

1977 Season review...

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1977 Ross Little Giants



Front row (left to right): Dan Sachs, John Zimmerman, Mike Havenor, Myron Swaisgood, Dave Campbell, Chuck Binkley, Ralph Davidson; row two: Ken Nord, Doug Stull, Doug Swartz, Mike Cozette, Mark Stull, Tim Price, Fred Thorbahn, Wayne Lee; row three: Clarence Parks, John Pena, Jeff Brown, Tony Roach, Scott

Whitcomb, Doug Szymanowski, Jeff Shanahan, Steve Barr, Steve Curiess; row four: T.J. Brudzinski, John Almaguer, Bill Darling, Scott Martin, John Armentrout, Joe Leite, Dale Szymanowski, Troy Amor; row five: Tim Butcher, Mark Foos, Jeff Long, Bruce Burr, Dave McGee, Scott Carmack, Walter Stroud, Tim

Montgomery, Andy Keller; row six: Tim Oberst, Paul Miller, Galen Rhoades, Paul Adams, Bill Swartzlander, Kevin Schwallie, Frank Martinez, Gary Keaton; row seven: student trainers Fred Merrill, Paul Schmidt, and Kevin Klohn, Allen Clark, (no longer with the team), Randy Dilts, Mike Overfield, student

managers Dan Giebel, Carl Bliss, and Phil Junis; back row: assistant coaches Joe Siesel, Rex Radeloff, and Ed Platzer, team trainer Glen Foster, assistant coaches Wayne Siefke, Dick Coleman, Tim Peitorin, "Red" Nugent, and Mike Wetzel, equipment manager Joe Lotycz, and head Coach Wayne "Pete" Moore.

Ross struggles in final tuneup

Ross's defense played adequately when the first unit was intact but the offense left a lot to be desired during the final tuneup football scrimmage Friday.

The Little Giants played Lima Senior in a twilight skirmish and walked out of it with a 1-1 tie. (For purists, Ross won 7-6 when Chuck Binkley kicked the extra point after Ross drove 67 yards for the tying TD.)

"I did not think the defense did that poorly," Ross head Coach Pete Moore said. "When the first team defense was in, the defense was good but they were on the field most of the night."

The scrimmage was played under the game conditions after a first series of 10 offensive plays, for each team. On that first series, Lima moved the ball but lost it at the Ross 35 on a fumble.

On Ross's 10-play series, the Little Giants started at the 30 and ended on the Ross 34.

"We got a long way to go on offense before next Friday night," Moore said tiredly. "We have a bunch of green people in there and we are trying to make football players out of them. It's just that they are not adapting to making blocking assignments in game situations and because of that, the backs do not know where to go."

Getting back to defense, Ross's first unit stopped Lima twice inside the Little Giants' five. One other time, Ross held inside the 15.

"We have not worked on goal line defense either," Moore said. "We have been trying to get other mistakes out of our defense."

Continuing, Moore pointed out that the Ross defense was not scored on — the Lima TD came off a pass interception of a T.J. Brudzinski pass. Lima did score on a 70-yard run against the Ross second defense but the play was nullified by a clipping penalty.

Jeff Brown scored Ross's TD on a seven-yard burst over right guard, climaxing the 67-yard drive. However, junior tailback Bill Darling and senior fullback Clarence Parks turned in the key runs in the drive.

In the only other Friday night scrimmage, Port Clinton left new head coach Paul Hemminger smiling.

"It was pretty good," Hemminger beamed. "We are a football team — I can say that now. I am pretty happy."

The Redskins outscored a talented Sandusky St. Mary team 2-1.

"We got to see a lot of things," Hemminger explained. "They put pressure on our corners and perimeter but that was good because we needed that."

"St. Mary's has a good football team," the PC coach said and then added, "we do have to make a few adjustments but this scrimmage was a good hitting one and I'm happy with it."

Today, scrimmage games involving eight Fremont area team are scheduled for this morning and evening.

The St. Joe Crimson Streaks host Ottawa-Glandorf at 9:30 a.m. today at Sacred Heart field. In other morning scrimmages, Woodmore is at Wauseon at 9, and Napoleon at Oak Harbor and Avon at Margaretta, both at 10.

Tonight, Clyde travels to Willard for a 7:30 p.m. battle, Bellevue is at Fostoria at 7:30 and Genoa is at Swanton for a 7 p.m. game.

Defense is Ross in BC clashes

"Defense" in the Buckeye Conference football wars the past three years has been spelled "F-R-E-M-O-N-T R-O-S-S".

The Little Giants have surrendered only 167 points in those three years for a yield of a shade over five and a half per game. From a low of 33 points allowed in '74 to 63 and 71 in 1975 and 1976, respectively, the Little Giants have lived by the big "D".

In those three years Ross has blanked 15 opponents and been the leading defensive team in the conference.

"Our main goal every week," Ross head Coach

Pete Moore maintains, "is to hold the other team scoreless. We figure if we hold them scoreless, we'll always be in the ball game."

Last season, Ross did not have the luxury of having many one-way players. Instead, during most of the season and especially during conference play, Ross had six players going both ways.

"I would think right now that there will be quite a few two-way starters," Moore pointed out about the coming season. "That is unless we come up with a few surprises."

Continuing, Moore said, "We have to play our best

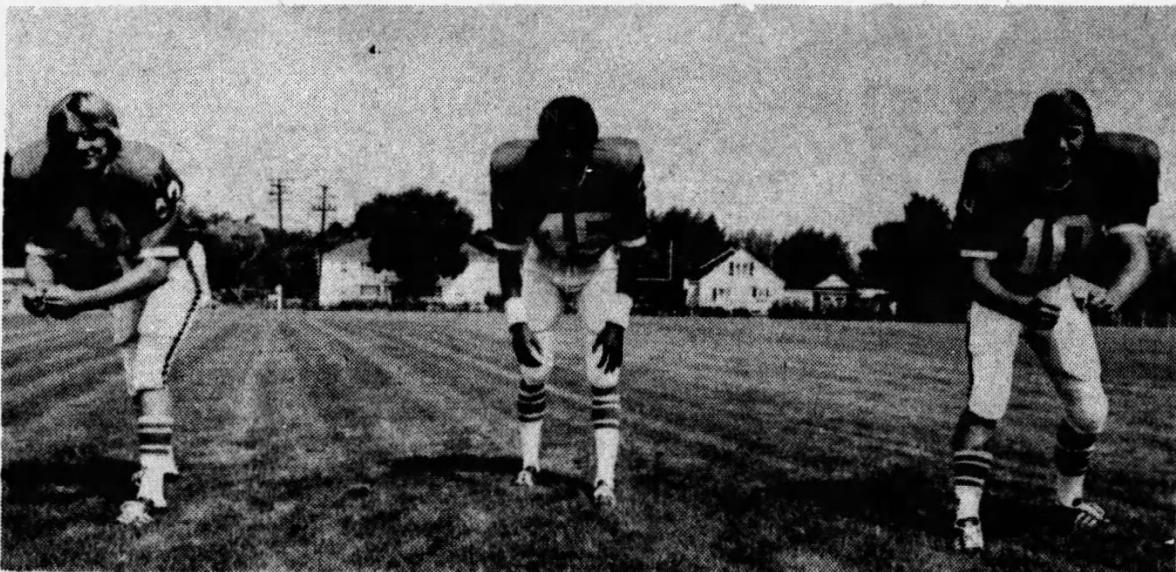
athletes in the Buckeye Conference. If the player is a well conditioned athlete, he can start both ways. If he is not in condition, he won't be out there anyhow."

Although the two-way players may dominate Ross this season, Moore sees no change in the defensive formations.

"We'll stay with what the kids know and what the coaching staff knows."

What Ross knows is what is termed a "split-six", "4-4", or some coaches insist it is even an eight man line in the Little Giant defensive thinking.

