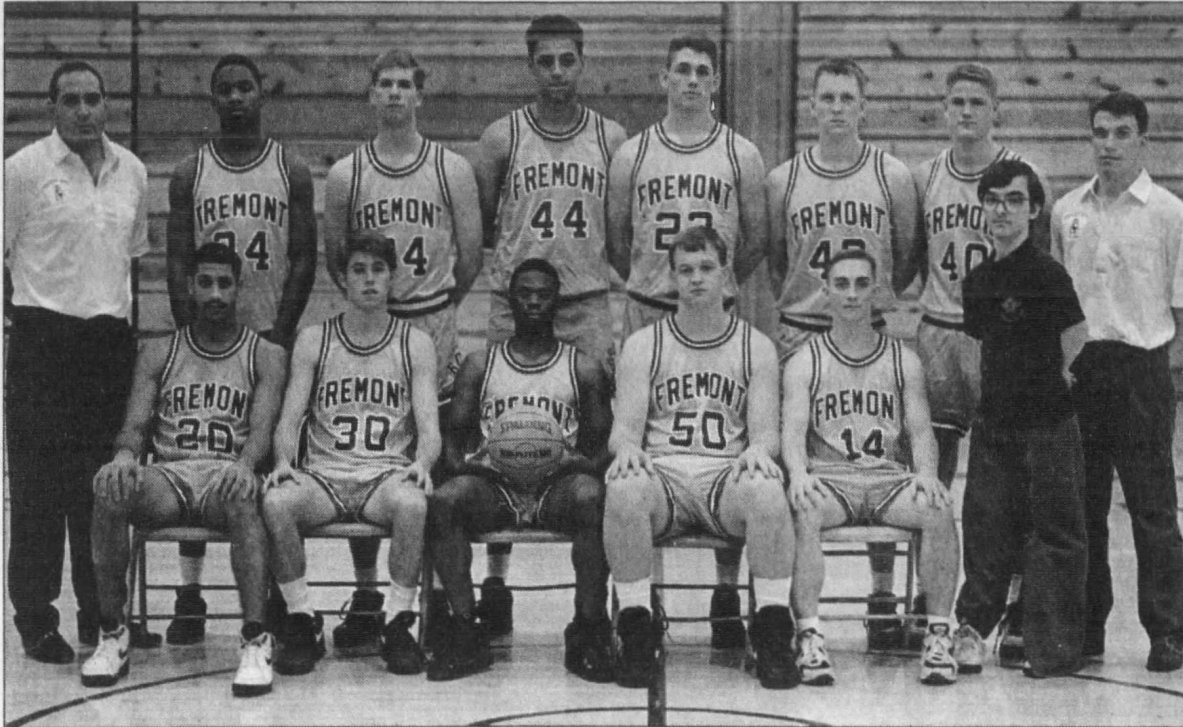


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SPORTS



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Ross hosts Friday preview

Fremont Ross will host a four-team preview Friday night in the Ross High School gymnasium. At 6:15 p.m., Port Clinton and Eastwood will play the first of two junior varsity "games." The second will be Oak Harbor and Ross. The same lineup for the varsities will follow the JV games. Admission at the door is \$3. Members of the

Ross team are, left to right: Chad Whetro, Tim Leeth, Mike Lather, Jason Matney, Gary Rakes, manager Joe Young; Back row: head coach Frank Gioffre, Charles Woodson, Jon Minnich, Darren Cheal, David Gibbs, Shane Moran, Chad Root and assistant coach Doug Mason.

Little Giants lose opener at BG

News-Messenger reports

BOWLING GREEN — A second-half spurt did Fremont Ross in Friday as Bowling Green defeated the Little Giants 75-67 in the season opener for both high school boys basketball teams.

The Bobcats, leading 37-35 at halftime, scored the first 10 points of the second half and Ross got no closer than eight the rest of the way.

The Little Giants hurt themselves, making 1 of 11 free throws.

Ross trailed 65-51 with 4:21 to play, but a trio of three-point baskets closed the gap.

"They beat us on the glass and in the paint," Ross coach Frank Gioffre said about his team's rebounding and defense in the lane.

Six-foot-7 Chris Toland scored 26 points from in close, and 6-3 Mike Saneholtz added 18.

That offset a 27-point night by Ross's Charles Woodson.

BG outrebounded Ross 34-28 as Saneholtz grabbed 10. He also dished out six assists.

Chad Root was the only other Ross player in double figures, scoring 13 points. Gary Rakes added nine to go with five assists, and Mike Lather also had five assists for Ross.

Bowling Green held off any Ross charge in the fourth quarter, making 8 of 15 free throws.

Ross opens its home season Tuesday against Toledo Waite. The junior varsity game begins at 6 p.m.

Bowling Green 75, Ross 67

Ross	19	16	10	22	—	67
Bowling Green	22	15	20	18	—	75

ROSS—Gary Rakes 4-0-9, David Gibbs 3-0-6, Charles Woodson 12-1-27, Jon Minnich 1-0-2, Chad Root 6-0-13, Shane Moran 3-0-8, Jason Matney 1-0-2, Lather 0-0-0, totals 1-0-2, totals 30-1-67.

BOWLING GREEN—Aaron Kale 3-3-10, Mark Carek 2-0-5, Brian Cass 1-0-2, Mike Saneholtz 7-4-18, Doug Frisby 3-2-8, Pete Maienknecht 3-0-6, Chris Toland 10-6-26, totals 29-15-75.

3-point goals: Rakes, Woodson 2, Root, Moran 2, Kale, Carek.

Records: Bowling Green 1-0, Ross 0-1.

Ross JV 69, B. Green 50

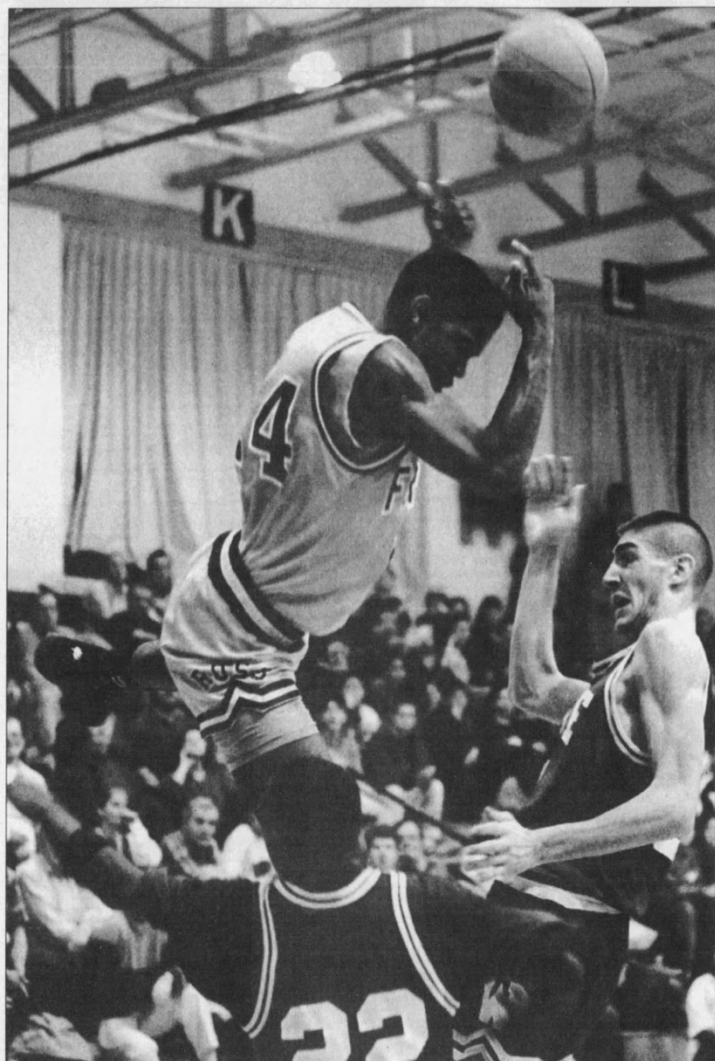
Ross	14	25	15	15	—	69
Bowling Green	15	9	18	8	—	50

ROSS—Jason Harper 7-1-15, Geoff Berger 4-1-9, Rob Stotz 4-0-12, Chad Hoffman 2-4-8, Ryan Shively 2-0-4, Kyle O'Neill 1-0-2, Doug Hershey 5-9-19, totals 25-15-69.

BOWLING GREEN—C. Hover 0-1-1, Walker 3-2-8, Culpepper 3-0-6, Campisi 5-1-11, Martin 1-1-3, Franks 1-0-2, Taylor 5-2-15, Hannan 2-0-4, totals 20-7-50.

3-point goals: Stotz 4, Taylor 3

Record: Ross 1-0, Bowling Green 0-1.



CHARLES WOODSON of Fremont Ross flies high for a shot over the defense of Toledo Waite's Tony Gilmer (22) and Phil Schiffler (right) Tuesday night at the Purple Pit. The Indians edged the Little Giants 56-55.

Rookie Mills leads Cavaliers past Trail Blazers

Associated Press

RICHFIELD, Ohio — Chris Mills has enough faith in himself, and enough support from his teammates, to carry him through the kind of shooting slump that afflicts many NBA rookies.

"I'm feeling more and more comfortable every night," Mills said Tuesday night after he scored a career-high 22 points on

8-of-13 shooting — including a pair of 3-pointers — as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Portland Trail Blazers 109-100.

Mills was shooting 39 percent from the floor and averaging 9.8 points through his first 15 games, far from the types of numbers he had grown accustomed to in college. He was a 51 percent shooter in four seasons at Arizona and

Kentucky, and he averaged 20.4 points for Arizona as a senior.

He said he doesn't feel pressured to score now, because he's on a team that includes proven NBA scorers Mark Price and Brad Daugherty, among others.

"I don't want to try to do too much," Mills said. "I just want to blend in, and everything will fall into place."

Waite tops Ross with late freebie

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Tony Gilmer's free throw with one second to play gave Toledo Waite a 56-55 victory over Fremont Ross in the Little Giants home-opening boys basketball game Tuesday.

Gilmer sank the first of two shots after Charles Woodson of Ross had made two of three free throws to tie the game with six seconds left.

The last-second point kept Waite undefeated in three games and Ross winless in two.

When Woodson and Gilmer went to the line, both coaches were out of a job.

"At that point," Waite coach Joe Guerrero said, "there is no coaching involved. I'm sitting there hoping his guy misses and he's sitting there hoping my guy misses. Whoever make it, wins...it's as simple as that."

Ross coach Frank Gioffre's unemployment was painful. He watched the first Woodson toss spin in and out.

"The one Charles missed was halfway in and out and Gary (Rakes) had one halfway in and out," Gioffre winced.

"We improved a little bit at the free throw line but we still only shot a little over 50 percent (7 of 13), but I am pleased with our effort. We played four solid quarters but we still have things to work on yet."

Ross missed 10 of 11 free throws in a 75-67 loss to Bowling Green Friday.

The Little Giants never led in the first half but never fell behind by more than seven and trailed 28-24 at the intermission.

A turned up defense caught Waite by surprise and Woodson benefitted from the tight Ross press, scoring seven straight points — the last on a 3-point basket that put the Little Giants up 31-28 two minutes into the half.

"We got to where we were rushing our shots," Guerrero said. "We started the second half with three threes (attempts) and we are not a three-point shooting ball club."

"I said, 'We are not going to

shoot us out of the game,' and went a little more inside and got better shots."

Ross stretched its lead to 35-31 before the Indians got the lead back 39-38 on, ironically, Damion Washington's 3-point shot with 2:15 remaining in the third quarter.

Woodson's steal and slam put Ross up 40-39 but Washington's lay-in gave Waite a 41-40 lead after three quarters.

Chad Root's two free throws and David Gibb's bucket gave Ross a 45-41 lead before Waite, with Michael LaCourse and Gilmer scoring four points apiece, regained the lead 52-49 on Gilmer's three-point play with 2:54 to play.

The Indians followed that by nearly shooting themselves in the foot.

