for tripping Ross sweeper Adam Leutenegger. Weihraud's trip had given him the ball and a clear shot.

Twelve minutes into the half, center forward Nathan Sorg pulled the Little Giants even at 2-2 when he took a pass from right winger Doug Temple on a breakaway and beat Bluffton

goalie Joe Busey. It was Sorg's second goal; the first had given Ross its first lead in an interscholastic soccer match.

Sorg's first goal came 10 minutes into the game when he took a long pass from Eric Keiser.

The Blazers tied it on the first of two first-half goals by Bill Gaines.

Gaines put the Blazers up 2-1 at the half on an unassisted goal from 15 yards out, beating Ross goald Fred Schnee, with 56 seconds remaining in the half.

Bluffton, 2-2, had 20 shots, double that of Ross, on goal in the opening 40 minutes. Schnee came up with 13 saves.

"They took more shots in the first half because they were more aggressive," Huntley said.

The Ross defense stiffened in the second half, holding the Blazers to six shots while Ross got off 10 more.

"We missed a lot of lot of shots," Huntley said. "It was sort of a lucky game; we could

Whitmer outburst beats Ross

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TOLEDO — A blitz of seven second-half goals by Toledo Whitmer Thursday resulted in an 8-1 high school soccer victory over Fremont Ross.

The Panthers' scoring outburst wiped out a solid first-half effort by the Little Giants, Ross coach Victor Huntley said.

"The guys had one of the best first halves I've seen," Huntley

said. "They were playing one of the best teams and they played them equal."

Ross led on an early goal by Bill Babione, which was assisted by Bobby Dorsey, and the score was tied 1-1 at halftime.

"The kids got tired in the heat," Huntley said. "It was the largest field we have played on so far."

Ross still winless

Firelands takes advantage of wind gusts in 4-2 victory

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

The winds of fortune refused to smile on Ross Saturday afternoon as Firelands defeated the Little Giants 4-2 in a match of winless, first-year soccer teams.

A strong wind out of the east plagued both teams but Firelands was able to take advantage of the gusts.

Firelands, 1-3, ran with the wind in the first half and scored all of its goals in the first 16 minutes of play, using just five shots.

"I was very happy," Firelands coach Shawn Harrison said about getting the wind at his team's backs. "That helped a lot, but we played very well in the first half."

Eric Youngless and Shawn Dillard scored two goals apiece for the Falcons with three of the goals unassisted.

Dillard broke past the Ross defense for an unassisted goal at the 3:48 mark of the opening half. Two minutes later, Youngless lofted a high kick from 20 yards out that fell just over the fingertips of goalie Brian Newman.

At the 7:57 mark, Dillard took a long pass from Youngless and beat Newman for the third Firelands goal. Youngless lofted another 20-yarder over goalie Fred Schnee at the 15:50 mark to complete the Falcons' scoring.

"The two goals that Eric Youngless scored were just floaters that were hard for the goalie to judge," Harrison said. "That helped us a lot."

"That's just what happened," Huntley said. "It was hard luck. Those two long floaters hurt."

Heading into the gusty wind, Ross had eight first half shots with Firelands goalie Jennifer Koleena turning away five with the remaining shots wide. Koleena made a diving stop of Na-



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NATE SORG (10) of Ross tries to get to the ball before Mark Fahrney of Firelands.

than Sorg's backwards kick and Eric Keiser's 15-yard boot hit the right goal post, the closest Ross came to scoring in the opening half.

With the winds at their backs, the Little Giants opened up in the second half. Sorg took a pass from Bill Babione and beat Koleena at the 18:09 mark, cutting the Falcons' lead to 4-1.

With 19 minutes remaining, Jon Matney scored on a penalty shot, beating Koleena with a shot to the left corner. The penalty was on a hand ball.

Ross outshot the Falcons 18-3 in the second 40 minutes of play but Koleena came up with six saves while the rest of the Ross

shots were off target.