"We know what we need
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DEFENSIVE backs for Ross. Left to right are Jeff Shanahan, Jeff Brown, and Mike Cozette. Brown and Cozette

are two of the Little Giants' six lettermen.

Heavens may open up for Little Giants

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rushing game but now, in 1977, he claims that Ross's passing game will be there.

"We should be able to make the other people use the (defensive) secondary for what it is supposed to be used for (pass defense)," he said and there

was not a trace of a smile on his face.

"We have been using about an hour of practice time each day working on the passing game," Moore said late in August. "Up to now I would say that it is improved."

Besides taking pressure off the running game (Sandusky and other

teams used an 11-man line against Ross last season) Moore has another unusual reason for hoping to get the Little Giants in the airways.

"Let's face it. The fans in the stands like the passing game — it's exciting. We like it because it takes the heat off the line and the running game, and it's fun for the kids, too."

Ross's quarterback situation is up for grabs between a senior and two juniors. Tom (or T.J.) Brudzinski has the inside line.

Mike Cozette, along with Brudzinski are two of Ross's six returning lettermen. He has also been working at quarterback.

Senior Dan Sachs, 64, 195, and junior Tim Montgomery, 60, 175, are the primary tight end candidates with Doug Szymanowski and Tim Price, the seniors at split end.

Returning letterman Steve Barr is vying for the starting wingback spot with three others. Tony Roach, who Moore and his staff say is the most improved player at Ross, especially during the preseason, John Pena, and Dale Szymanowski are in the running for the spot.

The Little Giants have a host of center possibilities. Scott Whitcomb and Roger DeBelly are seniors with juniors Kevin Schwallie and Paul Adams having a shot at the ball snapping responsibilities.

DeBelly may not be able to play until mid-season. He was injured in a motorcycle accident during the summer and it cost him a couple of toes.

Ross has been known for outstanding guards the past several seasons and they could have another corps of good ones again this season. Myron Swaisgood, Dave Campbell, Doug Swartz, and Mike Havener are seniors and Mike Overfield is the junior in the battle for the spots.

The tackles could be made up of a pair of juniors. Troy Amor, who lettered as a sophomore after starting several games at defensive tackle in '77, and John Armentrout give Ross good size and strength at the spots.

Amor is tipping the scales at around 240 while Armentrout goes at about 215.

While Moore is looking for the passing game, the running offense is the bread and butter for Ross.

"We have speed back there," Moore said as his face brightened. "Brownie (Jeff Brown) and Parks (Clarence) are very fast.

All they need from the offensive line is for them to just get in the way and

cause them to hesitate — Brown and Parks should be through by that time."

Parks and Brown, both senior lettermen, will go at fullback and tailback, respectively.

There are a number of players in the battle with Brown for tailback but it boils down to backing up the speedy senior. Cozette, when not working at quarterback or on defense, will probably be the second man in line with juniors Bill Darling and Tim Butcher seeing spot action.



JEFF BROWN of Ross will be a two-way performer. He will operate at tailback on offense and in the safety spot on defense.

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Ross is defense

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to play it," Moore chuckled as he thought about the names his defense is known by, "we need 11 people who are reckless and want to go for the ball — that's the type of defensive player we want."

Three starters return to the Ross defense: safety Jeff Brown, outside linebacker Clarence Parks, and tackle Troy Amor. Parks and Brown are seniors and Amor is a junior.

At the ends, Chuck Binkley, John Armentrout, Dan Sachs, and Ralph Davidson are vying for starting jobs. Binkley, Sachs and Davidson are seniors with the junior Armentrout. The junior candidate is the biggest of the four at 6-2, 215.

Inside, Amor is expected to keep his job at the tackle slot and at 6-2 and 240, is the largest player on the line. Doug Stull, an inside linebacker a year ago, may drop down to tackle slot. A senior, Stull is 5-10, 195. Junior Jeff Long, 190, is also in the tackle battle.

Parks will anchor the linebacker corps from his outside position. Mike Havener, Tim Overst, and returning letterman Steve Barr probably will see



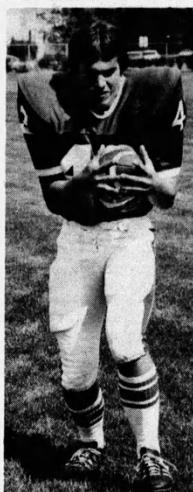
action at the other outside linebacker slot.

On the inside, Scott Whitcomb, junior 185, Myron Swaisgood, senior 185, Dave Campbell, senior, 180, and Tim Montgomery, junior, 175, are getting a look. Montgomery could be switched to defensive end.

In the secondary, Brown is expected to lead the pass defenders from his safety slot. Mike Cozette, along with Brown, give Ross two lettermen in the secondary. Jeff Shanahan, Doug Szymanowski, Tony Roche, and Tim Butcher will also be given a shot at starting in the defensive backfield.

"We hope our defense can create scoring situations for us," Moore summed up. "We figure we gave up only four touchdowns last season — our offense gave up the ball to set up the other scoring.

"We are just going to go all out for our main goal — getting that shutout."



WIDE receiver Doug Szymanowski is one of the pass receivers in Ross's passing game for the '77 season.

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The heavens a Ross friend in '77?

Ross had just about everything a coach could ask for a year ago when it came to tucking the pigskin into a runner's gut. Yes sir, it was near heaven.

But the heavens were a

total enemy to the Little Giants. Passing for the '76 Ross corps was as successful as the Edsel. Finding a needle in the haystack had a better percentage than Ross passers.

But when it came to running, oh, how the Little Giants moved.

Ross, with record setting Terry Bates and Rick Kusmer combining for 2,478 yards, averaged 283.7 yards rushing per game.

And in high school ball, that's covering territory at a good rate.

The rushing was the best in the Buckeye Conference but the passing was on the opposite end. Through 10 games, four Ross players

sent the ball skyward a total of 49 times and it came to rest in the friendly hands of a teammate only 18 times.

Those 18 receptions accounted for only 234 yards. The only good thing

about the passing game was that only four passes found the hands of a defensive player.

Facing those stats, Ross head Coach Pete Moore still has confidence in his

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THREE QUARTERBACKS at Ross will handle the signal calling this season. Left to right are John

Almaguer, Mike Cozette, and T.J. Brudzinski.



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Brown rushes for 175 yards, two TDs in Little Giants' lidlifter