On a turnover, Rakes was intentionally fouled by Jamal Grant. But the Ross foul line bugaboo bit Rakes on his first shot with the second shot cutting the Waite lead to 52-50.

Ross failed to capitalize on the possession after the intentional foul and Washington hit one of two free throws for a 54-50 Waite lead with 2:30 remaining.

Root's 3-point shot brought Ross within one, 54-53, with 43 seconds left and after Grant missed a free throw, Woodson grabbed the rebound, giving the Little Giants the ball with 35 seconds remaining. Washington, however, swiped the ball from Gibb's hands and was fouled as he broke toward the basket.

Washington missed the first shot of the one-and-one but Ross was called for a lane violation. Washington made the substitute throw but missed the second with 17 seconds to play.

Woodson was fouled on the trip down court by Washington, putting both coaches temporarily out of a job but not out of hope.

Woodson finished with 21 points, Root 14 and Gibb 11. Gilmer had 17, Washington 15 and LaCourse 14.

The Little Giants open Great Lakes League play Friday at Sylva Northview.

Basketball

High School Boys

Waite 56, Ross 55

Waite 17 11 13 15 — 56

Ross 11 13 16 15 — 55

WAITE—Damion Washington 4-4-15, Domingo Vasquez 2-0-4, Michael LaCourse 7-0-14, Tony Gilmer 6-5-17, Jamal Grant 2-2-6, totals 21-11-56.

ROSS—Charles Woodson 8-4-21, Chad Root 5-2-14, Jason Matney 2-0-4, David Gibbs 5-0-11, Gary Rakes 0-1-1, Jon Minnich 2-0-4, totals 22-7-55.

3-point goals: Washington 3, Woodson, Root 2, Gibbs.

Records: Waite 3-0, Ross 0-2

Ross JVs55, Waite 36

Waite 4 13 6 13 — 36

Ross 14 6 13 22 — 55

WAITE—Raines 1-0-3, Ahmuda 2-0-4, Bush 3-0-6, Williams 4-0-8, Swain 4-0-8, Sinift 3-1-7, totals 3-1-7.

ROSS—Jason Harper 1-1-3, Geoff Berger 2-1-5, Rob Stotz 2-0-6, Eric Brough 2-0-4, Chad Hoffman 3-1-7, Ryan Shively 2-0-4, Doug Hershey 8-10-26, totals 20-13-55.

3-point goals: Raines, Stotz 3.

Records: Waite 1-2, Ross 2-0.

Hot-shooting Northview hands Ross third loss

News-Messenger reports

SYLVANIA — Northview outscored Fremont Ross 45-32 in the second half to hand the Little Giants a 76-65 Great Lakes League boys basketball loss Friday night.

The loss in the GLL opener for both teams was the third straight against no wins for Ross. Northview is 2-1.

After falling behind 20-13 after one quarter, Ross took a 33-31 lead at halftime.

"Then, we came out flat in the third quarter," Ross coach Frank Gioffre said.

Northview led 48-45 heading into the final quarter, but held off the Little Giants as Tom Raker canned a pair of 3-pointers and Ryan Jones one.

"They hit some big threes down the stretch," Gioffre said, "and we could not trade baskets with them."

The Little Giants missed four "bunny" shots in the final quarter, Gioffre said, and did not convert on the front end of a pair of one-and-one free throw opportunities.

Raker led Northview with 20 points and a trio of other Wildcats were in double figures. Todd Corb led that group with 18 points, followed by Chris Robinson with 13 and Jones with 10.

Charles Woodson topped Ross with 20 points. Chad Root had 16 and Shane Moran 11 for the Little Giants.

Northview made 21 of 31 free throws and Ross 13 of 20.

Basketball

High School Boys

Northview 76, Ross 65

Ross	13	20	12	20	—	65
Northview	20	11	17	28	—	76

ROSS—Charles Woodson 6-7-20, Chad Root 7-0-16, Jon Minnich 0-4-4, Jason Matney 1-0-2, Gary Rakes 3-0-8, David Gibbs 1-1-24, Shane Moran 4-0-11, totals 22-13-65.

NORTHVIEW—Todd Corb 7-4-18, Collins 1-0-2, Ryan Jones 2-5-10, Chris Robinson 6-1-13, Mike Ellenwood 0-2-2, Garrett Schupp 2-2-7, Tom Raker 6-5-20, Jeff Ostermyer 0-2-2, Zach Morris 1-0-2, totals 25-21-76.

3-point goals: Woodson, Root 2, Rakes 2, Moran 3, Jones, Schupp, Raker 3.

Records: Northview 2-1 (1-0), Ross 0-3 (0-1).

Ross JV 49, N'thview 48 (OT)

Ross	7	9	13	14	6	—
49						
Northview	10	13	12	8	5	—
48						

ROSS: Jason Harper 2-1-5, Thach Dihn 1-1-3, Geoff Berger 2-0-4, Rob Stotz 2-0-6, Chad Hoffman 2-0-4, Ryan Shively 5-0-10, Doug Hershey 7-3-17, totals 21-5-49.

NORTHVIEW—Gonzales 3-1-7, Joyce 3-4-11, Troyan 3-0-6, Anderson 4-6-14, Porter 1-0-2, Moss 1-2-4, Lyon 1-0-2, Cook 1-0-2, totals 17-13-48.

3-point goals: Stotz 2, Joyce.

Records: Ross 3-0, Northview 1-2.

Ross nets first victory

■ Tough defense:

The Little Giants limited Bedford to 25 percent shooting.

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Fremont Ross used an aggressive defense to survive the long bombing attack of Bedford and defeat the Kicking Mules 69-51 Tuesday night in the Purple Pit.

It was the first win in four games for Ross and leveled its Great Lakes League mark to 1-1.

Jason Matney, who came off the bench to score a career-high 17 points, scored eight in the Little Giants' breakaway third quarter. The 6-foot-5 senior's previous high game was six last season.

Ross, leading 35-27 at halftime, outscored Bedford 20-8 in the third period and took a comfortable 55-35 edge into the final eight minutes.

"Jason did a fantastic job down low for us," Ross coach Frank Gioffre said. "Our kids did a nice job of looking inside instead of just shooting the outside jump shot."

Jon Minnich, one of five juniors started by Gioffre, also turned in his varsity high game, 11. Charles Woodson added 15 and Gary Rakes 10 as eight Little Giants scored.

The 28 points by Matney and Minnich made up for an "off" night by Woodson, who was averaging 23 points going into the game.

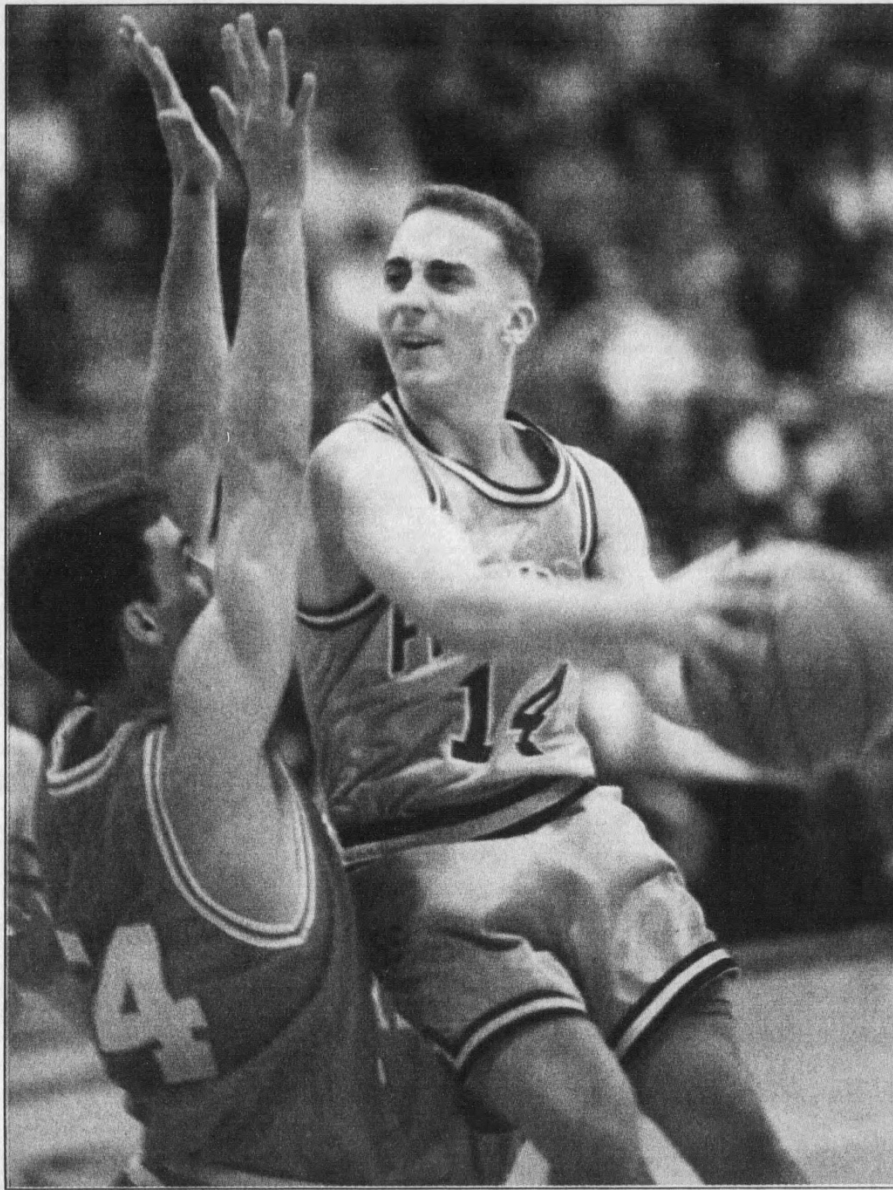
"It was a night where Charles was getting the shots but they were not falling," Gioffre said, "but he was getting some rebounds for us."

Woodson finished with 12 rebounds and Matney had nine. Minnich grabbed six with five of those off the offensive board. Both teams finished with 39 rebounds.

While liking the offensive outburst of Matney and Minnich, Gioffre pointed out his team's defense.

"We knew that they were going to shoot a lot of threes," Gioffre said, "and our kids did a nice job of maybe pushing them out a little further than they wanted to go. That was the key to the game."

Bedford, which had made 15 3-point baskets last Friday in an



GARY RAKES (14) of Fremont Ross drives to the basket as Bedford's Scott Parachek defends during the first

quarter Tuesday night at the Purple Pit. The Little Giants defeated the Mules 69-51 for their first win.

83-82 loss to Napoleon, hit 6 of 22 against the Little Giants. For the game, the Mules were 17-of-69.

"I thought it was worse than that," Bedford coach Mark German said after his team's third loss in as many games and second in GLL play. "That is the best anyone has done on our 3-point shooters this year.

"We made a lot of mental errors throughout the game and dug ourselves a hole. And in the third quarter, we completely collapsed."

The Little Giants led most of the game, trailing only when Dan Williams' 3-point bucket three minutes into the game put the Mules on top 7-4.

Baskets by Rakes, Minnich and Woodson's slam dunk off a turnover gave the Little Giants the lead 10-7.

The Mules never kicked back as Ross steadily pulled away.

Ross hosts Napoleon (2-3 and 2-0) Friday in another GLL contest. The junior varsity game begins at 6:15 p.m.

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Basketball

High School Boys

Ross 69, Bedford 51

Bedford	11	16	8	16	—	51
Ross	19	16	20	14	—	69

BEDFORD—Shane Hearn 0-2-2, Scott Parachek 2-1-5, Grant LaMunyon 1-3-6, Chad Henman 6-0-13, Dan Williams 4-1-11, Steve Sass 2-1-5, Brandon Roberts 2-1-7, Matt Campbell 0-2-2, totals 17-11-51.

ROSS—Charles Woodson 6-3-15, Chad Root 2-0-5, Jon Minnich 5-1-11, Shane Moran 1-0-3, Gary Rakes 4-0-10, Jason Matney 8-1-17, Mike Lather 2-0-4, Doug Hershey 1-2-4, totals 29-7-69.

