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## Fremont Ross JV football game with Cleveland Benedictine ends in tie after injury

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CLEVELAND -- The Fremont Ross junior varsity football team played Cleveland Benedictine to a 20-20 tie on Saturday.

Benedictine took its opening drive to the Ross 15 before the Little Giants' Dominic Parker intercepted a Bengals pass for a touchback. Three plays later, Benedictine intercepted a pass from Ross quarterback T. J. Harkness and returned it to the Ross 7. Benedictine scored a touchdown on the third down but failed to make a 2-point conversion attempt.

The Little Giants answered with a 16-play, 80-yard drive that was capped by a 9-yard touchdown pass from Harkness to Dylan Starks. Harkness was 10-of-16 for 108 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. His 2-point conversion pass to Tre Rollings gave Ross an 8-6 lead at halftime.

Benedictine scored on its first two drives of the second half to take a 20-8 lead before Harkness hit Aric Prater with a 61-yard TD pass to pull to within 20-14. Prater made two catches for 63 yards.

The next Little Giants drive only took two plays. On second down, a double pass from Harkness to Tyler Wolf to Drew Starks resulted in a 44-yard touchdown to tie the game at 20.

Dylan Starks intercepted a Benedictine pass on second down before Ross converted a third-and-4 with an 8-yard run to the Bengals 20 when an injury ended the game with 7:17 left.

Leading the Little Giants defense in tackles were Jake Hiestand and Donald Carter with six stops apiece. David Garza ran 11 times for a team-high 60 yards while eight different Ross receivers caught passes.

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