"We are not a very good second-half team," Harrison said. "We always seem to let up for some reason but the wind played a huge factor."

In spite of the loss, dropping his team to 0-6, Huntley was not downcast.

"We are not taking enough shots, though" Huntley said. "They are getting up there (near the goal) but they don't have the fight to take the shots in there; that is something we have work on."

"But I see a lot of improvement, a lot," he said.

Ross travels to Defiance today for a 5 p.m. match.

Ross soccer squad wins first-ever match

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DEFIANCE — Fremont Ross won its first interscholastic soccer match ever Monday.

Nathan Sorg celebrated his 17th birthday with four goals and the Little Giants shut out Defiance 4-0.

The initial Ross victory came after six straight losses.

"I kicked right at the goalie and had enough power behind the shots to get them past him," Sorg said. "We're all pretty high right now, and we've got some

momentum going into tomorrow's match."

The Little Giants host Bedford, Mich., at 5 p.m. today at Ross High School. Bedford beat Ross 8-0 earlier this season.

"We dominated the second half," Ross coach Victor Huntley said. "Although we didn't take that many shots, we were totally in control because we played most of the time on their half of the field.

"The team is in very high spirits. We're looking forward to playing the teams that beat us."

Sorg scored two goals in each half; his final goal was assisted by Craig Moravec.

"Moravec played an outstanding game," Huntley said. "He took the ball down, passed it well and took four long shots on goal."

Ross took 25 shots on goal to 20 for Defiance. The Little Giants had taken 28 shots in a 4-2 loss to Firelands Saturday.

"They're taking more shots now," said Huntley, who added that Ross took just 12 shots in its first game.

Ross forges tie with Bedford

By **BOB MARKER**
Staff writer

The Fremont Ross soccer team earned a moral victory Tuesday — by a toenail.

"This was beautiful, beautiful," a jubilant Ross coach Victory Huntley said after his team tied Bedford 3-3 at Ross High School. "The improvement was, oh man, I'd say a hundred percent, right there."

The tie came on the heels of the Little Giants' first varsity victory in school history Monday and put the Ross record at 1-6-1.

Eleven days earlier, the Mules had kicked Ross 8-0. Tuesday, the Little Giants kicked back.

Nathan Sorg's penalty kick with just under five minutes to play tied the game for the third and final time.

Sorg, who scored all of Ross's goals in a

4-0 victory over Defiance Monday, beat Bedford goalie with a shot to the left corner. Sorg was awarded the penalty kick when Renius tripped him in the box.

Jack Maniko's corner kick with a minute remaining in the game gave the Mules a final shot at a win. Maniko's boot went into a group of players in front of Ross goalie Brian Newman, who got a hand on the ball but was unable to control it.

Don Fleitz of Bedford got a foot on the ball but his off-balance shot was short. Ross sweeper Adam Leutenegger took over from there, barely getting a toe on the ball — but enough toe to ram it away from the goal to the right corner.

"They were not panicking," Huntley said about his team during the frantic final minute Bedford assault. "They were

settling down; they knew what to do and they did it."

Bedford's defense was hurt by an early injury to fullback Adam Szymanski but Bedford coach Ted Stadniczuk wasn't making excuses.

"We are not that deep; we only had two subs," Stadniczuk said. "We got kind of tired after awhile."

"We had a little more skills, but they showed more hustle."

Bedford's goals were all unassisted, each one giving the Mules the lead.

Chuck Eid beat goalie Fred Schnee from 15 yards out with a shot to the right corner, opening the scoring at the 24:31 mark of the first half. Sorg fed Mike Schnee for a five-yard shot into the left corner to tie the game 1-1 with 10 minutes remaining in the half.

Scott Klostereier put Bedford ahead 11 minutes into the second half from 10 yards out, but Sorg's header off a pass from Ian Slaymaker pulled Ross even at the 23:45 mark.

The Mules went back on top two minutes later, scoring on Maniko's breakaway.