3-point goals: LaMunyon, Henman, Williams 2, Roberts 2, Root, Moran, Rakes 2.

Records: Ross 1-3 (-1-1), Bedford 0-3 (0-2).

Ross JV 55, Bedford 44

Bedford	8	16	8	12	—	44
Ross	13	15	18	9	—	55

BEDFORD—Joe Brescol 0-2-2, Blake Flessner 5-3-13, Jason Hebert 0-1-1, Harold Howell 1-3-5, Jason Kehoe 4-3-11, Keith Mieczkowski 2-0-4, Matt Sherman 2-2-6, Russell Strouse 1-0-2, totals 15-14-44.

ROSS—Jason Harper 4-0-8, Geoff Berger 1-2-5, Chad Hoffman 5-6-16, Ryan Shively 1-1-3, Shaun Root 2-0-4, Kyle O'Neill 1-0-2, Doug Hershey 7-3-17, totals 21-12-55.

3-point goals: Berger.

Records: Ross 4-0, Bedford 1-2.

Napoleon defeats Ross

■ **Late run:** The Wildcats scored the last six points of the GLL game.

By **BOB MARKER**
Staff writer

Napoleon scored the last six points of the game to defeat Fremont Ross 66-61 Friday night in a Great Lakes League boys basketball game.

"That was a great one to win and a tough one to lose," Napoleon coach Walt Behrman summed up after this team remained undefeated in three GLL games and leveled its season record at 3-3.

Ross is 1-4 and 1-2 in league play.

Ross coach Frank Gioffre was downcast but still liked the way his team played while battling sickness which struck starters Charles Woodson, Gary Rakes and Jon Minnich and others during the week.

"That's no excuse," Gioffre said, "but we practiced with seven yesterday and that hurt. I am not disappointed with the our kids' effort...it's just that we have to find ways to win."

Behrman was glad to escape the Purple Pit.

"Frank's teams always seem to take us down to the wire," he said.

This game was no exception. In the end, a strong performance from the Wildcats' bench helped Napoleon survive a final quarter Ross blitz.

Napoleon's six-point run followed a 13-point Ross scoring streak that wiped out a 60-48 Napoleon lead and gave the Little Giants a 61-60 advantage with 61 seconds left.

The Napoleon pressure defense had held Ross scoreless for more than five minutes in the third and fourth quarters as the Wildcats broke a 48-48 tie with 12 unanswered points. Shane Moran's 3-point basket — his fifth of the game — with 4:10 to play broke the Ross scoring famine and launched the Little Giants toward the lead.

Chad Root followed with a basket and Minnich's short jumper made it 60-55 with 2:50 to play. A pair of free throws by Mike Lather and another Root bucket cut the Napoleon lead to 60-59.

The Little Giants took the lead when Minnich stole the ball from Wildcat guard Jason Meyer at midcourt and passed to Root for a layup.

After a Napoleon timeout, the Wildcats sandwiched the final six points around a pair of futile Ross possessions in which the Little Giants missed five shots, three from 3-point range.

Mike Germann drove the baseline for a layup to start the final Napoleon run. Ryan Hines tossed



CHARLES WOODSON (center) of Fremont Ross and Napoleon's Nathan Bickel collide while chasing a loose

ball Friday night after Chad Root (40) tried to set a screen for Woodson. Napoleon won the game 66-61.

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in a pair of free throws with 24 seconds left and Germann's two foul shots with eight seconds to play iced the game.

Both teams were hampered by fouls with three of the Napoleon starters on the bench when the Wildcats took the 12-point lead.

"That was the highlight for

me," Behrman said, "how my bench played. That was the high point. I hope this game can pay dividends."

Germann, who had been averaging close to 30 points a game, and Ross leading scorer Woodson were both hampered by fouls. Germann finished with 13

points and Woodson seven, nearly 13 below his average. Woodson fouled out with 2:25 to play.

Moran led Ross with 17 points and Root added 16. Lather came off the bench to score 10.

Germann, despite the foul trouble, still led the Wildcats in scoring and grabbed 13 rebounds.

High School Boys

Napoleon 66, Ross 61

Napoleon	17	17	18	14	—	66
Ross	16	22	10	13	—	61

NAPOLEON—Joe Good 4-0-10, Doug Brown 0-1-1, Mike Germann 4-5-13, Barry Damman 1-0-2, Jason Meyer 2-2-6, Nathan Bickel 1-0-2, Ryan Hines 4-3-12, Josh VanAusdale 2-5-9, Jeff Ressler 3-3-9, Jason Asheimier 0-2-2, totals 20-23-66.

ROSS—Charles Woodson 2-3-7, Chad Root 5-5-16, Jon Minnich 2-0-4, Shane Moran 6-0-17, Gary Rakes 0-5-5, Jason Matney 1-0-2, Mike Lather 1-8-10, totals 17-21-61.

3-point goals: Good 2, Hines, Root, Moran 5.

Records: Napoleon 3-3 (3-0), Ross 1-4 (1-2).

Napoleon JV 36, Ross 31

Napoleon	5	10	9	12	—	36
Ross	14	9	1	7	—	31

NAPOLEON—Chris Thompson 1-2-4, Joel Hammon 1-0-2, Alex Gerken 1-2-4, Jason Tassler 1-2-5, Kris Shepard 1-0-3, Troy Rathge 1-5-7, Jason Gerken 3-2-8, Chris Bialecki 1-1-3, totals 10-14-36.

ROSS—Jason Harper 1-1-3, Geoff Berger 2-3-7, Rob Stotz 1-0-3, Chad Hoffman 1-2-4, Doug Hershey 6-2-14, totals 11-8-31.

3-point goals: Tassler, Shepard, Stotz.

Records: Napoleon 6-0, Ross 4-1.

Clay romps past Ross

News-Messenger reports

OREGON — Fremont Ross scored a season-low, while Oregon Clay found its offense Tuesday night in a 65-40 Great Lakes League boys basketball victory over the Little Giants.

Clay, 2-3 and 2-1, had scored less than 40 points in its previous two games.

Ross, 1-5 and 1-3, trailed 31-11 in the early going. The Little Giants went on a 9-0 run to make it 31-20 but got no closer.

Chad Root led Ross with 16 points. Charles Woodson managed just eight.

Josh Penix scored 18 points for the Eagles.

High School Boys

Clay 65, Ross 40

Ross 8 7 13 12 — 40

Clay 17 14 12 22 — 65

ROSS—Mike Lather 3-2-8, David Gibbs 0-2-2, Charles Woodson 4-0-8, Tim Leeth 1-2-4, Chad Root 5-2-16, Jason Matney 1-0-2, totals 14-8-40.

CLAY—Eric Brinkman 1-0-2, Kevin Machinski 0-2-2, Brian Tobias 1-0-2, Luke Meinke 6-0-12, Matt Heintschel 3-4-11, Jon Watson 0-1-1, Jack Buehrer 2-0-4, Jim Murray 2-0-4, Sean Granger 3-3-9, Josh Penix 6-6-18, totals 24-16-65.

3-point goals: Heintschel.

Records: Fremont Ross 1-5 (1-3), Oregon Clay 2-3 (2-1).

Ross JV 60, Clay 58

Ross 18 11 10 21 — 60

Clay 19 12 11 16 — 58

ROSS—Jason Harper 5-3-13, Geoff Berger 1-0-2, Rob Stotz 3-0-9, Chad Hoffman 4-2-10, Ryan Shively 1-0-2, Dave Hershey 10-4-24, totals 24-9-60.

CLAY—Eric George 4-6-15, Eric Stager 5-1-12, Marc Berryman 2-1-5, Eric Brinkman 6-5-18, Ryan Hugueley 2-4-8, totals 19-17-58.

3-point goals: Stotz 3, George, Stager, Brinkman.

Records: Ross 5-1.

Findlay 90

Ross 53

Findlay scored the final 10 points of the first half and the first 13 of the second and rolled to its fifth win in seven games while sending the Little Giants to their sixth loss against one win.

The Trojans, who got 19 points from Blair Lane and 18 from Chett Wohlgamuth, outrebounded Ross 55-35.

Charles Woodson scored 26 points for the Little Giants, who committed 23 turnovers.

Findlay made 38 of 71 shots (54 percent), including 35 of 51 inside the 3-point line.

High School Boys

Findlay 90, Ross 53

Ross	18	13	8	14	—	53
Findlay	26	23	25	16	—	90

ROSS—Charles Woodson 9-7-26, Chad Root 2-1-5, David Gibbs 1-0-2, Mike Lather 0-4-4, Jason Matney 3-0-6, Tim Leeth 2-0-4, Shane Moran 1-0-3, Darren Cheal 0-3-3, totals 18-15-53.

FINDLAY—Phil Thomas 0-3-3, Craig Bova 3-0-8, Chett Wohlgamuth 8-2-18, Scott Crates 3-0-7, Blair Lane 9-1-19, Todd Guear 2-0-4, Darrell Ramsey 3-2-8, Brian Sallot 2-1-5, Mike Montgomery 4-2-10, Jason Zann 4-0-8, totals 38-11-90.

3-point goals: Woodson, Moran, Bova 2, Crates.

Records: Ross 1-6, Findlay 5-2.

Findlay JV 54, Ross 46

Ross	12	16	4	14	—	46
Findlay	17	13	12	12	—	54

ROSS—Matt Fox 1-1-3, Thach Dinh 1-2-4, Geoff Berger 3-2-9, Eric Brough 0-1-1, Chad Huffman 2-1-5, Ryan Shively 2-0-4, Shaun Root 2-0-4, Doug Hershey 5-6-16, totals 16-13-46.

FINDLAY—Lane 3-8-15, Parker 4-3-11, Devore 2-0-5, Conley 5-1-11, Disher 1-2-4, Slough 1-0-2, Fox 2-2-6, totals 18-16-54.

3-point goals: Berger, Lane, Devore.

Records: Ross 5-2, Findlay 5-2.

St. Francis routs Ross

■ Losing streak:

The Little Giants have lost four straight games.

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Toledo St. Francis took charge of the boards and the ball game in the third quarter and handed Fremont Ross a 64-38 whipping Tuesday night.

The Knights, 3-4, outscored Ross 15-7 while outrebounding the Little Giants 11-1 in the third quarter for a 41-23 lead. Ross never got closer than 16 points in the fourth quarter as the Little Giants fell to 1-7.

Torrid St. Francis shooting — 23-of-42 — helped unravel the Ross game plan.

While working patiently on offense, the Little Giants had mental lapses defensively, leaving the backside open as the Knights scored on five of seven second-half offensive rebounds.

"It seems like we play hard for a half," Ross coach Frank Gioffre said, "but then, all of a sudden, we lose our concentration."

"We end up not boxing out on the backside; not dropping down into the paint to help out. Then we will miss some opportunities at the offensive ends."

"It seemed like every shot they were making was either in the paint or an uncontested three."

Matt McClellan, a 6-foot-6 senior, was doing the damage in the paint for St. Francis, knocking in 18 points. Seven of McClellan's points were in the break-away third period.

Todd Kucinski made three 3-point baskets and finished with 10 points. He was the only other Knight in double figures as a dozen St. Francis players scored.

"Matt McClellan stepped up a did a good job for us down the stretch," St. Francis coach Scott Stemple said. "Obviously, rebounding was the key; we don't want to give them many second shots."

The Knights took their coach's wish to task, allowing Ross seven



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MIKE LATHER (4) and Darren Cheal of Fremont Ross battle for a rebound with OB Murray (54) and Matt

McClellan (back) of Toledo St. Francis as the Knights Jarrett Barnett (22) waits for the ball Tuesday night.

offensive rebounds.

Defensively, the Knights limited Charles Woodson and Chad Root, the Little Giants top two scorers, to a combined 15 points. Woodson had 12 of those.

"Woodson got a couple of offensive rebounds early but other than that, we took him out of the offense by just playing our basic

defense," Stemple said.

St. Francis held a 30-21 rebounding edge, including an 18-7 margin in the second half. Ross was 12-of-34 from the floor and missed 11 of 23 free throws.

Gioffre, despite his team's poorest offensive showing of the season, could see some good in the lopsided loss.