JEFF BROWN OF ROSS STARTS TO CUT IN AGAINST LINCOLN WEST'S KEN ANDERSON

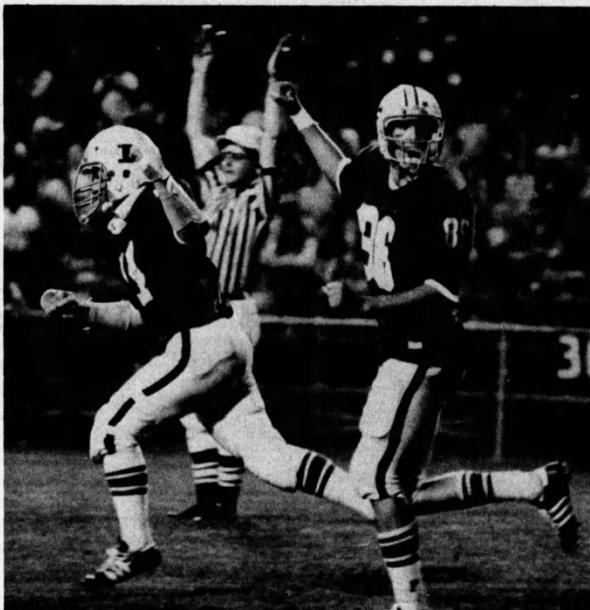
Local football results

Bay City Conference
Ross 47, Lincoln West 0
Elyria 30, Toledo Scott 6
Findlay 34, Dayton Dunbar 6
Admiral King 6, Eastlake North 6 (tie)
Mansfield 13, Ashland 1
Gardner 27, Huron 7
Sandusky 41, Toledo DeVilbiss 7
Sandusky Bay Conference
Margareta 14, Vermilion 14 (tie)
Norwalk 20, Huron 7
Sandusky 27, Perkins 6
Tiffin Calvert 7, Willard 6
Suburban Lakes League
Lake 32, Woodmore 8
Hopewell-Louden 0, Lakota 0 (tie)
Rossford 33, Genoa 0
Eastwood 23, Perryburg 6
Elmwood 49, North Baltimore 0
Otsego 26, Cardinal Stritch 8
Great Lakes League
Bellevue 14, Port Clinton 12
Oregon Clay 27, Toledo Rogers 16
Ottawa-Glandorf 13, Fostoria 6
Bowling Green 14, Maumee 7
Anthony Wayne 19, Sylvania Northview 0
Sylvania Southview 21, Bedford (Mich.) 14
Northern Ohio League
Ontario 14, Bucyrus 7
Mount Vernon 24, Galion 7
Mansfield Madison 14, Tiffin Columbian 0
Upper Sandusky 20, Elida 8

Others

West Findlay Liberty Benton 32, Arcadia 21, Vanlue 6
Mount Blanchard Riverdale 22, Morral Ridgedale 6
Toledo Start 28, Kenton 19
Sidney Lehman 12, Maria Stein Marion 6
Logan 30, New Lexington 6
North Licking Valley 20, Tri-Valley 0
Newcomerstown 20, Warsaw River View 6
Monroeville 21, Attica Seneca East 6

Touchdown!



That's the way it went for Ross's Little Giants Friday night at Harmon Stadium. As Dan Sachs (86) and an unidentified Little Giant extend clenched fists toward the sky, an official in the background tells the

story of what took place. Jeff Brown had just scored on a 38-yard run, the first of his two six-pointers in the game. (News-Messenger photos by Kathy Borchers)

Wolverines manage only 16 total yards

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

It wasn't a question of which team would win but rather a question of how high the score could have been Friday at Harmon Stadium.

Ross clicked off its sixth consecutive season opening football win by routing hapless and numberless Cleveland Lincoln West 47-0.

"It could have been 47-0 at the half," Pete Moore, coach of the Ross Little Giants, said flatly. "I can remember of three times we were in close and did not score."

Moore, despite the many failures of his team to cash in was not disappointed but was beaming over his offensive attack.

"We did generate some offense," he insisted. "That's something we were having trouble doing in the scrimmage games so we have to be happy from that standpoint."

Ross, behind tailback Jeff Brown's 175 yards on a dozen carries, ground out 417 yards, unofficially, on the ground and tacked on another 28 in the air in dominating the Wolverines, who had only 24 players on the team.

Defensively, Ross allowed just 16 yards, 20 in the air and a minus-four on the ground.

"It was a good start," Moore sighed.

The Little Giants did not get a good start in the passing game, completing only two of a dozen tosses. Still, Moore felt the passing game was there. Three times, junior quarterback T. J. Brudzinski lofted passes toward Doug Szymanowski with one, an 18-yarder accounting for Ross's second touchdown, but two others falling through the receiver's hands.

On two other occasions, Brudzinski overthrew Szymanowski in the end zone and duplicated the fete by overshooting John Pena on a wide open slant pattern on another.

"There were too many dropped passes," Moore agreed. "The passing game was there, though. As far as it was designed, it (passing) was there but we were not hitting it we were dropping passes."

Clarence Parks opened Ross's scoring with a one-yard ramble off guard Dave Campbell's tail 4:48 into the game. That made it 6-0. That began the route.

Brudzinski hit Szymanowski in the left corner of the end zone with less than a minute to play in the first quarter for a 13-0 lead. Brown rambled 38 and 44 yards in the second quarter as the Little Giants roared to a 27-0 halftime lead.

Bill Darling, taking over for Brown who had rolled up 166 yards on 11 carries in the first half, picked up some good blocking by tackle John Armentrout, guard Myron Swaisgood, and tackle Troy Amor to bolt 39 yards for Ross's lone third quarter TD.

Fullback Steve Barr rambled over center Scott Whitcomb's block for a 23-yard touchdown romp at the 8:39 mark of the final period and Tim Butcher, Ross's fourth string fullback, charged up the middle from three yards out for the final tally of the game for the Little Giants.

Chuck Binkley hit five of six extra point kicks to round out the Ross individual scorers.

Joe Siesel, Ross defensive coordinator, was pleased with his team's effort but could have been happier.

"Any time that you get the shutout and hold a team to less than 100 yards, you have to be happy," he said. "But we did not hit crisply tonight — we really did not sting them but of course that depends on the team you play. If they do not come after you, it's hard to really hit them."

Bruce Lopez was the Wolverine's leading rusher with 24 yards on 14 carries.

Lincoln West crossed over into Ross territory only once during the game.

Barr ended up with 80 yards on seven carries for the Little Giants with Parks getting 57 in eight charges and Darling 43 on three. Paul Miller had 33 yards on five carries and Butcher carried the ball five times for 18 yards.

TCC, Ross lineups

Tonight's game pitting Toledo Central Catholic and Ross will be the first time that the two teams have met on the gridiron.

In other notes about the game, Ross Athletic Director Dick Sherman said that the Stamm School parking lot will be closed tonight because of wet grounds. Fans are urged to park at the Ross High School parking lot and walk the two blocks to the stadium.

Sherman also issued a reminder that the gates to the stadium will open at 6:45 p.m.

The possible lineups for that first meeting:

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Offense

Tight end: Dean Masztak, senior, 6-4, 220, No. 84;

Split end: Jim Montrie, senior, 6-0, 180, No. 31;

Tackles: Mike Durfee, senior, 5-9, 195, No. 78, and Jim Hinkenhoef, senior, 5-9, 180, No. 76;

Guards: Mark Kennedy, senior, 5-8, 185, No. 64, and Bob Hunter, senior, 5-9, 187, No. 66;

Center: Chris Hohenberger, senior, 6-1, 205, No. 55;

Quarterback: Rob Mangas, senior, 6-3, 200, No. 14;

Running backs: John Grambling, senior, 6-1, 194, No. 40, and Kevin Zimmerman, senior, 5-6, 165, No. 30;

Wingback: Rick Capalietty, senior, 5-7, 165, No. 29;

Defense

Ends: Ron Szymanski, senior, 5-11, 176, No. 83, and Ken Kennedy;

Tackles: Masztak and Hohenberger;

Middle guard: Hunter;

Linebackers: Montrie and John Horne, junior, 5-9, 170, No. 65;

Monster: Kevin Smith, senior, 5-11, 155, No. 22;

Halfbacks: Cappelletty, and Todd Nowicki, junior, 5-11, 160, No. 12;

Safety: Glenn Perryman, senior, 5-6, 135, No. 32;

ROSS

Offense

Tight end: Dan Sachs, senior, 6-3, 185, No. 86;

Split end: Doug Szwarcowski, senior, 5-8, 155, No. 43;

Tackles: Chuck Binkley, senior, 6-2, 200, No. 75, and Troy Amor, junior, 6-1, 240, No. 70;

Guards: Dave Campbell, senior, 5-8, 185, No. 69, and Myron "Mo" Swaisgood, senior, 5-8, 180, No. 66;

Center: Scott Whitcomb, senior, 5-10, 190, No. 67;

Quarterback: T.J. Brudzinski, junior, 5-10, 160, No. 14;

Fullback: Clarence Parks, senior, 5-11, 180, No. 34;

Tailback: Jim Brown, senior, 6-0, 160, No. 45;

Wingback: Steve Barr, senior, 5-10, 180, No. 36;

Defense

Ends: Binkley and John Armentrout, junior, 6-1, 210, No. 74;

Tackles: Amor and Doug Stull, senior, 5-10, 190, No. 71;

Inside linebackers: Swaisgood and Campbell;

Outside linebackers: Parks and Paul "Tex" Miller, 5-7, 150, No. 33;

Halfbacks: Mike Cozette, senior, 6-0, 180, No. 10, and Bill Darling, junior, 5-9, 185, No. 24;

Safety: Brown.