Sorg's penalty shot came 10 minutes later.

"The guys are in it," Huntley said, "they are on a roll."

"I predicted ... when I looked at the team ... I figured around the fifth or sixth game we should be jelling."

"With this intensity we had today, by the tenth game, we should really be clicking."

Ross hosts Tiffin Columbian at 5 p.m., Thursday. The Tornadoes defeated the Little Giants 7-1 in the season opener.

Ross soccer program needs better facility

The varsity soccer team at Fremont Ross is improving but nearly every time the Little Giants host a match, there are problems.

Not in the way they play — that area has shown the most improvement — but with the facilities the team uses.

The field inside the Ross track is adequate and meets minimum measurements set by the Ohio High School Athletic Association but the field works for and against Ross and its opponents.

Each visiting coach I have talked with has said the field is small and requires adjustments. Ross and most of its opponents practice on maximum regulation

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size fields that are 120 yards long and 75 yards wide. The Ross practice field is that size but while many Ross opponents play on the regulation field, the Little Giants stage their matches on a field much smaller: approxi-

mately 100 by 55 yards located inside the Ross High School track.

That means less running which does not help conditioning while cutting down room for set plays.

Adding to the problem is the match field is next to the Ross football practice field and football coaches, just like soccer officials, use whistles to stop the action. Problems with interrupted play caused by whistles from the football practice field have been minimal but there is potential for that.

One official at the Bedford-Ross match Tuesday implored Ross Athletic Director Pat McGhee to "tell the football coaches

to stop blowing the whistles."

That would have not set too well with the football coaches and McGhee rightfully turned down the request.

Stopping whistles from the football practice area is a minor problem; getting a better facility for soccer is more demanding.

Improving facilities for present sports and not adding a new sport was the chief request from varsity head coaches when talk of adding soccer was in the infancy stages. That remained constant even when the board of education ordered former AD Tom Easterday to implement a varsity soccer program. That order had little visible fore-

thought about facilities.

The present soccer match facility does allow the school to charge for admission which is good — any money brought in is good — but the field west of the high school should be the match field. Fencing and bleachers should be installed.

If you are going to have a program, it should be as top-notch as possible and getting the soccer matches out of the track infield would be the first step toward that goal.

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In my latest version of "Ask the Referee," Jim Ewanski set

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me straight about a game ending on a penalty.

According to rule 331 of the high school football rules book, a period must be extended by an untimed down if there was a foul by either team and the penalty is accepted.

Clarification: If it was determined as intentional grounding at the end of the period and if it was a fourth down play, the defensive team, if they accepted the penalty, would then have one untimed down by their offense. The ball would be put in play five yards (closer to the offending team's goal) from where the illegal pass was thrown.

I had written that a game can end on an offensive penalty but not on a defensive penalty. I theorized that intentional grounding was an offensive penalty and that because there was no time on the clock, the defensive team's offense would not be allowed another play.

If that is clear, then I stand corrected. Thanks again, Jim.

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The Ray brothers, Ryan and Jeff, are playing football at Bellevue. The Rays played for Clyde against St. Joe in the season opener but transferred the following week to Bellevue.

At first, it was thought that a

ruling on their eligibility would have to come from the OHSAA but when the Ray family took up residence in Bellevue shortly afterward Ryan and Jeff were enrolled in Bellevue High School, the two became eligible.

Ryan played about a third of last week's game against Perkins while Jeff is a member of the junior varsity squad, according to Bellevue coach Terry Adams.

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Maybe I better kick the habit of predicting. It causes coaches and fans to scowl and damages my ego, especially after last week. A 3-7 record is definitely not an ego inflater.

The season record is 8-12.

This week, Ross must rebound but Whitmer is reeling from a loss to Toledo Central Catholic last week and remembering a 35-0 loss to Ross last season. So with Ross visiting Pantherland, I have to go with Whitmer 23-19.

Saturday, it will not be close at Tiffin: St. Joe 38, Calvert 6.

