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## Fremont Ross makes changes, takes on Marion Harding Friday

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FREMONT -- Heading into Week 7, the Fremont Ross Little Giants are looking to make improvements in all phases for the final four weeks of the football season.

"I think our focus needs to be on us," Ross coach Derek Kidwell said. "We have to get better and, to correct some of our issues that we have internally, we had a team meeting on Monday. I believe we have addressed the issues and that our kids will come out and play inspired football."

The first opportunity for the Little Giants (4-2, 0-1) to test the impact of their changes will be Friday, when Ross travels to play Marion Harding at 7:30 p.m. in a Greater Buckeye Conference contest.

"We need to pay more attention to detail and fundamentals," Kidwell said. "The kids have to do things the way they are coached to do. We're going back to basics because a lot of the errors we've had are uncharacteristic, inexcusable and they're hurting our team."

The postseason hopes of the Little Giants were dealt a serious blow Friday, when GBC rival Findlay defeated Ross 43-40 in triple overtime at Don Paul Stadium.

In 2008, an 8-2 record eliminated the Little Giants from playoff contention in Division I Region 2 by 0.725 computer points. Like last season, Ross will need its opponents to provide second-level points to make the postseason, even if the Little Giants win their final four games.

But first, the Little Giants have to take care of their own business. And before Ross can be considered a playoff contender, the team must adjust a defense that allowed Findlay to accumulate 514 yards of total offense, including 368 yards passing, in Week 6.

"It all comes down to the fact that our kids have to make plays," Kidwell said.

Ross's leading playmakers on offense have been quarterback Cody Foos (64-of-127, 918 yards, 9 TDs, 7 INTs), running back James Aaron Spencer (102 carries, 584 yards, 6 TDs) and wideout Greg Brown (24 catches, 430 yards, 7 TDs).

"Fremont Ross always had an explosive offense, led by Foos, who can put them in right places and manage the offense," Harding coach Heath Hinton said.

On Friday, the Little Giants will deal with Harding (2-4, 0-1), which has doubled its win total from last season. The Presidents, blanked 41-0 by Napoleon at home on Friday, have victories against Newark (33-22) and Lorain Admiral King (18-14) in 2009.

But the Little Giants will be facing a Harding offense that gained 149 yards versus Napoleon (5-1).

"We've been able to throw effectively and that has helped our running game," Hinton said. "Dominique Ayers has been able to do some big play stuff for us."

Ayers, who has run for 350 yards and four TDs on 59 carries this season, was limited to 16 yards on

13 rushing attempts against the Wildcats. Quarterback Asher Rumble, who ran for 24 yards and threw for 80 more, has completed 47-of-108 passes for 613 yards with two touchdowns and five interceptions. Wideout Eric Gilmore has hauled in 12 passes for 95 yards and two TDs.

Kidwell knows his kids have to execute in all phases of the game, if Ross expects to be successful.

"We're not concerned with Marion right now," Kidwell said. "We know that they're a power-running team, but we haven't addressed what they do defensively because we're making it about what we're doing offensively and how we come out and attack defenses."

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