Ross shades Irish on 2nd half spurt

Two quick third quarter TDs stun Central Catholic 14-12

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Toledo Central Catholic should have stolen Ross's movie projector — it would have been the best play of the night.

"I think it was that Vince Lombardi movie we saw after school this afternoon," chirped Ross's baby-faced 240-pound tackle Troy Amor. "It really sounded like it at halftime."

Amor had a crooked grin on his face and was staring at Ross head Coach Pete Moore. Maybe the Ross tackle was right, Moore would not deny or confirm where he got the boost for an inspirational halftime talk that lifted Ross to an upset 14-12 victory of the Central Catholic Fighting Irish, the second gridiron win of the season for the Little Giants.

"All I did was remind them with a few comments and phrases about Fremont pride," Moore reflected. "I saw that they were down at the half and I had to push them up."

The uplifting with the "Lombardi method" netted Ross a pair of third period touchdowns within a three and one-half minute span and took about all the fight out of the Irish.

Mike Beier, a St. Joe grad and making his hometown coaching debut against Ross, was disheartened after the loss.

"We quit the second half," he said quietly but bluntly. "Our kids let down — I think they have the feeling that they do not have to play defense, just offense."

The Irish's touted quarterback Rob Mangas connected with wingback Jim Montrie with a 48-yard scoring bomb midway through the second stanza but Central failed to convert on the extra point for a 6-0 lead. The scoring drive covered 52 yards on four plays and came after Mike Durfey had recovered Ross's Jeff Brown's fumble at the Central 48.

The Irish put six more on the board with one second to play in the half. Mangas sneaked over from the one on a controversial play to climax a 72-yard, 11-play drive. The key play was a 29-yard strike from Mangas to glue fingered Rick Cappelletti.

That was the end of the line for the Irish. There was no offensive punch left.

"We went in at the half and changed a few things in the defensive secondary," Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siesel explained in the noisy Ross locker room. "We went from the zone to a man-to-man and we had our line and linebackers stunting all during the second half."

The offense, however, fired up the Little Giants in the second half. Taking the opening kickoff in the third period at the Ross 30, the Little Giants went to the option running attack to start the Irish reeling. When the option started to stall, the Little Giants went back up the guts.

"We did not think we could run on the outside of them," Ross offensive coor-

dinator Rex Radloff said. "We thought they were quick outside so we went into the game with the idea that we would go right at them."

With Jeff Brown blitzing the Irish on the outside on the option and fullback Clarence Park ripping through huge holes in the middle of the line, the Little Giants needed 10 plays to score in the third period. Brown got the final dozen despite bobbling the ball and shaking off Central's Kevin Smith at the 17.

Central got the ball at the 25 on the kickoff and went nowhere. On fourth and nine at the 26, Mangas, in punt formation bobbed the ball but regained possession in time to try a desperation pass to Cappelletti at the Central 40.

Cappelletti, with a solid hit by Ross's John Pena dropped the ball and the Little Giants were back in business at the Irish 26.

"That was no gamble," Beier said about the pass. "he (Mangas) just dropped the ball. It was supposed to be a punt but we told him that if he drops it, he always has the wide receiver out there."

Four plays later, Ross had the go ahead TD. Parks took it in from 17 yards over the right side off of crushing blocks by Dave Campbell, Mark Foos, Dan Sachs, and Steve Barr.

Chuck Binkley eased kick between the uprights for a 14-12 Ross lead at the 4:06 mark of the third quarter. From that point on, it was Ross ball control and Central desperate passing.

"I did not make a mistake this week," Moore smiled when talking about Binkley's extra point kicks and referring to last week's Lincoln West game when Ross went for two and failed. "I'll take those chip shots anytime."

Those chip shots were the winners but Ross's offensive and defensive line sealed off the win.

Ross also found out that there is depth in the ranks.

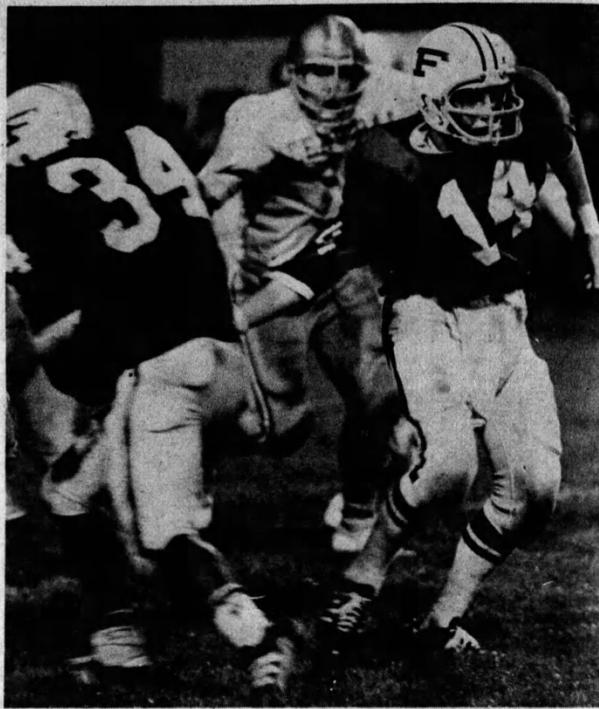
"That's a good sign," Moore said. "We had kids coming in and really doing a good job — it's going to be like that all year."

Brown rushed for 131 yards on 29 carries for Ross while Parks had 122 on 27 carries. T. J. Brudzinski, Ross's quarterback, was one for one for nine yards and the pass to tight end Sachs, came on a third and eight in the fourth quarter to keep a Ross drive alive.

Ross netted 279 yards to 270 for Central. The Irish had 190 yards in the air including 44 on the final play of the game to the Ross 36. Brown brought down Dean Masztak on a one-on-one situation to save Ross.

The Little Giants limited Central to only five rushing yards and three first downs in the second half.

DAN SACHS (86) of Ross has just caught the only pass that Ross threw Friday against Central Catholic. The



HERE — YOU TAKE IT! Ross quarterback T.J. Brudzinski still has his hand on the ball as he hands off to Ross fullback Clarence Parks in fourth quarter action Friday at Harmon Stadium. (N-M photos by Dan Bomeli)

Area football stats, scores on page 10

Marshall quartet hauled in for assault

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Four Marshall University football players, including two players who started last week's opening game against Ohio University, have been charged with assault in connection with an incident on the Marshall campus Thursday night.

A Marshall spokesman said the four players brought before a Cabell magistrate and charged were: junior Rodney Gibson, a linebacker from Shenandoah Junction, W.Va., who played his high school football at Jefferson County High School, junior offensive guard John Braswell of Columbus, Ohio, sophomore safety Manuel Glason of Columbus, Ohio, and junior linebacker Kewyn Williams of Holland, Ohio.

Glason and Williams both were starters last week, but Glason lost his starting team position this week to freshman Danny Wright of Greenup County, Ky.

The four players allegedly were involved in a fight with a Marshall student in a dormitory cafeteria.

"I'm not sure what the players' status is for the Morehead State," sports information director John Evenson said. "That is up to Coach Ellwood (Marshall head coach Frank Ellwood), and he won't be back in town until late tonight (Friday) or early tomorrow (Saturday)."

