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## Streaks dominate in win over Little Giants

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SANDUSKY -- It would be a vast understatement to say Sandusky dominated Fremont Ross during a 79-28 Greater Buckeye Conference girls basketball game Thursday night.

The Blue Streaks scored the first 13 points of the contest and led 20-4 after 8 minutes. Before the Little Giants walked to the locker room at halftime, Ross trailed 36-7.

"We jumped on (Ross) early and that was our goal," Sandusky coach Nick Venerucci said. "We wanted to get a fast start because we had a lot tired legs after playing (Lorain Southview) Wednesday night."

And it got uglier from there.

"It's tough to start the season 0-5 with a new coach, but we just have to keep playing and practicing," Little Giants coach Juan Vela said. "Every time we hit the floor, we're trying to get better. We can't worry about the score until we get better. The girls shot the ball. It just didn't go in."

Ross (0-5, 0-2) made 22 percent of its field goals on 13-of-60 shooting and was outrebounded 50-37. The Blue Streaks (3-2, 1-1), who were getting easy looks from inside the lane, made 52 percent of their baskets on 33-of-64 shooting.

The Little Giants could not stop Sandusky post players Brianna Crowe (19 points, 6 rebounds) and Maurisha Brown (14 points, 11 rebounds), who combined for 22 points and 13 rebounds in the first half.

Crowe, who transferred to Sandusky from Ross before the 2009-2010 school year, went 7-of-10 from the field and 5-of-6 at the foul line. Brown added a 6-of-9 effort underneath the basket and was 2-of-2 at the charity stripe.

"We need to be able to shoot better and get back on defense," Vela said. "Most of Sandusky's points came from its post players on layups. They just killed us. It's going to be this way until we take care of our problems."

But the Blue Streaks had another scoring threat Ross had trouble slowing down.

Cara Croom drained a game-high 20 points on 10-of-17 shooting from the field while collecting 9 rebounds and generating 2 steals.

"We're running with eight players, and the key for us was to rotate players in and out, similar to line changes during a hockey game," Venerucci said. "After we had the fast start, we could relax because we're staying refreshed, but still putting the heat on (Ross)."

Casey Clark provided the most offense for Ross by scoring seven of her 10 points in the third quarter.

The Little Giants reached double digits on the scoreboard with at the 5:12 mark on a basket from Alex Ferguson (4 points, 9 rebounds).

Ross's Andra Snodgrass had all four of her points in the third quarter before Kayleigh Baker knocked down a pair of shots for four fourth-quarter points.

"I've been in Coach Vela's shoes last season when I took over this Sandusky program," Venerucci said. "I know what the Little Giants are going through. They are trying to correct the bad habits."

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