

## 1946 Class A Tournament

# Ross Faces Strong Ashland Five

## PORT CLINTON, BELLEVUE PLAY; NORWALK, COLUMBIAN TO VIE

Ross high's Little Giants will be underdogs—very distinctly underdogs—when they open their competition in the district Class A basketball tournament in Sandusky Junior high school Friday night. They will meet an Ashland team which has compiled an enviable record of 14 games won and three lost this season.

## Scarlet Five Is Chosen To Play In N.C.A.A. Meet

COLUMBUS, March 1.—UP—Ohio State's Big Ten basketball champions will represent the middle west in the National Collegiate Athletic association tournament, Coach Harold G. Olsen said today.

The Buckeyes were named from the NCAA's district No. 4 for the third consecutive year. The choice was announced last night by Z. G. Clevenger of Indiana and the Ohio State athletic board immediately granted permission for the team to enter the event.

The Ohio State cagers will carry a season record of 14 victories against four defeats into the eastern division of the tournament in Madison Square Garden, New York, March 21 and 23.

Three other teams were yet to be named for the eastern semi-finals. Baylor has accepted one of the four invitations for the western semi-finals at Kansas City. Winners of the two sections will meet in New York March 28.

Ohio State played in the NCAA tourney first in 1929, going to the final game before losing to Oregon. In 1944, Dartmouth eliminated the Buckeyes, and last season New York university won out in the eastern playoff, by scoring 12 points in an overtime session.

Coach Olsen has also agreed to coach a team of western all-stars against an eastern all-star combination in the Garden March 30. The week of March 23-30 will be spring vacation at Ohio State, enabling the Buckeyes to compete without missing classes.

### SAVOLD, GODOY MEET

CHICAGO, March 1.—UP—Lee Savold, Paterson, N. J., and Arturo Godoy of Chile meet tonight in a 10-round fight for the right to a bout in England with Bruce Woodcock, British heavyweight champion.

### TRAINING FOR SCOUTS

A course of training for Boy Scouts in the use of firearms will be started Friday at 8 p. m. when members of the Fremont Rifle club conduct their regular meeting at the range.

### BELATED START

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 1.—UP—After two rainy days, the nation's leading pros prepared for a belated start in the opening round of the \$13,333 St. Petersburg Open golf tournament today.

The Ross-Ashland game, scheduled to begin at 8:30 o'clock, will be preceded by two others. Bellevue's state champions, seeking to successfully defend their title, will meet Port Clinton, whom they defeated during the regular season, in the opening contest, starting at 6 p. m. At 7:15 o'clock undefeated Norwalk will face Tiffin Columbian and Merle McKillip, the Buckeye league's leading scorer and again a Buckeye league team will be the underdog.

Then, at 8:30 Ross and Ashland will square off.

### Lost To Elyria

Ashland has included among its triumphs two victories over Mansfield, which dealt Ross a 68-48 loss at Mansfield, and two over Port Clinton, which upset Ross, 35-26 here. Ashland's three defeats came at the hands of Sandusky, which also defeated Ross, 45-25, Norwalk, which beat Ross, 57-30, and Elyria, which team provided Ross with its second victory of the season, the Purple winning, 46-44 in Ross auditorium.

Coach Eddie Gabel will use his customary lineup of Sam Sims and Dick Baron at forwards, Jim Kridler at center, and Lloyd Bischoff and Walter Weinhardt at guards. All the boys are in good condition, Gabel reported Thursday night. Should Ross lose the contest, the game will have been the last for Kridler as a Ross player, he being the only senior among the five Ross starters, although Bob Walter and Jim Boyer are other squad members who are seniors. The balance of the Little Giant starting lineup are sophomores.

After the Ross-Ashland contest, Willard and Shelby will complete the first night's play with a contest starting at 9:45.

### Mansfield, Calvert Meet

Saturday night the time schedule will be the same with games carded at 6, 7:15, 8:30 and 9:45. In the first of these Mansfield will meet Tiffin Calvert in the latter's debut as a Class A tournament quintet. In the second contest Sandusky and Mansfield Madison will be paired. The third contest will match the Ashland-Ross winner against the Willard-Shelby winner and the final contest will pit the Bellevue-Port Clinton victor against the winner of the Norwalk-Tiffin Columbian contest.

The semi-finals are scheduled for Friday, March 8 with games at 7:30 and 8:45 and the finals will be played Saturday night, March 9, starting at 8:30.

Franklin Skibee of Bowling Green and A. M. Smith of Ohio Northern will officiate. The winner of the meet will go to Bowling Green to compete in the sectional tournament, to be played there March 15-16.

## Little Giants' Swimmers Off To State Meet

With the hope of a state championship resting on their shoulders, six Ross high swimmers, together with their coach, George Gruse, and managers, were in Columbus today where the preliminaries for the Ohio scholastic swimming championships were to be held this afternoon in the Ohio State university natatorium.