"I thought our kids did a good job of being patient at the offensive end," he said. "I mean, the first four or five games, each person was trying to do it (alone) instead of taking our time and working the basketball. Well, tonight we were a little more patient but we just did not shoot the ball very well."

High School Boys

St. Francis 64, Ross 38

St. Francis	16	10	15	23	—	64
Ross	9	7	7	15	—	38

ST. FRANCIS—Todd Kucinski 3-1-10, Damian Ogradowski 1-0-2, Matt McClellan 6-6-18, Mark Taylor 3-1-8, Tim Wagner 2-1-6, Jarrett Barnett 2-0-4, Mike Dooley 1-0-3, Kris Rios 0-1-1, OB Murray 1-0-2, Ryan Gorman 2-2-6, James Doane 1-0-2, Kevin Ellis 1-0-2, totals 23-12-64.

ROSS—Charles Woodson 4-4-12, Chad Root 1-1-3, Jon Minnich 2-4-8, David Gibbs 1-2-4, Darren Cheal 0-0-0, Gary Rakes 2-0-5, Geoff Berger 1-1-4, Tim Leeth 1-0-2, totals 12-12-38.

3-point goals: Kucinski 3, Taylor, Wagner, Dooley, Rakes, Berger

Records: St. Francis 3-4, Ross 1-7

Ross JV 49, St. Francis 39

St. Francis	4	10	13	12	—	39
Ross	8	18	10	13	—	49

ST. FRANCIS—Cory Thompson 1-1-4, Mike Kovacs 3-4-10, Jason Strasser 1-3-5, Mike Jagodzinski 1-0-2, Robert Cullars 4-2-12, Phil Baccus 1-4-6, totals 11-14-39.

ROSS—Jason Harper 1-0-2, Matt Fox 0-1-1, Thach Dinh 1-0-2, Geoff Berger 0-2-2, Rob Stotz 2-3-8, Chad Hoffman 2-3-7, Ryan Shively 2-0-4, Shaun Root 4-1-19, Doug Hershey 5-4-14, totals 17-14-49.

3-point goals: Thompson, Cullars 2, Stotz

Records: Ross 6-2, St. Francis 5-2

Little Giants' skid continues

By **BOB MARKER**
Staff writer

Inside or outside, Whitmer did as it pleased Tuesday night, especially in the second half.

The Panthers, leading 28-24 at halftime against Fremont Ross, made 15 of 24 second-half shots and cruised to a 66-49 Great Lakes League boys basketball

victory in the Ross High School Purple Pit.

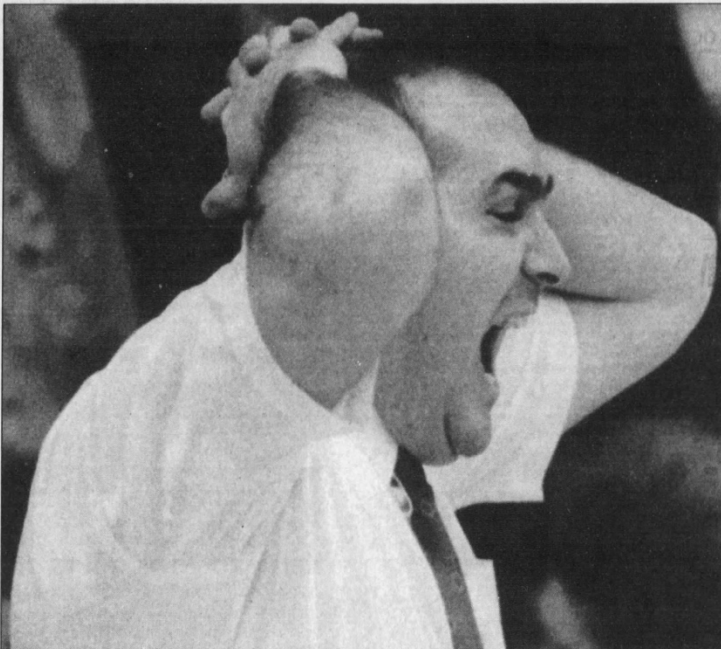
Jack Davis, scoreless in the first half after being saddled with two quick fouls, scored seven in the third quarter, spurring the Panthers to a 21-6 quarter edge that sent Ross to its eighth loss in nine games.

Whitmer, 5-5, is 3-2 in the GLL

race. Ross is 1-4 in league play.

"We were happy to be ahead by four at halftime," Whitmer coach Bruce Smith said, "because we did not have him (Davis) for any of the second quarter and (Mickey) Honas sat a lot but we thought we had an advantage inside against Ross."

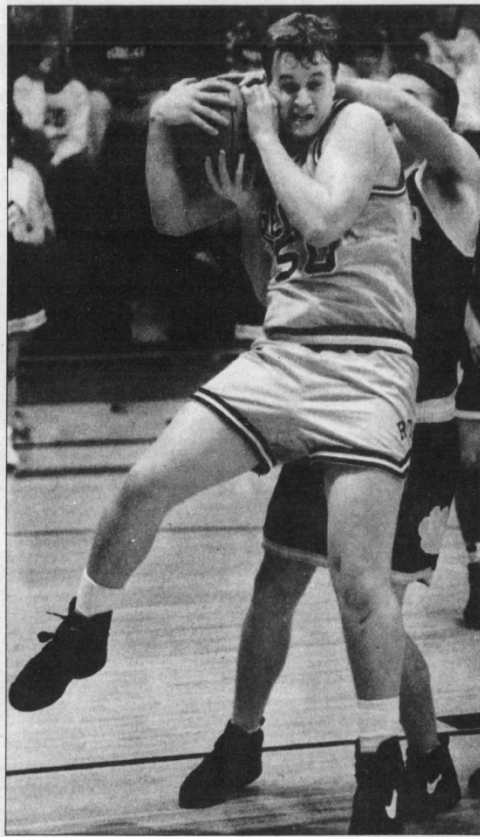
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FREMONT ROSS coach Frank Gioffre reacts to the action on the floor Tuesday night during the Little Giants'

66-49 Great Lakes League loss to Toledo Whitmer at the Purple Pit.



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JASON MATNEY (front) of Fremont Ross grabs a rebound away from Mickey Honas of Toledo Whitmer during the Panthers' Great Lakes League victory over the Little Giants at the Purple Pit.

Ross falls in 2nd half blitz

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"When we put them back in in the third quarter, we had hoped that would happen. We felt we could beat them inside and that is what happened."

Charles Woodson's slam dunk off a steal pulled Ross to within four just before the half after the Little Giants had trailed by as many 11. Unfortunately, it turned out to be the last gasp for Ross as Davis lit a fire under the Whitmer offense.

"That was the key to the game," Ross coach Frank Gioffre said. "We were not able to stop Davis down low. We told our kids at halftime we have to come out in the third quarter and really do a good job in the first three or four minutes of setting the tempo but they got the ball inside so easily to Davis.

"We had to adjust our defense to help out down low and they were able to kick it out to (Trevor) Toney and he was able to hit some big threes."

Honas, a 6-foot-6 senior move-in from Florida, opened the second half with a layup for two of his 15 points. Davis followed with a pair of layups and the Panthers led 34-24. Woodson stopped the Panthers' run, but Davis started it again by hitting two free throws. When Toney unleashed a line drive for a 3-pointer, the Panthers had shoved the Little Giants into a 13-point hole.

Chad Root's 3-pointer got Ross the closest it would get, 41-29 with 3:55 remaining in the quarter.

Toney finished with 15 points — including a trio of second-half 3-point shots — and Davis wound up with 11. Woodson was the lone Little Giant in double figures with 21.

Ross had kept itself in the game by outrebounding Whitmer 21-14 in the first half.

"I think that was a combination of No. 1, we weren't working hard and our big people were not in the game," Smith said. "Woodson jumps over anybody and he contributed to the fact they outrebounded us but when the big kids got back in, it helped equalize the boards."

Not to mention lay claim to the inside game.

The next outing for Ross is Friday at GLL co-leader Fostoria. Saturday, Ross hosts Toledo Bowsher in a game postponed from last Saturday.

Basketball

High School Boys

Whitmer 66, Ross 49

Whitmer 12 16 21 17 — 66

Ross 9 15 6 19 — 49

WHITMER—Trevor Toney 5-2-15, Jack Davis 4-3-11, Mickey Honas 6-3-15, Nate Mefferd 3-1-8, Jeremy Fritz 2-1-6, Gary Czerniakowski 2-0-5, Jake Lyons 1-0-3, Eric Lehaney 1-0-2, Andy Boyd 0-1-1, totals 24-11-66.

ROSS—Charles Woodson 8-5-21, Chad Root 3-2-9, Jason Matney 1-0-2, Jon Minnich 0-1-1, Gary Rakes 0-2-2, Shane Moran 2-0-6, Mike Lather 2-0-4, Darren Cheal 0-1-1, Tim Leeth 1-0-3, totals 17-11-49.

3-point goals: Toney 3, Mefferd, Fritz, Czerniakowski, Lyons, Root, Moran 2, Leeth

Records: Whitmer 5-5 (3-2), Ross 1-8 (1-4).

Whitmer JV 52, Ross 50

Whitmer 12 10 13 17 — 52

Ross 7 14 13 16 — 50

WHITMER—Rob Calmes 2-0-4, Ryan Brown 3-0-6, Scott Kessler 3-0-6, Joe Kopke 1-4-7, Nate Parker 1-0-3, Todd Calcamuggio 2-3-7, Jason Zielinski 5-3-13, Chris Alford 3-0-6, totals 20-10-52.

ROSS—Jason Harper 4-4-12, Thach Dinh 0-3-3, Geoff Berger 2-7-11, Aaron Waggoner 2-0-4, Chad Hoffman 2-1-5, Ryan Shively 2-0-4, Doug Hershey 4-3-11, totals 16-18-50.

3-point goals: Kopke, Parker

Records: Whitmer 7-3, Ross 6-3

Little Giants can't catch up to Redmen

By **BOB MARKER**

Staff writer

FOSTORIA — Three minutes and three shots into the game, Fremont Ross found itself in a familiar situation: playing catch up.

The Little Giants could not fulfill the role, falling to Great Lakes League leader Fostoria 69-53 Friday night.

Fostoria is 7-2 and 5-1 in league play. Ross fell to 1-9 and 1-5 in the GLL.

Jason Miller's first two shots were bullseye 3-point baskets and Damon Moore's initial attempt also fell through the net from 3-point range as the Redmen gained a cushion they kept stuffing, especially in the second half.

Moore's shot put Ross down 9-1 three minutes into the game. Four minutes later, Ryan Griffin's 3-pointer made it 14-3.

"We were playing catch-up again; that's been our problem all year long," Ross coach Frank Gioffre said.

"We knew they could shoot and we wanted to make them drive. We wanted to keep them off balance."

Fostoria coach Jim Rutter said the 3-pointers "gave us a good boost."

"That gave us a cushion to work with," he said.

The long bombs and a punchless offense took those plans quickly wrecked the Ross defensive game plan.

Ross did not get a field goal until Charles Woodson's basket and free throw closed its deficit to 14-6 with 2:11 remaining in

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Ross loses at Fostoria

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the first quarter. The Little Giants never got closer.

At the first quarter stop, Fostoria was up 16-6. In a sloppy second quarter, the Redmen were able to survive six turnovers and take a 28-14 lead into the intermission.

Woodson, who watched the opening tip from the bench before getting into the game three minutes later, had the only field goals for Ross in the first half. No other Little Giant scored from the floor until David Gibbs' jumper two minutes into the second half.

By that time, Fostoria's passing game was clicking into gear and the Redmen led by as many as 25 points in the fourth quarter.

The Little Giants showed life briefly early in the fourth quarter, closing to 43-30 and 45-32.

Moore, who picked up his fourth foul early in the third quarter, led Fostoria with 20 points. Miller added 15 and Tyrone Settles came off the bench for 11. Woodson topped Ross with 30 but the next Little Giant in the scoring column, Mike Lather, had only six.

The loss left Gioffre still searching.

