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Penn and Gamble magical in Little Giants' matinee victory

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FREMONT -- Kenny Penn and Shunnar Gamble led the Little Giants boys basketball team to a 68-55 win over Toledo Woodward on Tuesday afternoon in the Purple Pit.

Penn tallied 22 points while Gamble scored 19.

"(Monday) was the best practice we've had all season, from the top of the roster to the bottom, everyone practiced like they needed to," Ross coach Mark Gedeon said. "Hopefully that reinforced a little bit what we need to be doing in practice, because it showed in today's game."

The Little Giants pulled away at the start of the fourth quarter, outscoring Woodward 23-14 in the final period. The biggest reason Ross finished the game strong was because of its hustle and quick tempo.

"Without question we are looking to be a very fast, up tempo team," Gedeon said. "Our defense created a lot of offense for us out there, and that's always a good thing."

Ross started the game forcing seven turnovers in the first period and was helped out in large part by Woodward's foul trouble. Ross was in the bonus with a minute to go in the period. Ross maintained its lead in the second quarter and took a 27-22 lead to halftime.

Gamble was assessed a technical foul midway through the third quarter for jawing back and forth with a Woodward player. From that point on, Gamble took his game to a new level.

"I like to play off of people's trash talking, it makes it a lot more fun for me," Gamble said. "My back spasms are starting to feel better and that's letting me be my normal stuff and do the things I am used to doing on a basketball court."

The Little Giants are off until Jan. 7, when they host archrival Sandusky with the junior varsity game tipping off at 6 p.m.