The six boys whom Gruse took to Columbus are Bruce Ransom, Lee Koenig, Jim Pence, Jim Cockran, Don Wensinger and Allan Fisher. Ransom will compete in the 50- and 100-yard free style events; Koenig and Pence in the

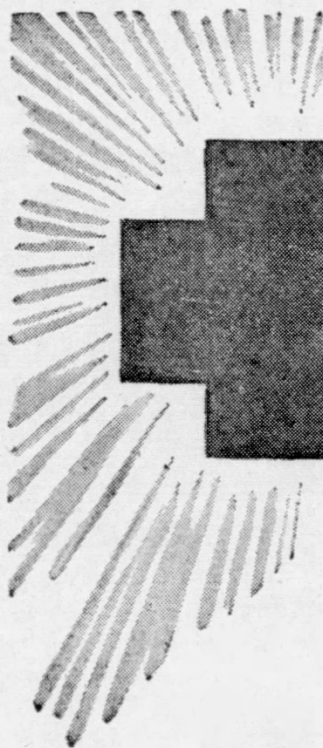
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# LITTLE GIANTS NEARLY EVEN FOR 1ST HALF

Port Clinton Runs  
Up 51-32 Total On  
Bellevue's Champs

By GLEN GEIB

Eddie Gabel's Ross high cagers of packed away their uniforms Friday night, marking fins to the 1945-46 cage season by bowing to a hard-driving but none too impressive Ashland quintet. The loss came in the first round of the district class A tournament at Sandusky, the college town lads chalking up a 34-46 to 34 decision.

Other results Friday night were: Port Clinton 51; Bellevue 32. Norwalk 43; Tiffin Columbian 38. Shelby 38; Willard 23.

The second round of the meet starts at 7:15 tonight when Mansfield takes on Tiffin Calvert. Sandusky meets Mansfield Madison at 8:30, and Ashland will play Shelby. The evening's big game, one which will pack the Sandusky Junior high gym, is scheduled at 9:45 when Port Clinton and Norwalk tangle.

Ashland was the top-heavy favorite to take Ross, and it did, but there were many in the crowd who felt that the Little Giants, had they not slipped into a lethargic style of play on a few occasions, might have come up with the decision.

## Kridler Ends Competition

The locals grabbed the first points when Jim Kridler, acting as captain, netted a push shot from in front. Ashland tied it and then Ross moved out to a 10-7 lead. The period, however, found the score knotted at 11 points.

The Little Giants looked good at times and bad at others in the second canto, tying it at 13-all once and then drifting behind, 22-14, a minute before the half. Two quick goals by Walter Weinhardt, both after a net job of ball stealing, cut the deficit to 23-18 at the intermission.

Ashland, with Dick Messner, Joe Strine and Bobby Miller showing the way, took a commanding third period edge, moving into the final quarter with a 39-27 advantage.

Each team tallied seven points in the final quarter.

The Little Giants used a man to man defense throughout the ball game and at times it worked to perfection. Often, however, effective Ashland blocking broke men loose under the net.

Messner was the ball game's star, getting 15 points and playing a whole of a floor game. Strine slipped in 14 points, and Miller, rough but capable guard and pivot man in Ashland's style of offense, was a tower of strength until he bid the fray goodbye with five personal fouls.

Kridler ended his high school court career by turning in 10 points. He left the floor on personal fouls in the last two minutes. Dick Baron and Weinhardt each came up with eight.

Only Kridler is lost from the starting five next year, the other four boys being sophomores.

## Krupp Provides Spark

The Port Clinton-Bellevue game was a classic for surprises. Bellevue, victor over the Norm Willbond-coached team on the Port Clinton floor only a few weeks ago, looked like the winner again for two periods. At the half the defending state champions held a 17-12 lead, and appeared to be moving along nicely.

Then the bottom fell out, because the Porters started to pull up, went ahead and made a rout of it.

One big difference in the Port Clinton team was the appearance of freshman Dave Krupp in the lineup. When this lad entered the scrap the Port Clinton boys took on a new appearance. Krupp entered just before the half and played the rest of the game. He was the spark.

Port Clinton's scoring was evenly split, Krupp getting 11, Dick Johannsen 12, Bobby Stevens, who played a sensational game under both buckets, 11, and Conrad Buetter, 10.

Lyle Moyer and Joe DiSantis tied for Bellevue scoring honors with eight.

Tiffin threw a scare into Norwalk, trailing only 22-24 at the half, but the finesse of the Norwalk team, undefeated this year, carried it through to victory.

The night's finale brought Shelby a 38-23 victory over Willard, the team coached by Smokey Williams, ex-Otterbein college star, winning its third game of the year from its traditional foe.

Ashland (46)		Ross (34)	
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16	Messner f 5 5	Baron f 3 2	
	Strine f 6 2	Sims f 2 1	
	Jacobs f 0 0	Porczak f 1 0	
F	McClaren c 2 0	Kridler c 3 4	
2	Miller g 2 1	Bischoff g 0 1	
2	Cooper g 4 0	Weinhardt g 3 2	
0	Denbow g 0 0		
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0	Totals 19 8	Totals 12 10	
0	Quarters:		
0	Ashland .....	11 23 29 46	
0	Ross .....	11 18 27 34	
0	Officials—Whittacre and Smith.		