Evenson said Ellwood was called out of town by the death of his brother Bill Ellwood, 50, of Dover, Ohio, who died suddenly at his home Wednesday night.

"Coach Ellwood has checked in with the assistant coaches today, but I don't know if any decision about whether or not the players will play Saturday was made," Evenson said. Marshall meets Morehead State here Saturday afternoon.

"Anything I could say at this time would be pure speculation," Ellwood said. "It's all up to Coach Ellwood."

Area football results

Buckeye Conference

Ross 14, Toledo Central

Catholic 12

Elyria 20, Cleveland Glen-

ville 0

Cincinnati Moeller 51, Fin-

day 7

Lorain 6, Lorain Southview 0

Mansfield 51, Malabar 20,

Mansfield 17

Marion Harding 22,

Delaware Hayes 0

Sandusky 14, Toledo St.

Francis 6

Sandusky Bay Conference

Clyde 14, Bucyrus 8

Ohio Harbor 6, Marionette 0

Huron 8, Wauseon 8 (tie)

Bellefonte 26, Perkins 8

Suburban Lakes League

Perryburg 24, Woodmore 6

Fostoria St. Wendelin 14,

Lakota 0

Lake 35, Genoa 0

Eastwood 20, Rossford 0

Parkway 46, Elmwood 0

Otsego 14, Ottawa Hills 12

Great Lakes League

Port Clinton 33, Sylvania

Northview 0

Oregon Clay 29, Bowling

Green 6

Fostoria 7, Tiffin Columbian

6

Adrian (Mich.) 14, Bedford

(Mich.) 6

Northern Ohio League

Norwalk 32, Vermilion 0

Shelby 21, Ashland 0

Upper Sandusky 27, Ontario 3

Gallion at Lexington PPD.



reception went for an important first down in a fourth period Ross drive.

Lineups:

Ross

LASALLE

Offense

Tight end: Jerry Doerger, senior, 6-6, 210, No. 83;
Split end: Jeff Hoelker, senior, 6-0, 180, No. 85
Tackles: Bob Strawss, senior, 6-1, 196, No. 72, and Kevin Flynn, senior, 5-11, 210, No. 70;

Guards: Tom Burger, senior, 5-11, 195, No. 67, and Paul Appiarus, senior, 6-1, 195, No. 60;

Center: Dave Schirrmann, senior,

Quarterback: Jim Schmidt, senior, 6-0, 180, No. 10;

Running backs Steve Brown, senior, 5-6, 180, No. 21, and Terry Kennedy, senior, 5-7, 160, No. 35;

Wingback: Rick Dover, junior, 5-10, 160, No. 25;

Defense

Ends: Mike Powell, senior, 6-3, 180, No. 81, and Jim Krueger, junior, 6-0, 185, No. 87;

Tackles: Jim LaValle, senior, 6-0, 215, No. 66, and Mike Miller, senior, 6-2, 240, No. 77;

Nose guard: Ed Leininger, senior, 5-9, 175, No. 62;

Linebackers: Ray Wellbrock, senior, 6-0, 180, No. 90, and Bob Lillis, senior, 5-9, 180, No. 63;

Monster: Bob Brosey, senior, 5-10, 165, No. 44;

Halfbacks: Ray Puthoss, senior, 5-8, 160, No. 41 and Terry Healey, junior, 6-0, 175, No. 42;

Safety: Dan Carr, senior, 5-8, 160, No. 40.

ROSS

Offense

Tight end: Dan Sach, senior, 6-3, 185, No. 86;

Split end: Doug Szymanowski, senior, 5-8, 155, No. 43;

Tackles: Chuck Binkley, senior, 6-2, 200, No. 75, and Troy Amor, junior, 6-1, 240, No. 70;

Guards: Dave Campbell, senior, 5-8, 185, No. 69, and Myron Swaisgood, senior, 5-8, 180, No. 66;

Center: Scott Whitcomb, senior, 5-10, 190, No. 67;

Quarterback: T.J. Brudzinski, junior, 5-10, 160, No. 14;

Fullback: Clarence Park, senior, 5-11, 180, No. 34;

Tailback: Jeff Brown, senior, 6-0, 160, No. 45;

Wingback: Steve Barr, senior, 5-10, 180, No. 36;

Defense

Ends: Binkley and Tim Oberst, junior, 5-10, 170, No. 30; Tackles: Amor and Ralph Davidson, senior, 5-9, 180, No. 76;

Inside linebackers: Campbell and Swaisgood;

Outside linebackers: Parks and Mike Havenor, senior, 5-10, 175, No. 55;

Halfbacks: Jeff Shanahan, senior, 5-8, 150, No. 42, and Bill Darling, junior, 5-9, 185, No. 24;

Safety: Brown.

LaSalle runs over Little Giants 14-7

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Joe Clark was not telling a white lie. His team, Cincinnati LaSalle proved that and the truth hurt for the Ross Little Giants in the third football game of the season at Harmon Stadium.

Clark, the coach of the visiting Lancers, said earlier in the week that his team was a much improved running team and he could not have been more right. The Lancers rolled up 242 rushing yards, tacked another 85 on through the airways, and smothered Ross 14-7 with two third period touchdowns.

"We did not have the kids to run that way last year," Clark said while savoring his team's third straight win. "Then we had all that confusion."

The confusion of 1976 was Clark reshaping the Lancers' program and the Friday showing at Harmon proved that he had locked out the confusion for the Lancers.

Terry Kennedy and Steve Brown ripped through huge holes in Ross's defense for 94 and 81 yards, respectively, with the majority of those yards coming in the second half.

Brown scored the Lancers' first TD on a one yard run at the 6:28 mark of the third period. Five minutes later Kennedy ran for 11 and nine yards to key the go-ahead drive for the Lancers.

Wingback Rick Dauer put LaSalle ahead on a fourth and 10 play at the Ross 19. Dauer took a pick from quarterback Jim Schmidt, cut around left end, shook off two Ross tacklers, and went into the left corner of the end zone.

Pat Miller boomed through both extra points for the Lancers. There was 1:46 to play in the third period after the second Lancers' six-pointer.

"There were three key things to this game," Ross head Coach Pete Moore said in the subdued Ross locker room. "First, they are a good team; second, two-platoon football hurt us; and three, the big play really hurt."

The two-platoon (LaSalle did not have a player going both ways while Ross had several) helped Clark said.

Ross started out quickly, taking the opening kickoff 80 yards in 15 plays. Jeff Brown carried the ball nine times for Ross on the drive, picking up 72 of the yards, the last five went for the touchdown at the 5:09 mark of the period.

Brown's 32-yard run to the three was

the key play in the Ross drive, but Ross's play was lackluster for the most part with the exception of two quick kicks by Brown for 57 and 50 yards in the first half, both of which got Ross out of trouble.

The Little Giants also stopped a LaSalle drive at the four with just seconds to play in the half when Tim Oberst recovered a Schmidt fumble.

"We did a lot of things out there tonight — things that we have not tried in the four years that I have been here," Moore said. "Some of the new wrinkles looked okay but let's face it, LaSalle was much, much bigger than us."

"I'm not taking anything away from them, they are a good team, and that two-platoons worked in their favor tonight."

LaSalle's first TD was set up by a 22-yard pass from Schmidt to tight end Jerry Doerger to the Ross 22. Kennedy's running put the ball in close and led to the Brown TD plunge.

"That's the best our passing game has looked," Clark admitted, "of course we did not have to use it in the first game and we were not in the positions to use it in the second game."

Dave Brown set up the second Lancer TD with one of the many big plays that Moore referred to. Brown fielded Tom Brudzinski's 41-yard punt to the Lancer 13, broke a pair of tackles at the 30 and was finally hauled down by Clarence Parks at the Ross 29. Four plays later Dauer pulled off another big play with the fourth and 10 staring the Lancers in the face.