"Ten games into the year and we are still looking for combinations," Gioffre said. "We are still looking for answers and waiting for people to step there game up."

"The first half, we ran absolutely no offense; we were very impatient...we were just trying to do too much of ourselves."

The search continues for Ross this evening when Toledo Bowsher visits the Purple Pit.

High School Boys

Fostoria 69, Ross 53

Ross	6	8	12	27	—	53
Fostoria	16	12	15	26	—	69

ROSS—Charles Woodson 11-6-30, Chad Root 1-0-2, Jon Minnich 1-2-4, Tim Leeth 1-1-3, Mike Lather 3-0-6, Jason Matney 0-0-0, David Gibbs 1-0-2, Shane Moran 1-0-3, Gary Rakes 1-0-3, totals 20-9-53.

FOSTORIA—Damon Moore 5-7-20, Jason Miller 6-1-15, Aaron Sheets 2-0-5, Ryan Myers 2-1-5, Ryan Griffin 3-1-8, Tyrone Settles 4-3-11, John Kirby 2-1-5, totals 24-14-69.

3-point goals: Woodson 2, Moran, Rakes, Moore 3, Miller 2, Sheets, Griffin.

Records: Fostoria 7-2 (5-1), Ross 1-9 (1-5).

Ross JV 52, Fostoria 49

Ross	13	12	13	14	—	52
Fostoria	14	13	12	10	—	49

ROSS—Jason Harper 0-1-1, Thach Dinh 0-3-3, Geoff Berger 2-6-12, Rob Stotz 1-2-4, Chad Hoffman 1-0-2, Shaun Root 2-1-5, Doug Hershey 7-11-25, totals 13-23-52.

FOSTORIA—Leo Frierson 6-0-12, Jerry Dessausure 8-0-20, Richard Newsome 2-2-6, Bill Nye 0-1-1, Brandon Canterbury 3-0-8, Josiah Wade 1-0-2, totals 20-3-49.

3-point goals: Berger 2, Dessausure 4, Canterbury 2.

Records: Ross 7-3, Fostoria 4-5

Bowsher pulls away from Ross

By BOB MARKER

Staff writer

Toledo Bowsher outscored Fremont Ross 17-7 in the final five minutes to defeat the Little Giants 61-48 in a high school boys basketball game Saturday night in the Ross Purple Pit.

The loss dropped Ross to 1-10 while the Rebels won for the second time in nine attempts.

Ross committed 27 turnovers, four in those final minutes that led to Bowsher points.

The Little Giants, after falling behind 37-25 late in the third quarter, rallied behind David Gibbs and Charles Woodson to close to 44-41 with five minutes to play. Bowsher countered with the next eight points on a pair of baskets by Aaron Bates sandwiched around one by James Bays, capped by Anthony

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Amison's tip put the Rebels up 52-41 with slightly less than four minutes to play.

The Little Giants, despite Bowsher missing the front end of five one-and-ones in the last three minutes, could not get any closer than nine.

Bowsher made 14 of 25 free throws while Ross went to the line seven times, missing five of those.

The free throw situation bothered Ross coach Frank Gioffre but not as much as the turnovers.

"That has been our problem all year; we are just not taking care of the ball," Gioffre said. "If we get half of those possessions with an opportunity to score, we are right in the basketball game...we just cannot take care of the ball.

Until we start doing that, we are going to continued to struggle."

Bowsher had four players in double figures with Amison's 15 topping the group. Bates had 13, Gary Quinn 12 and James Harris 10. Woodson had 15 and Jason Matney 10 for Ross. Gibbs had nine, all in the second half.

"Jon Minnich had a good game," Gioffre pointed out. "He got some key rebounds in the first half with a couple of put-backs."

Minnich, a 6-3 junior, scored nine points, seven in the second quarter.

The Little Giants return to action Friday, hosting Northview in a Great Lakes League game. Saturday, Ross hosts Huron.

Bowsher 61, Ross 48

Bowsher	10	14	16	21	—	61
Ross	8	13	11	16	—	48

BOWSHER—Gary Quinn 5-2-12, Aaron Bates 5-3-13, Anthony Amison 6-3-15, James Bays 2-1-5, James Harris 3-3-10, Stacey Hopson 1-0-2, Josh Dybala 1-1-3, Kevin Chatman 0-1-1, totals 23-14-61.

ROSS—Charles Woodson 7-0-15, Jon Minnich 4-1-9, Jason Matney 5-0-10, Tim Leeth 0-0-0, Mike Lather 0-0-0, Chad Root 1-0-2, David Gibbs 3-1-9, Gary Rakes 1-0-3, totals 21-2-48.

3-point goals: Harris, Woodson, Gibbs 2, Rakes.

Records: Bowsher 2-7, Ross 1-11.

Ross JV 66, Bowsher 57

Bowsher	2	19	15	21	—	57
Ross	18	8	13	27	—	66

BOWSHER—Melvin Dunbar 0-1-1, Darrell Rouse 1-4-6, Emil Bates 8-4-21, David Daniels 6-3-17, Doug Wright 3-0-6, Nathan McAfee 3-0-6, totals 21-11-57.

ROSS—Jason Harper 3-0-6, Thach Dinh 0-1-1, Geoff Berger 6-9-21, Chad Hoffman 1-2-4, Ryan Shively 1-0-2, Shaun Root 2-0-4, Kyle O'Neill 1-0-2, Doug Hershey 7-12-26, totals 21-24-66.

3-point goals: Bates, Daniels 2.

Records: Ross 8-3, Bowsher 4-5.

Woodson scores 40; Ross wins

By BOB MARKER
Staff Writer

Charles Woodson scored 40 points and Fremont Ross broke a seven-game losing streak with a 78-59 Great Lakes League boys basketball win Friday night in the Purple Pit.

Woodson's total was three shy of the school-record 43 points scored by Fremont Ross Athletic Hall of Famer John Level in the 1957-58 season.

"That's a nice 'W' for our kids," a relieved-looking Ross coach Frank Gioffre said.

"The kids played well together as a group. We did not have a whole lot of mental mistakes, especially early in the game."

Woodson, a 6-foot-2 junior, scored the first 11 Ross points and finished with 18 in the first half as the Little Giants took a 37-29 lead.

Woodson scored seven in the third period and added 15 in the fourth as Ross pulled away for its second win in 12 games and the second against four GLL losses. Northview is 4-8 and 3-5.

The Woodson scoring show was varied — a trio of 3-point goals; two slam dunks, including one on a tip of David Gibbs' 3-point attempt; and 9-of-13 from the foul line. He was 14-of-23 from the floor.

Chad Root broke a scoring slump with 14 points for Ross, while Jon Minnich and Gibbs added eight apiece. Root, after averaging over 13 points in the first six games, had averaged four over the last five.

Ross, hampered by 27

turnovers in 61-48 loss Saturday to Toledo Bowsher, had a dozen against the Wildcats with only four in the first half.

"That was a big key for us," Gioffre said.

"We also shot very well tonight (27-of-30). David Gibbs got us going (seven points in the second quarter); Jason Matney and Jon Minnich were able to crash the boards early in the game and then Charles took it upon himself in the second half to hit some big threes down the stretch."

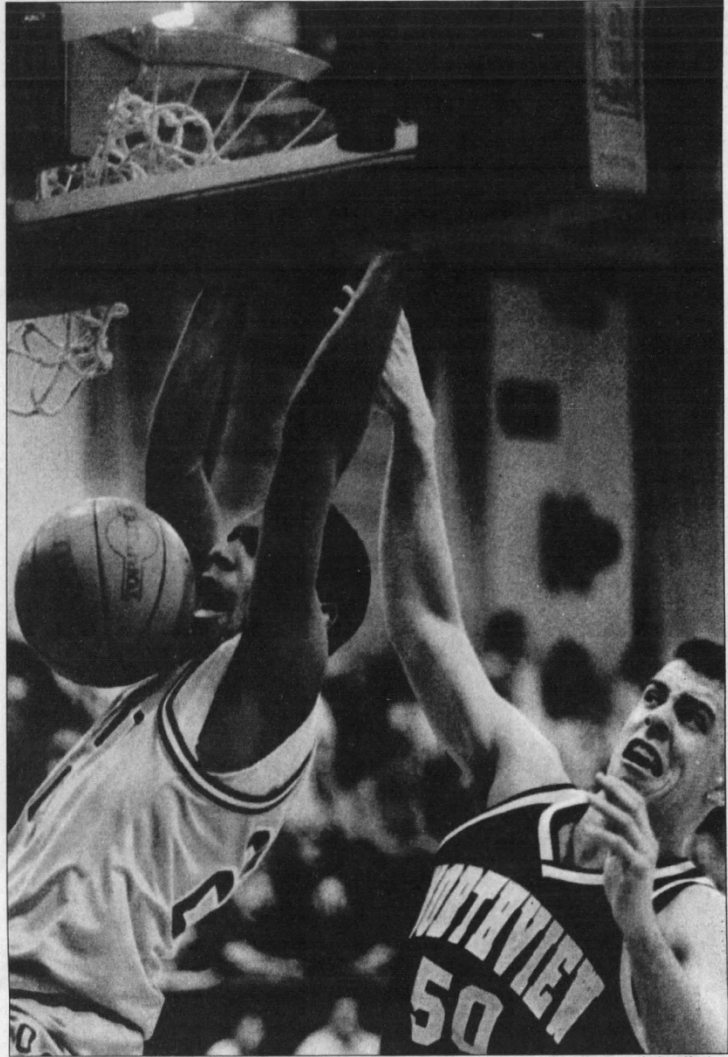
Ross trailed only once, 1-0, before Woodson ran off nine points for an eight-point edge. Northview cut the deficit to 9-8 before Woodson scored again. Minnich's layup off a pass from Gary Rakes and Woodson's free throw put Ross up 14-8 and the Wildcats got no closer.

The Little Giants outscored the Wildcats 9-4 in the first three minutes of the second half to open a 48-33 edge. Northview trimmed the Ross lead to 54-45 a minute into the final quarter but Woodson's three-point play and back-to-back 3-point goals put the Little Giants ahead 63-48 with 5:30 to play.

The Little Giant lead reached 23 points twice in the final three minutes.

Garrett Schupp paced Northview with 13 points, with Chris Robinson and John Ellenwood adding 10 each.

The Little Giants face Gioffre's high school alma mater, Huron, this evening. The junior varsity game begins at 6:15 p.m.



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CHARLES WOODSON of Fremont Ross slam dunks and gets fouled by Sylvania Northview's Chris Robinson during the first quarter Friday night at the Purple Pit.

Woodson scored 40 points, leading the Little Giants to a 78-59 Great Lakes League victory. The win ended a seven-game Ross losing streak.

Mohawk topples SJCC

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

SYCAMORE — Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic met the most improved team in the Midland Athletic League Friday night.

