

Unbeaten Port Clinton turns it on in second half to beat Ross

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PORT CLINTON -- Fremont Ross showed a little resiliency in the first half Saturday, but fell to Port Clinton 70-45 in a non-conference matchup.

The Little Giants closed the first quarter on an 8-1 run capped by a basket from Shunnar Gamble to climb within 15-14. Gamble, who scored a team-high 11 points, also had a bucket to make it 29-24 entering the third quarter.

"If you look at the first half -- once we shook off some nerves -- over the last 10 minutes we did some good things," Ross coach Mark Gedeon said. "Down five at the half puts us in a nice position."

The Redskins, who are unbeaten and ranked sixth in Division II, outscored the Little Giants 24-9 in the third quarter.

Port Clinton posts Josh Francis (25 points) and Ryan Hicks combined for 44 points Saturday.

"The biggest concern coming in was their inside play," Gedeon said. "Francis and Hicks are experienced, fundamental, polished posts. We took away the initial pass in the first half, but they started to hurt us with the second and third pass. We didn't come to compete the way we needed to compete in the second half."

Nick Streacker had five rebounds and Gamble blocked two shots for Ross (3-14).