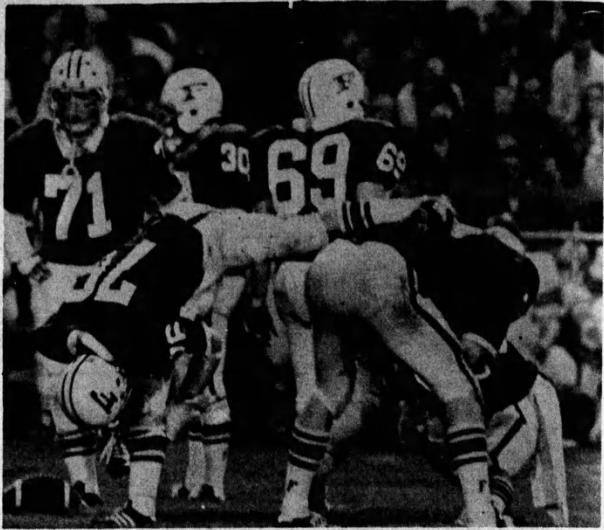
"I'm baffled with the defense," Moore said glumly, "on why they ran off tackle so well and with our tackling."

LaSalle was not baffled.

The 327 yards total offense was the most ran up against a Ross team in several years. "For awhile there, I thought it was going to be a record for points scored," Moore grimaced.

Brown led Ross's rushing with 112 yards in 22 carries. The Little Giants also had 53 yards in the air, all coming on a last ditch drive to the LaSalle 10 early in the fourth quarter.

A halfback pass from Brown to Tim Price got 49 yards to the Lancers' 18 but three plays later, Price fumbled after taking down a four-yard pass from Brudzinski. That was as close as Ross could come in the second half.



STRETCH. Ross players try to keep limber moments after the second half kickoff. The delay was caused by an injury to Ross's Mark Foos and both LaSalle and Ross were

going through different warmup exercises. Foos suffered a knee injury and was taken to the hospital for x-rays. How serious the injury is was not known at press time.

St. Joe one off school record in 5th golf win

The St. Joseph Central Catholic High School golf team boosted its season record to 5-1-1 with a victory over Perkins Friday.

The Crimson Steaks defeated Perkins 152-159 over the Sycamore Hills Golf Course.

Brian Knopp fired a 36 to pace the Crimson Steaks, while Steve Pfefferle and

Joe Moyer each shot 38. John Cimini had a 40 and Jeff Atzinger shot 52 for the Steaks.

Dave Bixler and Robin Grothweil each shot 39 to pace Perkins.

The 152 was just one shot off of the school record 151.

The win boosted St. Joe's league record to 4-0.

In the reserve match,

Perkins scored a 169-198 victory.

Tim Sauber paced St. Joe with a 44.

Area gridiron results

Buckeye Conference
LaSalle 14, Ross 7
Cleveland East Tech 18, Elyria

15 Toledo Whiteman 10, Findlay 8
Admiral King 17, Lorain South
Marion Harding 19, Lima
Shawnee 6
Sandusky 28, Toledo Woodward

13 Sandusky Bay Conference
Huron 7, St. Joe 6
Clyde 34, Margaretta 0
Tiffin 28, Huron 16
Suburban Lakes League
Gibsonburg 42, Lakota 6
Eastwood 44, Woodmore 0
Oak Harbor 14, Genoa 6
Otsego 20, Elmwood 14
Great Lakes League
Oregon 31, P.E. Clinton 7
Perryburg 16, Bowline Green 0
Bedford (Mich.) 13, Annapolis (Mich.) 0

Northern Ohio League
Galion 20, Bellevue 19
Shelby 20, Bucyrus 6
Willard 3, Norwalk 6
Upper Sandusky 7, Columbian 0

Others

Toledo Bowsher 26, Toledo Start 20
Toledo Devilbiss 24, Toledo

White? Maumee 30, Sylvania Southview

16 Rossford 6, Anthony Wayne 0
Ottawa Hills 30, Eric Mason 8
Swanton 27, Delta 6
Napoleon 22, Montpelier 20
Wauseon 17, Liberty Center 0
Bryan 12, Archbold 8
Lima Senior 19, Eastgate North

14 St. Mary's 37, Kenton 15
Barberton 14, Warren Western Reserve 7

First loss Ross

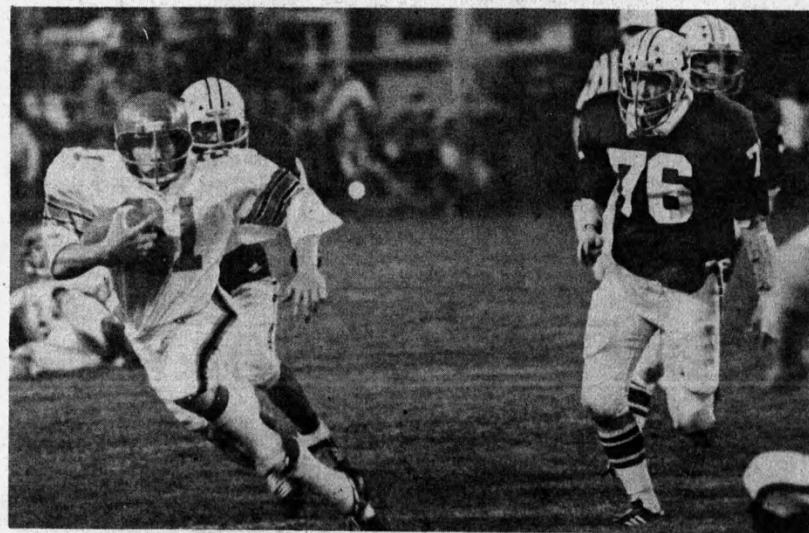
Score by quarters	
LaSalle	0 0 14 0-14
Ross	7 0 0 7
Statistics	
L	R
FIRST DOWNS	17 8
Rushing	11 7
Passing	6 1
Penalty	1 0
PASSES ATTEMPTED	14 3
Completed	10 2
Intercepted	0 0
NET YARDS GAINED	322 176
Rushing	247 123
Passing	65 53
FUMBLES	3 5
Ball Lost	2 2
PENALTIES	4 6
Yards Penalized	20 49
PUNTS	2 5
Average	35.0 44.4

Scoring

Ross: Jeff Brown, five-yard run (Chuck Binkley kick), 5:09, first quarter.

LaSalle: Steve Brown, one-yard run (Pat Miller kick), 8:25, third quarter.

LaSalle: Rick Dauer, 19-yard run (Miller kick), 1:46, third quarter.



STEVE BROWN of LaSalle begins to cut outside and away from the Ross defenders during early action Friday night at Harmon Stadium. Brown

picked up 81 yards on 11 carries and scored a TD for the Lancers. Ross's Ralph Davidson (76) gives chase. (News-Messenger photos by Dan Borelli)

Brown leading rusher, punter

Ross High School's Jeff Brown leads the Buckeye Conference in rushing.

and, as a result of two quick kicks, also leads in punting.

Brown's two quick kicks have produced a 53.5 average, according to the Buckeye Conference release. His teammate Tom Brudzinski, the regular Ross punter, is second in the conference with a 39.4 average.

Brown has gained 423 net yards rushing to lead the BC and has a 6.7 average per carry. Clarence Parks of Ross is seventh in

Brown is also third in the conference in punt returns with a 12.0 average per return and sixth in kickoff returns at 18.5. He is second in scoring with 24 points and Parks is in a tie for fifth with 12.

Ross leads the conference in offense with 926 net yards, 834 coming on the ground. Sandusky is second with 817 yards and leads the conference in defense with 336 yards allowed. The Little Giants are sixth with 624.