Elsewhere, Clyde will defeat Edison 21-8; St. Mary's will shade Oak Harbor 15-13; Huron over Port Clinton 23-20; Margaretta 30-0 over Perkins; Genoa will upset Northwood 19-15; Eastwood over Woodmore 22-8; Gibsonburg over Lakota 24-6; Bellevue over Norwalk 25-7.

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Fluke goal beats Ross soccer squad

By **BOB MARKER**

Staff writer

A big bounce and a nudge gave Tiffin Columbian a 1-0 high school soccer victory over Fremont Ross Thursday.

A high lob by Columbian's Garrett Beyelander bounced over the head of Ross goalie Brian Newman and was nudged in by center forward Roger Brown three minutes and 20 seconds into the game.

Columbian came close to a goal only once more, but Ross goalie Fred Schnee turned that away with a diving save to his left on a hard shot off Beyelander's foot 20 minutes into the second half.

In the season opener three

weeks ago, Columbian defeated Ross 7-1 — the first match in school history for the Little Giants.

Columbian coach Ed Cahill hedged a little about describing the goal as "lucky."

"Ah, no ... well, a little," Cahill said. "The ground is hard out there and our man (Brown) walked the ball in; he made sure it was in."

Ross coach Victor Huntley could smile about the bounce.

"Yes, yes, yes," he said, "(Beyelander) did not even take a shot."

"It is lack of experience that causes that. The goalkeeper, because the ground is hard, should expect something like that; but that will come. It was just lucky,

just lucky."

Cahill noticed a difference in Ross.

"Ross has really changed a lot," he said. "I am impressed with them. They have some good kids out there; they have a lot of potential."

The Columbian coach said the small field at Ross affected his team.

"Boy, it sure did; it's real small," Cahill said. "This is even smaller than our practice field."

On corner kicks, Cahill noted, his team was kicking long on the 55-yard wide field. His team is used to the 75-yard width of his home field.

Either way, Huntley's exuberance could not be dampened.

"We played a good game; we played up to them," he said but then tempered his remarks. "The only problem is we had a slow start. They were not taking shots."

"In the first half, they outshot us two to one (15-7) but we came back and we had 18 shots to their 24 which means we reversed it."

Schnee, who took over in goal for Newman midway through the first half, had 13 saves.

"It is a big plus for us," Huntley said, "to come back after a seven-zero (actually 7-1) to zero and one."

Ross hosts Toledo Waite Monday, while the Ross junior varsity hosts Maumee at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Little Giants blank Waite for 2nd win

Defense allows five shots on goal

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Chalk up an 8-0 Ross soccer win over Toledo Waite as a point proven.

"I told them," Ross coach Victor Huntley said, "that if they practice hard, the games are easy."

The Little Giants, 2-7-1, made it look very, very easy against the outmanned Indians Monday at Ross High School, coupling a devastating offensive attack and a smothering defense that choked off any Waite rally.

"We had a good, hard practice Saturday morning," Huntley said, "and that is how it has to be."

While the offense banged out 35 shots, the Little Giants' defense was more impressive. Led by Adam Leutenegger, Tom Ackerman, Greg Byrnes and Eric Keiser and any other combination Huntley came up with, the Ross defense allowed just five shots — two in the first half and three in the second.

Starting goalie Fred Schnee did not have to make a save as both Waite shots drifted wide and Brian Newman, taking over for Schnee in the second half, had three routine saves.

Mike Schnee and Nathan Sorg scores two goals apiece. Keiser, Jon Matney, Bob Dorobek and Bill Babione added the other goals.

Keiser looped in a shot over Waite goalie Petro Ortega three

minutes into the game to open the gates for Ross. Mike Schnee directed a pass from Matney into the net from five yards out at the 26:02 mark of the first half, putting Ross up 2-0.

Sorg scored from five yards out off a pass from P.C. Randolph four minutes later and Ross led 3-0 at halftime.