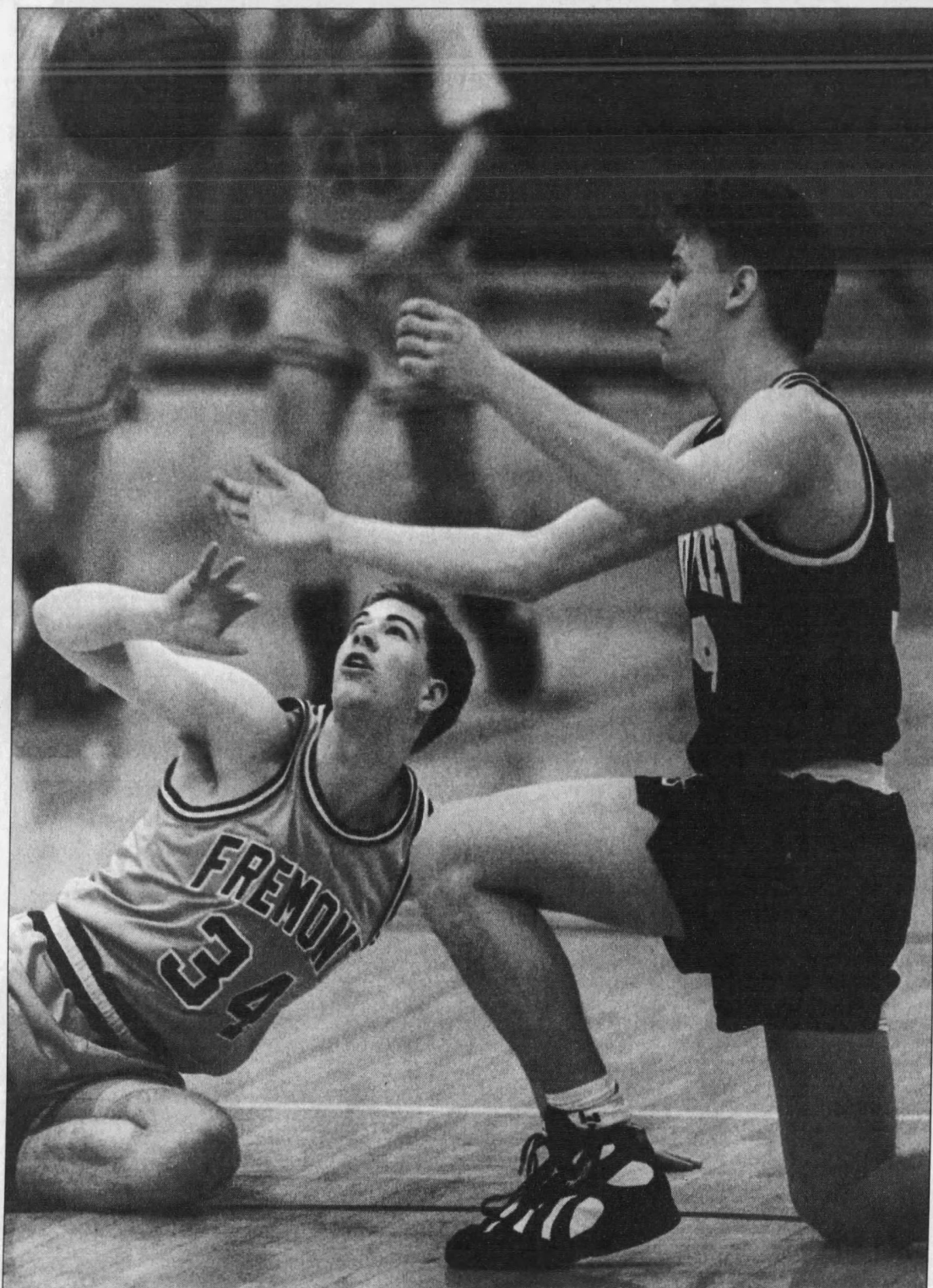
Mohawk greeted the Crimson Streaks with a torrid first quarter and a 75-62 victory.

"We came out with intensity tonight because we figured this is a big, key point in our season in the Midland Athletic League," Mohawk coach Paul Weaver said. "We feel our destiny is in our own hands right now."

The Warriors, 8-4, remain in a tie for second place in the MAL with Fostoria St. Wendelin and Carey at 4-1. Old Fort, which did not play Friday, holds the top spot at 5-0.

"It's fun," Weaver said. "We know we have to come out and play

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There it is

Jon Minnich (34) of Fremont Ross and Garrett Schupp (right) of Sylvania Northview watch the ball as it comes toward them during first quarter action Friday at Ross

High School. Minnich came up with the ball and the Little Giants broke a seven-game losing streak with a 78-59 win. Minnich scored eight points.

High School Boys

Ross 78, Northview 59

Northview	10	19	13	17	—	59
Ross	21	16	17	24	—	78

NORTHVIEW—Garrett Schupp 3-7-13, Chad Collins 1-1-3, Chris Robinson 5-0-10, Joe Raker 4-2-11, Ryan Jones 0-1-1, John Ellenwood 4-2-10, Max Ostermeyer 3-1-9, John Eberle 1-0-2, totals 21-14-59.

ROSS—Charles Woodson 14-13-40, Jon Minnich 3-2-8, Jason Matney 1-1-3, Chad Root 6-0-14, Gary Rakes 0-4-4, David Gibbs 3-1-8, Mike Lather 0-1-1, totals 27-18-78.

3-point goals: Raker, Ostermeyer 2, Woodson 3, Root 2, Gibbs.

Records: Ross 2-10 (2-4), Northview 4-8 (3-5).

Ross JV 59, Northview 41

Northview	6	10	9	16	—	41
Ross	17	9	17	16	—	59

NORTHVIEW—Brian Anderson 1-0-2, Ryan Porter 1-0-2, Jaime Westfall 2-1-5, Jim Schueler 1-1-3, Larry Lorenzo 1-0-2, David Lyon 0-1-1, Tony Gonzales 2-0-4, John Moss 1-2-4, Corey Troyan 2-0-4, Tim Joyce 3-2-8, Craig Koperski 3-0-6, totals 17-7-41.

ROSS—Jason Harper 0-3-3, Thach Dinh 2-2-7, Geoff Berger 2-4-8, Rob Stotz 3-0-6, Eric Brough 0-2-2, Aaron Waggoner 1-0-2, Chad Hoffman 1-2-4, Ryan Shively 3-1-7, Shaun Root 2-1-5, Kyle O'Neill 0-1-1, Doug Hershey 5-4-14, totals 19-20-59.

3-point goals: Dinh.

Records: Ross 9-3, Northview 3-9.

Ross nets third win

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Frank Gioffre would rather watch Huron play than play against them.

The Fremont Ross boys basketball coach did not have his druthers Saturday, but the Little Giants provided him with a 57-52 victory. It was the second win in two nights for Ross after it opened the season with 10 losses in 11 games.

Gioffre is a graduate of Huron. Coaching against his first cousin, Dino Caporini, added to the drama in the Purple Pit.

"I had mixed emotions tonight," Gioffre said. "The nice thing tonight is we found a way to win."

The game was as close as a family squabble.

The Little Giants trailed for most of the second half but won with a 9-2 advantage in the final three minutes.

Chad Root's free throw with 2:51 to play brought Ross within striking distance of the lead, 50-49, and Charles Woodson's basket with 1:45 to play put Ross ahead for first time since it had relinquished it two minutes into the second half.

"We have had spots all year long where we play maybe like two or three minutes of stand around, not attack basketball," Caporini said. "I think that's what happened."

Huron missed 12 of 16 fourth-quarter shots, while Ross was 6-of-10.

Root followed Woodson's hoop with a tip-in of his own miss and Mike Lather's two free throws gave the Little Giants a 55-50 lead with 34 seconds to play. Rob Majoy's layup cut it to 55-52 with 27 seconds left, but Gary Rakes knocked in a pair of free throws four seconds later.

"The last two minutes we wanted to put pressure on the basketball and get the ball down low to Charles or Jason Matney," Gioffre said. "We were able to get it to Charles on an isolation play and he ended up scoring."

No team led by more than five points. There were 10 ties or lead changes.

Root led Ross with 11 points and Woodson added 10. Shane Moran came off the bench to hit a trio of 3-point shots, all in the second quarter. Ross trailed 16-14 at the end of one quarter but led 28-26 at halftime.

Joe Dike led Huron with 18 points, 10 in the third quarter when the Tigers took a 43-39 lead.

High School Boys

Ross 57, Huron 52

Huron	16	10	17	0	—	52
Ross	14	14	11	18	—	57

HURON—Rob Majoy 6-3-15, Kevin Lowery 2-1-5, Vince Thompson 3-0-6, Joe Dike 7-2-18, Joe Harbleroad 2-1-6, Joe LaGanke 1-0-2, totals 21-7-52.

ROSS—Charles Woodson 5-0-10, Jon Minnich 1-0-2, Jason Matney 3-0-6, Chad Root 4-2-11, Gary Rakes 1-3-5, Shane Moran 3-0-9, David Gibbs 2-2-7, Mike Lather 2-3-7, totals 21-10-57.

3-point goals: Dike 2, Harkleroad, Root, Moran 3, Gibbs.

Records: Huron 2-9, Ross 3-10.

Ross JV 74, Huron 55

Huron	5	13	26	10	—	74
Ross	11	22	15	26	—	74

HURON—Brooks Posta 3-4-10, Dan Eisnor 1-0-2, Steve Fisher 12-6-32, Travis Hoffman 2-1-5, Matt Moody 1-1-3, Aaron Dees 1-1-3, totals 20-13-55.

ROSS—Jason Harper 7-2-18, Thach Dinh 0-2-2, Geoff Berger 3-2-8, Rob Stotz 6-0-15, Chad Hoffman 0-1-1, Ryan Shively 8-1-17, Shaun Root 4-1-9, Kyle O'Neill 2-0-4, totals 30-9-74.

3-point goals: Fisher 2, Harper 2, Stotz 3.

Records: Huron 5-6, Ross 10-3.

Ross runs win streak to three

News-Messenger reports

BEDFORD, Mich. — Fremont Ross survived a last-second Bedford shot and defeated the Kicking Mules 72-71 Friday night in a Great Lakes League boys basketball game.

The victory was the third in a row for Ross, raising its record to 4-10 and 3-4 in the GLL. Bedford is 1-12 and winless in eight league contests.

"We came out shooting very well," Ross coach Frank Gioffre said.

The Little Giants built a 20-10 first-quarter lead before Bedford matched Ross basket-for-basket in the second quarter. Ross led 41-32 at halftime.

The Mules continued to heat up in the second half, scoring the first seven points and slicing the Ross lead to 41-39.

"It was back and forth after that," Gioffre said, "but we brought Doug Hershey in during the third quarter and he got some big points for us."

Hershey, up from the JV team, scored four in the third quarter and finished with seven. The 6-foot-3 sophomore scored all of his points inside.

"He gave us a big lift," Gioffre said.

Charles Woodson and Chad Root carried the Little Giants most of the game with Woodson scoring 26 and Root 16. Root's running shot put Ross up 63-62 after the Mules grabbed a temporary lead. Root followed with a tip-in of Woodson's missed free throw and the Little Giants never trailed again.

Bedford had a shot at winning, missing three shots — two tip attempts — in the final 10 seconds. With a second to go, Bedford had the ball out-of-bounds but missed the shot after the toss-in.

"It was a heck of good ball game for both teams," Gioffre said.

"Charles got us started, Chad hit some key buckets and Hershey did a nice job when we put him in against the big kids inside."

Shane Heams led Bedford with 21 points. Dan Williams added 16 and Christian Schlachter 14.

The Little Giants return to action tonight, playing Columbian in Tiffin.

The Tornados, 6-7 and 5-4, lost to Bellevue 82-80 in overtime Friday night.

High School Boys

Ross 72, Bedford 71

Ross	20	21	16	15	—	72
Bedford	10	22	19	20	—	71

ROSS—Charles Woodson 9-8-26, Chad Root 7-1-16, Jon Minnich 3-0-6, Gary Rakes 1-4-7, Jason Matney 3-2-8, David Gibbs 0-2-2, Doug Hershey 2-3-7, totals 24-20-72.

BEDFORD—Matt Campbell 0-1-1, Shane Heams 8-3-23, Steve Sass 1-0-2, Brandon Roberts 1-0-2, Chad Henman 3-0-7, Dan Williams 4-6-16, Charles Yeager 1-0-2, Chris Schlachter 6-2-14, Scott Parachek 3-0-6, totals 27-12-71.

3-point goals: Root, Rakes, Heams 2, Henman, Williams 2.

Records: Ross 4-10 (3-4), Bed. 1-12 (0-8).

Ross JV 72, Bedford 44

Ross	16	23	19	14	—	72
Bedford	11	11	9	13	—	44

ROSS—Jason Harper 3-2-8, Geoff Berger 3-6-12, Rob Stotz 5-0-14, Aaron Wagner 0-2-2, Chad Hoffman 10-3-23, Shaun Root 0-2-2, Kyle O'Neill 3-0-6, Doug Hershey 1-3-5, totals 25-18-72.

BEDFORD—Russell Strouse 2-0-4, Jason Hebert 0-1-1, Harold Howell 3-0-7, Keith Mieczkowski 3-0-6, Blake Flessner 3-0-6, Matt Sherman 1-3-5, Joe Brescol 4-0-8, Banks 2-2-7, totals 18-6-44.