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Ross, AK lineups

The probable starting lineups for tonight's Ross at Lorain Admiral King Buckeye Conference football opener:

ADMIRAL KING

Offense

Tight end: Dan Molnar, senior, 5-11, 170, No. 88;

Tackles: Arnie Berrios, junior, 5-11, 175, No. 66, and Tom Schmittgen, senior, 6-1, 196, No. 71;

Guards: Earl Beed, senior, 5-8, 165, No. 64, and Mark Gerace, junior, 5-10, 150, No. 60;

Center: Richard Lopez, senior, 6-0, 180, No. 55;

Quarterback: Gary Krause, junior, 6-0, 165, No. 12;

Fullback: Jim Hughes, sophomore, 6-0, 190, No. 29;

Tailback: Anthony Calhoun, junior, 6-0, 180, No. 19;

Wingback: Richard Dunlap, senior, 5-10, 150, No. 5;

Defense

Ends: John Stevens, senior, 6-0, 170, No. 69, and Brian Jones, junior, 6-3, 160, No. 80;

Tackles: Pete Iwanski, junior, 6-3, 170, No. 73, and Andy Georgas, junior, 5-9, 220, No. 75;

Middle guard: Nate Nelson, senior, 5-9, 170, No. 59;

Linebackers: Andy Kaya, senior, 5-11, 170, No. 81, and Eric Pardon, senior, 6-1, 175, No. 43;

Monster: Mark Tomaszewski, senior, 5-10, 160, No. 41;

Cornerback: Rick Ellis, senior, 5-7, 140;

Halfbacks: Harold McMiller, senior, 5-10, 150, No. 3, and Mike Gilliam, junior, 5-9, 150, No. 9;

ROSS

Offense

Tight end: Dan Sachs, senior, 6-3, 185, No. 86;

Split end: Doug Szymanowski, senior, 5-8, 155, No. 43;

Tackles: Chuck Binkley, senior, 6-2, 200, No. 75, and Ralph Davidson, senior, 5-9, 180, No. 76;

Guards: Dave Campbell, senior, 5-8, 185, No. 69, and Myron Swaisgood, senior, 5-8, 180, No. 66;

Center: Scott Whitcomb, senior, 5-10, 190, No. 67;

Quarterback: T.J. Brudzinski, junior, 5-10, 160, No. 14;

Fullback: Clarence Parks, senior, 5-11, 180, No. 34;

Tailback: Jeff Brown, senior, 6-0, 160, No. 45;

Wingback: Steve Barr, senior, 5-10, 180, No. 36;

Defense

Ends: Binkley and John Armentrout, junior, 6-1, 210, No. 74;

Tackles: Davidson and Doug Stull, senior, 5-10, 190, No. 71;

Inside linebackers: Campbell and Swaisgood;

Outside linebackers: Parks and Paul "Tex" Miller, junior, 5-7, 150, No. 33;

Halfbacks: Brown and John Pena, senior, 5-8, 155, No. 44;

Safety: Jeff Shanahan, senior, 5-8, 150, No. 42.

Brown scores three TDs

Big plays push Ross past AK

By BILL STEWART
N-M Sports Writer

LORAIN — The big play, the specialty teams and a goalline defense all played an important part in carrying the Ross Little Giants past Admiral King here 21-8 Friday night in the Buckeye Conference football debut for both teams.

The big offensive star was Ross tailback Jeff Brown. Brown rushed for 145 yards and scored all three Ross touchdowns, one of which was an 85-yard punt return.

"Our specialty team did an excellent job on the punt return," said Ross Coach Pete Moore. "There were some good blocks."

The coach wasn't altogether pleased with the performance of the Little Giants, but was happy for the win.

"Overall, we made a lot of mistakes," he said, emphasizing costly penalties in the second half, which stalled Ross offensively.

The second quarter is when all of the scoring in the game took place, but a near score in the third quarter, might have been the key of the game.

Admiral King, buoyed by a 43-yard kickoff return by Clarence Hughes, took the

second half kickoff and marched in six plays from the Ross 41 to the one, before being stymied on three successive plays from the one. Ross tackle Doug Stull was in two of the tackles during the goalline stand.

"We were pinching our tackles in," Moore said of the stand, which saw Admiral King go up the middle on all three times with Hughes.

The Ross defense, which had been yielding yardage to the Admiral King ground game, tightened up considerably after that stand.

"We are going back to form tackling and right to the basics," Moore said, about what his defense would do next week. He wasn't pleased with the tackling.

"They have a good running game," Moore continued. "They did a good job on the counter." "They didn't run anything we didn't think they would," defensive coordinator Joe Siesel commented. Hughes, who didn't play much in the second half, led Admiral King rushing with 86 yards.

Brown ran around left end on a sweep for 20 yards to score the first Ross

touchdown with 10:22 left in the second quarter.

The first score was set up on a beautiful 41-yard sideline pass from Ross quarterback T.J. Brudzinski to Doug Szymanowski, who had his defender beat by a step in making a good over the shoulder catch. The drive began after the Admirals gave up the ball on downs at the Ross 28, where they were held on a fourth and three attempt.

Ross tried an outside kick, which was nearly successful on the next kickoff, but the Admirals' Arnie Barrios recovered the ball.

"Our kicking game is not going well," Moore said. "We felt if we're going to give them good field position, we might as well get the ball. It almost worked."

Admiral King was stopped on the next series and Brown returned a punt for a touchdown.

After the punt return, the Admirals marched 60 yards in the 12 plays, with Hughes going in from the one. The conversion made

it 14-8 with 2:27 left in the half.

Ross, on the next series, used a 19-yard halfback pass from Brown to Steve Barr and a 53-yard run by Brown on a draw play to quickly move the ball to the Admiral four. Brown then scored on the next play around right end on the option to give Ross a 21-8 lead with 11 seconds left in the half.

Ross had a first quarter drive halted when a 24-yard field goal attempt by Chuck Binkley was blocked by Admiral King's John Stevens.

After the goalline stand, Admiral King had another treat early in the fourth quarter before Jeff Shanahan recovered a fumble by Admiral King's Anthony Calhoun at the Ross 27.

A clipping and holding penalty stopped Ross threats in the second half.

"You can't make a big play and have it called back," said Moore, referring to the 15-yard gain be fulback Clarence Parks that was called back.

Ross also had an ap-

parent touchdown pass late in the fourth period dropped in the end zone.

"It's the same old story," Moore explained. "We'd catch some passes, and then we'd drop three in a row. Our passing game is not where we want it yet."

The teams were even in first downs (10-10), with Ross outgaining the Admirals 264-183.

Score by quarters

Ross	0	21	0	0-21
Admiral King	0	8	0	0-8

Statistics

	R	AK
FIRST DOWNS	10	10
Rushing	7	9
Passing	3	1
PASSES ATTEMPTED	7	14
Completed	3	2
Intercepted	0	1
NET YARDS GAINED	264	183
Rushing	192	163
Passing	72	20
FUMBLES	3	3
Ball Lost	1	1
PENALTIES	5	2
Yards Penalized	53	30
PUNTS	4	5
Average	34.3	33.8

Scoring

Ross: Jeff Brown, 20-yard run (kick failed), 10:22, second quarter.

Ross: Brown, 85-yard punt return (Dan Sache pass from T.J. Brudzinski), 8:03, second quarter.

Admiral King: Clarence Hughes, one-yard run (Hughes run), 2:27, second quarter.

Ross: Brown, four-yard run (Chuck Binkley kick), :11, second quarter.

Detroit delays

Ross, Mansfield lineups

Tonight's football game between Mansfield Senior and Fremont Ross at Harmon Stadium will be the 17th meeting between the two Buckeye Conference schools.

The first game was played in 1941 with Mansfield blanking Ross 26-0. The next game in the series was not played until Mansfield became a member of the Buckeye in 1962. Ross won that one 22-6 and in the following 14 games, the Little Giants have built up a 10-6 series advantage.