Sorg scored his second goal, following his own miss, 4:45 into the second half and the romp began. Matney scored on a header off Keiser's throw-in at the 13:40 mark for a 5-0 lead. Dorobek got a pass from Mike Schnee at the goal mouth and deposited it into the right corner for a 6-0 lead at the 23:07 mark.

Babione's left-footer from 10 yards out 2½ minutes later made it 7-0 and Mike Schnee's second goal topped off the scoring at the 31:38 mark.

"I said we would begin to jell about the sixth game," Huntley said. "What is this? The eighth?"

"Well, we are jelling right now," he said when told it was the team's 10th game. "The kids are talking to each other and letting each other know where they are. We have come from the basics to being able to run plays

"It was just a very good win for us."

Ross is 2-1-1 in the last four games. Waite dropped to 1-4.

The Little Giants host Toledo Central Catholic at 5 p.m., Sept. 25.



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OFF THE HEAD. Shane Broskiou (5) of Toledo Waite uses his head to advance the ball against

Ross. The Little Giants' Mike Schnee, who scored twice, gets a close look.

Ross blows by TCC

By BOB MARKER

Staff writer

It wasn't the old south, and Fremont Ross High School does not resemble Tara, but the Little Giants were "going" with the wind Tuesday.

Disdaining the advantages of a strong wind out of the west in the first half, the Ross soccer team scored three goals in each 40-minute segment while blowing Toledo Central Catholic off the Ross High School field 6-1.

Ross won the opening coin toss but elected to defend the east goal, putting the win at the backs of the Fighting Irish. But Ross, as Rhett Butler would have paraphrased it "did not give a" and took the wind out of TCC.

"The guys played it (wind) like they should play it," Ross coach Victor Huntley said, while basking in his team's second straight victory. "They kept the ball on the grass."

Ross was hammering away on the lowland trail, rarely allowing TCC past the midfield stripe.

The Little Giants, 3-7-1, took the lead six minutes into the contest when Nate Sorg headed Craig Moravec's long inbounds pass past TCC goalie Pat Puhl. The Irish took the wind out of Ross's sails — momentarily — when Tom Gladwell banged in a short shot at the 14:39 mark.

The Little Giants bounced back as Ian Slaymaker took a pass from Mike Schnee and hit the right corner for a 2-1 lead, and Doug Temple's 15-yard shot from the left off a feed from Sorg gave Ross a 3-1 halftime lead.

"The kids were controlling the ball," Huntley said. "They were taking shots; we outshot them two to one."

Ross had a 15-11 shot advan-

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tage in the first half. In the second half, the Little Giants, with the wind at their backs, took 16 shots to TCC's five.

"When you are tired," Huntley said, "it is hard to go against the wind."

The Irish may have gotten tired, but a tenacious Ross defense took its toll.

"We switched defenses in the second half," Huntley said, "and that let us keep pressure on them."

Sorg gave Ross a 4-1 lead 17½ minutes into the second half, scoring from 15 yards out on the right off a pass from Mike Schnee. Twelve minutes later, Bill Babione banged in the Little Giants' fifth goal off a pass from Jon Matney.

With three minutes remaining, Ross sealed the win on Moravec's short goal off an indirect kick. Matney picked up his second assist on the final goal.

Ross goalie Fred Schnee stopped 10 TCC shots in the first half, and Brian Newman had two saves after taking over in the second half.

Ross travels to Oberlin Thursday to play Firelands. The Falcons defeated Ross 4-2 Sept. 8. Saturday, Ross hosts Ashland at 11 a.m.

Little Giants nip Firelands

News-Messenger reports

OBERLIN — Fremont Ross took a 3-0 lead then relied on its defense for a 3-2 high school soccer victory over Firelands Thursday.

Bobby Dorsey and Nate Sorg scored unassisted goals in the first-half for Ross, 4-7-1, and Jon Matney added a goal off a penalty kick.