3-point goals: Stotz 4, Howell, Banks.

Records: Ross 11-3, Bedford 3-10.

Eisenhard, TC outduel Woodson, Ross

By DUANE SMITH
Staff correspondent

TIFFIN—The basketball game between Tiffin Columbian and Fremont Ross turned into a scoring duel between the Little Giant's Charles Woodson and Columbian's Tony Eisenhard.

At the end, it was Columbian with a 70-65 victory and Eisenhard with a school record 40 points. Woodson finished with 36.

"You're not going to stop him (Eisenhard) he's just too big and strong," Little Giants coach Frank Gioffre said of the 6-foot-7 Eisenhard. "We tried a number of

things against him. He just had too many easy baskets."

Eisenhard, 13 of 21 from the field, 14 of 17 from the line, not only eclipsed the Tornado scoring record previously held by Bill Stauffer (1956-57) and Carl Assenheimer (63-64) but, along with a defensive strategy devised by assistant coach Jim Kanable fueled a fourth quarter comeback.

Ross, 4-11, entered the final period leading 49-46 and 1 1/2 minutes into the final quarter, Ross led 54-46. Three minutes after that it was 56-54 Columbian and

Eisenhard scored seven of the 10 points. Woodson's basket stopped the Columbian run but Eisenhard made a pair of free throws and Dave Porter's 3-pointer made it 61-56 with 2:13 left.

The Little Giants cut the margin to 63-61 on a Woodson putback with 1:22 left, but the Tornadoes, 7-7, proceeded to hit 7-of-9 free throws down the stretch.

"We knew we had no one that could match up with Woodson athletically," Columbian coach Bob Nocton said. "That's why we used zone. Right at the last, at the suggestion of my assistant Jim

Kanable, we went to a diamond and one. That kept Woodson from getting the ball and threw off their offense."

Woodson had 36 points, hitting 15 of 31 shots and added three foul shots.

Although the Little Giants had the edge in field goals, 26-23, they had a huge disadvantage at the foul line hitting 6 of 9, while Columbian's 22-of-32 effort including 13-of-19 in the fourth quarter.

Neither team could take control in the first three quarters. Columbian led 16-13 after one period, 33-32 at the half, and Ross by three at the end of three quarters.

Columbian 70, Ross 65

Ross	13	19	17	16	—	65
Columbian	16	17	13	24	—	70

ROSS—Gary Rakes 4-0-11, David Gibbs 2-0-5, Charles Woodson 15-3-36, Doug Hershey 1-2-4, Jon Minnich 1-0-2, Chad Root 1-0-2, Jason Matney 2-1-5, totals 26-6-65.

COLUMBIAN—Jon Cartwright 1-3-5, Chris Murphy 1-0-2, Kyle Blust 1-1-3, Tony Eisenhard 13-40-40, Dave Porter 2-4-10, Kory Winkler 5-01-0, totals 23-22-70.

3-point goals: Rakes 3, Gibbs, Woodson 3, Porter 2.

Records: Col. 7-7, Ross 4-11.

Ross JV 55, Columbian 35

Ross	22	8	13	12	—	55
Columbian	2	18	6	9	—	35

ROSS—Jason Harper 2-1-5, Geoff Berger 4-2-11, Rob Stotz 1-0-3, Aaron Waggoner 1-0-2, Chad Hoffman 0-1-1, Ryan Shivelyh 4-0-8, Shaun RJoot 2-1-5, Kyle O'Neill 1-0-2, Doug Hershey 7-4-18, totals 22-9-55.

COLUMBIAN—Tim Hoffman 2-0-5, Cory Bogner 2-3-7, Reid Wahm 2-2-6, Matt Ross 4-0-8, Adam Kahler 1-2-4, Dave Losey 1-0-3, Cory King 1-0-2, totals 13-7-35.

3-point goals: Berger, Stotz, Hoffman, Losey.

Record: Ross 12-3.

Little Giants misfire shots at Napoleon

News-Messenger reports

NAPOLEON — Fremont Ross was held to two points in the final two and a half minutes at Napoleon Friday night as the Wildcats defeated the Little Giants 56-38 Great Lakes League boys basketball game.

"We had a very poor shooting night," Ross coach Frank Gioffre said. "We had every shot we wanted in the first half but we could not buy a basket."

The Little Giants made 10 of 56 shots, slightly less than 18 percent. Napoleon was 16-of-42 (38 percent).

Ross, 4-12 and 3-5, trailed 41-36 when leading scorer Charles Woodson was called for his fifth personal foul on an offensive rebound with 2:30 to play. His reaction to the foul drew a technical and the Wildcats took advantage, making one of two free throws on the personal foul, both technical shots and scoring on the possession.

In the space of 20 seconds, Ross had gone from five to 10 down.

"After that, we had to foul while trying to get back into it," Ross coach Frank Gioffre said.

Napoleon, 9-6, remained in a first-place tie with Oregon Clay at 6-2. The Eagles defeated Toledo Whitmer 60-58.

Joe Good, with 17 points, led a trio of Wildcats reaching double figures. Woodson had 16 for Ross, and Jason Matney collected 15 rebounds.

High School Boys

Napoleon 56, Ross 38

Ross 6 10 10 12 — 38

Napoleon 12 10 11 23 — 56

ROSS—Charles Woodson 5-5-16, Chad Root 1-2-5, Jason Matney 0-1-1, Jon Minn ich 0-2-2, Garyh Rakes 1-0-2, Mike Lather 2-4-8, Shane Moran 1-0-3, totals 10-15-38.

NAPOLEON—Joe Good 5-5-17, Mike Germann 4-2-10, Jason Meyer 3-7-14, Nathan Bickel 0-2-2, Ryan Hines 2-4-8, Sheppard 2-0-5, totals 16-20-56.

3-point goals: Woodson, Root, Moran, Good 2, Meyer, Sheppard.

Records: Ross 4-12 (3-5), Napoleon 9-6 (7-2).

Ross JV 57, Napoleon 42

Ross 16 11 22 8 — 57

Napoleon 13 12 9 8 — 42

ROSS—Jason Harper 3-0-6, Geoff Berger 3-3-9, Rob Stotz 2-2-8, Eric Brough 1-0-2, Aaron Waggoner 1-0-2, Chad Hoffman 1-1-3, Ryan Shively 4-0-8, Shaun Root 1-0-2, Doug Hershey 5-7-17, totals 21-13-57.

NAPOLEON—Joel Hammon 4-0-8, Alex Gerken 1-2-4, Chris Barton 4-0-10, Troy Rathge 7-1-15, Nate Byrd 1-1-3, Jason Gerken 0-2-2, totals 17-6-42.

3-point goals: Stotz 2, Barton 2.

Record: Ross 13-3 (7-2), Napoleon 10-5 (6-3).

Ross comeback nets 5th win

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross bounced back from a seven-point halftime deficit to defeat Port Clinton 64-61 Saturday night in a high school boys basketball game.

"We came out flat," Ross coach Frank Gioffre said. "We missed quite a few inside shots. Port Clinton did a nice job of beating us off the dribble. (Scott) Solem hurt us early with some threes and Jamie Green controlled the tempo plus he hit some threes

and took the ball to the basket quite a few times.

Ross, 5-11, closed the gap to 43-42 at the end of the third quarter and went ahead on Gary Rakes' 3-point bucket.

"Geoff Berger hit a couple of free throws down the stretch that helped," Gioffre said.

Berger and Doug Hershey, after playing three quarters of junior varsity ball, played the second half of the varsity game. Both are sophomores.

"In the second half," Gioffre said, "we stayed with our game plan of getting the ball inside and moving against their zone."

Charles Woodson topped the Little Giants with 25 points and Jon Minnich scored 12 points, his career high. Green had 24 and Solem 13 for the Redskins, 2-16.

In other Saturday games:

Shelby 87
Bellevue 62

The Whippets stopped the Redmen's unbeaten streak at 17 with

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Ross 64, Port Clinton 61

Ross	12	12	18	22	—	64
Port Clinton	13	18	12	18	—	61

ROSS—Charles Woodson 9-5-25, Chad Root 3-0-9, Jon Minnich 4-4-12, Gary Rakes 1-2-5, Geoff Berger 1-2-4, Doug Hershey 1-0-2, Jason Matney 2-3-7, totals 21-16-64.

PORT CLINTON—Phil Boss 3-1-7, Jamie Green 8-5-24, Scott Solem 5-0-13, Brian Notestine 6-1-13, Matt Millikin 2-0-4, totals 24-7-61.

3-point goals: Rake, Woodson 2, Root 3, Green 3, Solem 3.

Records: Ross 5-12, PC 2-16.

Ross JV 44, Port Clinton 41

Ross	18	12	6	8	—	44
Port Clinton	8	10	10	13	—	41

ROSS—Jason Harper 1-0-2, Geoff Berger 2-6-10, Rob Stotz 1-0-3, Chad Hoffman 1-0-2, Ryan Shively 4-4-12, Shaun Root 1-0-2, Kyle O'Neill 2-0-4, Doug Hershey 3-3-9, totals 15-13-44.

PORT CLINTON—Walker Roth 0-0-3, Earl Rahm 2-6-10, Jack Gibson 1-7-9, Brian Rickel 1-1-3, Pat Gwinn 6-2-16, totals 10-19-41.

3-point goals: Stotz, Gwin 2.

Records: Ross 14-3, PC 13-5.

Ross loses at Whitmer

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Whitmer outscored Fremont Ross 29-13 in the fourth quarter for a 62-56 Great Lakes League boys basketball victory Friday night.

The Panthers, 10-8 and 8-3 in the GLL, shot 37 free throws — connecting on 28 while Ross was 5-of-8 from the line.

Three Little Giants fouled out and two others had four fouls apiece as 29 fouls were whistled on Ross. Whitmer, using a full court press, did not allow Ross to get into the one-and-one until two minutes remained in the first half and not until 20 seconds were left in the game.

The Little Giants, 5-14 and 3-8, led 43-33 after three quarters and held a 47-36 edge early in the final quarter.

Nate Mefferd paced Whitmer with 16 points on a pair of 3-point buckets and 10-of-15 at the foul line. Jack Davis added 15 and Trevor Toney 13.

Charles Woodson tossed in 22 for Ross, and Shane Moran added 12.

High School Boys

Whitmer 62, Ross 56

Ross 10 20 13 13 — 56

Whitmer 13 11 9 29 — 62

ROSS—Charles Woodson 10-0-22, Chad Root 3-2-8, m Jon Minnich 3-2-8, Jason Matney 1-0-2, David Gibbs 1-1-4, Shane Moran 4-0-12, totals 22-5-56.

WHITMER—Trevor Toney 3-6-13, Jack Davis 5-5-15, Nate Mefferd 2-10-16, Jeremy Fritz 0-6-6, Gary Czerniakowski 1-0-2, Andy Boyd 3-1-7, Scott Reighard 1-0-3, totals 16-28-62.

3-point goals: Woodson 2, Gibbs, Moran 4, Toney, Mefferd 2, Reighard.

Records: Ross 5-14 (3-8), Whitmer 10-8 (8-3).

Whitmer JV 60, Ross 50

Ross 13 5 15 17 — 50

Whitmer 14 14 13 19 — 60

ROSS—Jason Harper 5-2-12, Geoff Berger 3-3-9, Rob Stotz 1-0-3, Chad Hoffman 1-0-2, Ryan Shively 5-0-10, Shaun Root 0-4-4, Doug Hershey 5-0-10, totals 20-9-50.

WHITMER—Rob Calmes 1-3-5, Joe Kopke 2-2-7, Todd Calcumuggio 1-4-6, Christ Alford 7-1-15, Chad Lorton 9-4-22, Scott Kessler 1-0-2, Nate Parker 1-1-3, totals 22-15-60.

3-point goals: Stotz, Kopke.

Record: Ross 15-4.

Poor shooting continues to plague Little Giants

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Jim Rutter was apprehensive, but only for a little while.

"I was kinda worried," the Fostoria boys basketball coach said. "We seemed to be preoccupied with something. When I was in the locker room before the game, I got this feeling we seemed to be somewhere else."