"We dominated the first half, and they took over after we missed our second penalty kick," Ross coach Victor Huntley said. "They got a lot more aggressive and spent most of the second half in front of our goal."

Huntley said the Little Giants' made an adjustment to seal their third straight win.

"We brought the halfbacks back and played defense with six guys," he said.

Ross hosts Ashland at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ross High School.

ROSS WINS 1-0: Nate Sorg's goal off a penalty kick midway through the first half Saturday gave the Fremont Ross soccer team a 1-0 victory over Ashland at Ross High School. The victory was the Little Giants' fourth straight. Ross, 5-7-1, outshot Ashland 27-18, and goalies Brian Newman and Fred Schnee combined for the shutout.

Ross blanked

News-Messenger reports

VAN BUREN — Fremont Ross's four-match winning streak ended Tuesday as Van Buren beat the Little Giants 1-0 in a high school soccer match.

"We never got into the game," Ross coach Victor Huntley. "It was the worst game we've played since the first game."

Rick Mullins beat Ross goalie Brian Newman with a shot from the right wing midway through the second half for the lone goal of the game.

"He caught the goalie asleep," Huntley said. "He wasn't even expecting it."

Ross falls to 5-8-1.

ROSS LOSES: Maumee defeated the Fremont Ross soccer team 9-0 Thursday. The Little Giants fall to 5-9-1.

Northview blasts Ross

News-Messenger reports

SYLVANIA — Northview shut out Fremont Ross 12-0 in a high school soccer match Monday.

“(The Wildcats) were one of the best teams we’ve played so far,” Ross coach Victor Huntley said. “Their power and speed was tremendous, and their kicking was as hard as we’ve seen.”

Northview scored seven goals in the first half and five in the second as Ross fell to 5-10-1.

Ross, which hosts Eastwood Thursday, will face Tiffin Columbian in the sectional tournament at 4 p.m. Oct. 20 at Findlay.

In junior varsity action Monday, Maumee blanked Ross 10-0. The Little Giants’ reserve squad finishes the season 1-9-1.

Eastwood's late goal beats Ross

By **BOB MARKER**

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Eastwood proved to the Fremont Ross soccer team that it's never too late.

Mike Schaller's goal with 33 seconds remaining in the match gave the Eagles a 2-1 victory over the Little Giants Thursday at Ross High School.

"We like to wait until the last minute," Eastwood coach Phil Donaldson said.

Schaller's 20-yard right-footed kick hit the upper right corner, beating Ross goalie Dennis Kuzma. The goal capped off a half in which the Eagles turned their game up a notch.

After taking 11 shots on goal in

the first half, Eastwood fired 17 at Ross goalies Fred Schnee and Kuzma. Brian Newman had turned back seven of the Eastwood shots while tending goal for Ross in the first half.

"I think we overlooked the game," Donaldson said. "We had a good game against Kalida last week and then we came in

here over-confident."

The Eagles limited Ross to two second-half shots after surrendering 10 in the first half.

"We didn't change anything," Donaldson said, "just played more aggressive."

The game was scoreless for

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nearly 30 minutes of the 40-minute first half but Nate Sorg broke out of a pack at midfield, dribbled into the box and beat Eastwood goalie Eric Ward with a shot to the left corner.

Ross, 5-11-1 held the lead until 12 minutes into the second half, when Joe Fredrick headed in a pass from Jason Bowser to tie the game.

Schaller came close to putting the Eagles ahead at the 29:30 mark of the second half, hitting the left goal post before Ross was able to clear the ball away.

Eastwood, 7-8-1, survived a late Ross assault but the Little Giants did not get a clear shot on goal with under two minutes to play.

"It was a good game," Ross coach Victor Huntley said.

But not quite good enough.

"The defense just started pitty-patting after awhile," Huntley said, "they just gave the guys (Eastwood) the opportunity to come down and put the pressure on them.

"Then we turned on the heat a little too late, but when you look at it, we played them equally—it was a nice game."

The ending was nicer for Eastwood.