But the Redmen soothed his nerves quickly, running to an 8-1 advantage and never letting Fremont Ross get into the game in a 54-39 victory over the Little Giants in the Purple Pit.

"We just missed too many layups...we just did not shoot well," Ross coach Frank Gioffre said succinctly.

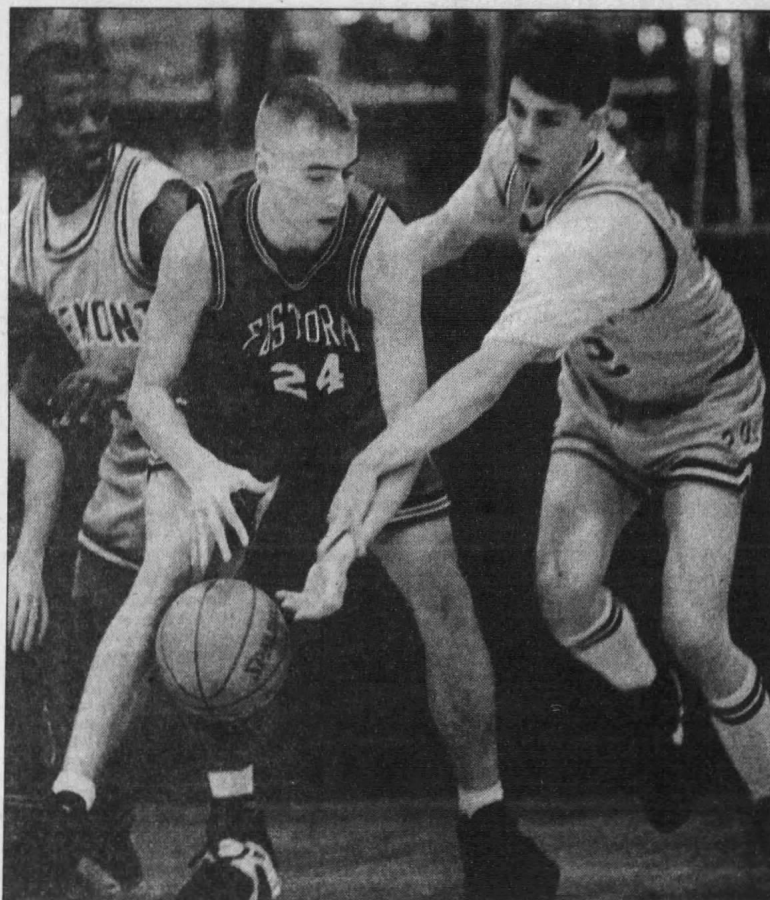
Ross (5-15, 3-9 Great Lakes League) made 13 of 47 shots (28 percent). Fostoria (13-6, 8-4) shot 44 percent (24-for-54).

"We started pretty strong," Rutter said, "but the key was we made a point of telling our kids we wanted to keep (Charles) Woodson from getting the ball. We knew their offense feeds off him and the thing is, when he gets going in a game, not only does he score well, everyone (on defense) starts looking at him and losing track of their men."

"We did not do anything special...we did play a triangle-and-two for a couple of minutes in the third quarter just for the heck of it...but we felt if Woodson gets 30, we want him to earn everything he gets."

The Ross junior leads the GLL with a 20-point average but was limited to 14 points by Fostoria.

Fostoria led 15-7 after one quarter and took control of the game by outscoring Ross 8-2 in the first five minutes of the sec-



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

DAVID GIBBS of Fremont Ross knocks the ball away from Fostoria's Ryan Myers during the third quarter of the Great Lakes League game Friday night at the Purple Pit.

ond quarter. The Little Giants never got any closer than 12 points the remainder of the game. Fostoria's biggest lead was 49-27 midway through the final quarter.

John Kirby came off the bench to lead a balanced Fostoria attack with 14 points. Jon Minnich scored 10 for Ross.

Gioffre started his five seniors on the opening tip and again in

the second half.

"I think Frank showed a lot of class by honoring his seniors that way," Rutter said.

Mike Lather, Jason Matney, David Gibbs, Tim Leeth and Darren Cheal played their final regular season game for Ross.

At 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, the Little Giants play Ashland in the Division I sectional tournament at Willard High School.

Basketball

Fostoria 54, Ross 39

Fostoria 15 12 16 11 — 54

Ross 7 7 8 17 — 39

FOSTORIA—Damon Moore 3-1-7, Ryan Myers 5-1-11, Ryan Griffin 3-0-6, Jason Miller 2-0-4, Aaron Sheets 2-0-6, John Kirby 6-2-14, Tyrone Settles 1-0-2, Chris Twining 1-0-2, totals 24-4-54.

ROSS—Charles Woodson 5-4-14, Jon Minnich 2-6-10, Gary Rakes 4-0-9, Chad Root 1-2-4, Tim Leeth 1-0-2, totals 13-12-39.

3-point goals: Sheet 2, Rakes.

Records: Fostoria 13-6 (8-4), Ross 5-15 (3-9).

Ross JV 49, Fostoria 43

Fostoria 10 8 5 20 — 43

Ross 7 15 14 13 — 49

FOSTORIA—Leo Frierson 2-4-8, Jerry Dessausure 3-3-10, Richard Newsom 5-1-11, John Huff 1-0-2, Josiah Wade 4-4-12, totals 15-12-43.

ROSS—Jason Harper 4-2-11, Geoff Berger 0-4-4, Rob Stotz 1-0-2, Eric Brough 1-2-4, Aaron Waggoner 1-0-2, Chad Hoffman 4-6-14, Ryan Shively 4-0-9, Shaun RJoot 0-1-1, Doug Hershey 1-0-2, totals 16-15-49.

3-point goals: Dessausure, Harper, Shively.

Records: Ross 16-4, Fostoria 10-9.

All-Northwest Ohio District Teams

COLUMBUS (AP) — The 1994 Associated Press Northwest All-District boys high school basketball teams, as selected by a media panel from the district.

DIVISION I

FIRST TEAM: Denny Amrhein, Toledo St. John's, 6-foot, Senior, 17.7 points per game; Lasean Howard, Toledo Scott, 6-6, Jr., 17.2; Damion Washington, Toledo Waite, 6-3, Jr., 20.5; Rashod Johnson, Toledo Rogers, 6-2, Sr., 20.0; Antuan Johnson, Toledo Scott, 6-6, Sr., 16.8; Tim Hamen, Celina, 6-1, Sr., 18.8; Tony Eisenhard, Tiffin Columbian, 6-7, Jr., 24.0; Sean Tucker, Mansfield Senior, 6-7, Jr., 17.5.

SECOND TEAM: Darrell Ramsey, Findlay, 6-4, Sr., 25.2; Matt McClellan, Toledo St. Francis, 6-7, Sr., 13.9; Jermaine Tate, Toledo Central Catholic, 6-8, Jr., 13.2; Neshawn Coleman, Toledo St. John's, 6-3, Jr., 13.0; Rodney Towles, Lima Senior, 6-7, Jr., 13.4; James Hullinger, Elida, 6-5, Sr., 20.6; DeMar Moore, Sandusky, 6-0, Jr., 19.1.

THIRD TEAM: Shemuel Michael, Toledo Libbey, 6-1, Sr., 18.6; Gardner Howard, Defiance, 6-3, Sr., 15.2; Rahim Slaise, Lima Senior, 6-6, Sr., 20.6; **Charles Woodson, Fremont Ross, 6-2, Jr., 21.2;** Orlando Pace, Sandusky, 6-8, Sr., 16.8; Shawn Murlin, Celina, 6-6, Sr., 14.3; Effie James, Mansfield Senior, 6-4, Sr., 15.0.

Player of the year: Denny Amrhein, Toledo St. Francis.

Coach of the year: Tom Rex, Defiance and Matt Creamer, Lima Senior.

DIVISION II

FIRST TEAM: Mike Germann, Napoleon, 6-5, Sr., 20.2; Cory Griggs, Wauseon, 6-0, Jr., 16.8; J.T. Hunt, Lexington, 6-3, Sr., 18.8; Matt Gladieux, Rossford, 6-3, Jr., 25.9; **Dan Paul, Bellevue, 5-10, Sr., 17.9.**

SECOND TEAM: Chad Burt, Wauseon, 6-3, Sr., 12.0; Ryan Myers, Fostoria, 6-1, Sr., 14.2; Caith Chapman, Maumee, 6-1, Jr., 15.1; Mark Lyle, Van Wert, 6-1, Sr., 18.2; **Josh Gregg, Clyde, 6-2, Sr., 20.5.**

THIRD TEAM: Bob Moser, Whitehouse Anthony Wayne, 6-1, Jr., 18.1; **Ryan Carter, Clyde, 6-5, Jr., 21.7;** Jason Hill, Vermilion, 6-3, Sr., 16.5; Tony Hirschfeld, St. Marys Memorial, 6-3, Sr., 14.0; Ryan Noland, Shelby, 5-7, Sr., 15.0.

Player of the year: Matt Gladieux, Rossford.

Coach of the year: Jim Robinson, Maumee.

Area honorable mention

Paul Ayers, Bellevue; Steve Kelier, Oak Harbor.

All-Great Lakes League

FIRST TEAM

Player, school	Gr	Ht	Ppg
Mike Germann, Napoleon.....	12	6-5	18.6
Nate Mefferd, Whitmer.....	12	6-0	17.3
Charles Woodson, Ross.....	11	6-2	21.0
Matt Heintschel, Clay.....	12	6-2	12.7
Ryan Myers, Fostoria.....	12	6-1	15.0

SECOND TEAM

Jack Davis, Whitmer.....	12	6-4	15.7
Damon Moore, Fostoria.....	12	6-1	12.5
Joe Good, Napoleon.....	11	6-1	14.2
Jason Miller, Fostoria.....	12	5-10	8.5
Garrett Schupp, Northview	12	6-1	11.5

Honorable Mention

Shane Heams and Dan Williams, Bedford; Luke Meinke and Josh Penix, Clay; Aaron Sheets and Ryan Griffin, Fostoria; Jon Minnich and Chad Root, Ross; Ryan Hines and Jason Meyer, Napoleon; Joe Raker and Chris Robinson, Northview; Jeremy Fritz and Trevor Toney, Whitmer.

Robbins, Woodson named MVPs in Ross basketball

New-Messenger reports

Natalie Robbins and Charles Woodson were named the most valuable players on the Fremont Ross basketball teams Tuesday evening during an awards program in the high school cafeteria.

Robbins, a senior, was also presented with the team's best defensive player, highest free throw percentage and most rebounds trophy.

Coach Sue Wolf announced that Robbins will be attending Ashland University on a full athletic scholarship next fall.

Other special awards handed out by Wolf were the most improved to senior Emili Kreilick and junior Holly Pelfrey and the most assists to sophomore Dawn Zerman.

Senior Christy Holland, Kreilick and Robbins were presented with captain trophies.

Woodson, a junior, won the MVP honor for the boys for second successive year. He also received the trophy for the most rebounds.

Other special awards handed out by coach Frank Gioffre included the most improved to junior Jon Minnich, the most assists and the best free throw percentage went to junior Gary Rakes and the best defensive player award went to senior Darren Cheal.

Seniors Tim Leeth and Jason Matney took home captain trophies.

Athletic Director Pat McGhee handed out awards to players making the All-Great Lakes League, District VI Coaches and Associated Press Northwest Ohio District teams.

Robbins and Zerman were first team All-GLL while Robbins was first team District VI and second team AP all-district as well as earning honorable mention on the AP All-Ohio team. Zerman was a District VI second team pick and honorable mention on the AP district team.

Kreilick and Pelfrey were honorable mention in the GLL and Wold was the District VI Division coach of the year.

Robbins, who scored 29 points in leading the East to a 60-58 victory Sunday in the 22nd East-West Game in Fostoria, will play March 30 in the Wendy's Classic at Perkins High School according to Wolf.

For the boys, Woodson was a first-team All-GLL and a first team Coaches District VI. Minnich and Root were GLL honorable mention and Root was honorable mention in District VI.



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