Ross has won the last eight games with Mansfield's last win, 29-14, coming in 1968. The Little Giants won last year 36-14.

Game time for the second conference game for both schools is 8 p.m.

Following are the probable starting lineups for the game:

ROSS Offense

Tight end: Dan Sachs, senior, 6-3, 185, No. 86;

Split end: Doug Skowowski, senior, 5-8, 155, No. 43;

Tackles: Chuck Binkley, senior, 6-2, 200, No. 75; and Ralph Davidson, senior, 5-8, 180, No. 76;

Guards: Dave Campbell, senior, 5-8, 185, No. 69; and Myron Swaisgood, senior, 5-8, 180, No. 86;

Center: Scott Whitcomb, senior, 5-10, 190, No. 67;

Quarterback: T. J. Brudzinski, junior, 5-10, 160, No. 14;

Fullback: Clarence Parks, senior, 5-11, 180, No. 34;

Tailback: Jeff Brown, senior, 6-0, 180, No. 45;

Wingback: Steve Barr, senior, 5-10, 180, No. 36;

Defense

Ends: Binkley and John Armentrout, junior, 6-1, 210, No. 74;

Tackles: Davidson and Troy Amor, junior, 6-2, 240, No. 70;

Inside linebackers: Campbell and Swaisgood;

Outside linebacker: Parks and Paul "Pete" Miller, junior, 5-7, 150, No. 33;

Halfbacks: Brown and Mike Cozette, senior, 6-0, 180, No. 10;

Safety: Jeff Shanahan, senior, 5-8, 190, No. 42;

MANSFIELD Offense

Tight end: Raymond Baugh, junior, 6-2, 180, No. 12;

Split end: Mike Davis, senior, 5-8, 165, No. 9;

Tackles: Mike Essex, junior, 6-0, 180, No. 71, and Mike Hoy, senior, 6-2, 210;

Guards: Randy Campbell, senior, 6-0, 215, No. 64, and Dave Graber, senior, 5-10, 165, No. 65;

Center: Tom Cline, senior, 6-0, 215, No. 52;

Quarterback: Jerry Powell, senior, 5-11, 180, No. 7;

Running backs: Lawrence Hull, senior, 6-0, 175, No. 33, and Paul Twyman, junior, 5-10, 170, No. 25;

Wide receiver: Robert Williams, senior, 5-8, 165, No. 8;

Defense

Ends: Graber and Jeff Divelbiss, senior, 155, No. 51;

Tackles: Hoy and Jim Adams, senior, 175, No. 76;

Nose guard: Dennis Ferguson, senior, 180, No. 81;

Linebackers: Divelbiss, senior, 170, No. 31, and Jeff Bradshaw, senior, 195, No. 72;

Monster: Jeff McQuillen, junior, 150, No. 50;

Halfbacks: Jay Berger, senior, 150, No. 84, and Allen Kyles, senior, 145, No. 40;

Safety: Robert Williams, senior, 140, No. 8.

Defense, Brown, Barr spark Ross

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

It was a great night for the defense and it was an even better night for Jeff Brown and Steve Barr.

Ross's Little Giants rode those ingredients to a 14-0 win over a rugged Mansfield Tyger football team Friday night at Harmon Stadium. The Little Giants scored of the game's points in the second half in rolling to win number four in five games and upping their Buckeye Conference mark to 2-0.

"They accepted the challenge," Ross Coach Pete Moore theorized about Ross's defense after the win. "That's all we talked about all week — getting that shutout against that explosive offense. We wanted to be patient and get off the ball well."

While the defense was patient, Moore also revealed that Brown had showed a bit of patience. The stringbean Ross tailback, the conference's leading rusher, cracked out 159 yards on 17 carries and scored both of the Ross touchdowns.

"To run our sweep," Moore said as he explained Brown's first scoring run, "the ball carrier has to be very patient and wait behind the blocking until it breaks. This time it broke about five yards downfield and Brownie took off."

Brown's take off covered 68 yards and left four would be Mansfield tacklers grasping for air. At the line, Barr threw a block to help clear the Ross speedster. The TD came as time ran out in the third period.

As time was running out in the game, Brown bolted through the right side of the Ross line, got some excellent blocks from guard Dave Campbell, tackle Ralph Davidson, and tight end Dan Sachs and raced 47 yards for the second six-pointer with 1:15 to play in the game.

Barr, however, turned in four key plays, two offensive and two defensive, for Ross. One of the offensive plays was the block for Brown. The second offensive gem was a second effort, 23 yards from Ross's 30 to the Mansfield 47 just before Brown's second scoring jaunt. The big gain for Barr came on a third and three play.

On defense, Barr cut down Mansfield's speedy Paul Twyman twice for key losses.

The first came on a fourth and three for Mansfield at the Ross 24 late in the third period. Barr came up quick on the option play to nail Twyman, who ended up with 96 yards on 22 carries, for a four-yard loss.

The second Barr defensive gem dulled a Tyger drive immediately after Ross had broken the scoring ice. With the Tygers at the Ross 20 with a first down, Twyman tried to sneak around right end on an option but Barr reacted quickly from his outside linebacker slot to nail the Tyger runner for a three-yard loss.

Mansfield never recovered from that blow.

"Yeah, Barr had a good game," Moore said but added, "Mike Cozette did a good job too when he came in at quarterback."

With Mansfield taking away Ross's option pitch to Brown on the outside, Moore inserted Cozette into the Ross lineup midway through the third period in place of T.J. Brudzinski. Cozette responded with 16 key yards on five keepers off the option. That yardage helped loosen the Tyger defense up for the Brown explosions.

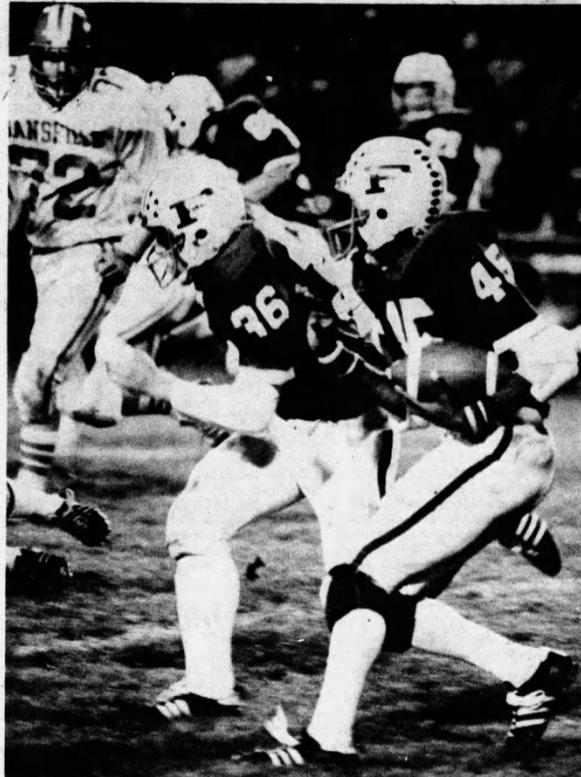
Moore was satisfied with the defensive pass rush and the way the defense contained Tyger quarterback Jerry Powell. Powell had entered the game as the conference's leading passer and was a dangerous runner.

"We kind of anticipated Powell running more," the Ross coach explained. "I thought we put good heat on him both on the pass runs and on containing him. I think he got away only twice."

Powell did connect on seven of 17 passes for 103 yards but had passes picked off by Cozette and Brown. Cozette's came in the first period at the Ross 21.

One thing that bothered Moore was Ross was unable to score despite getting inside the Tyger 20 three times in the first half. A 33-yard field goal attempt by Chuck Binkley was short on one, a fourth down play failed on another, and a fumble stopped the other drive.

Clarence Parks was second in rushing for Ross with 65 yards on 15 carries with Barr, who was injured on the 23-yard run, gaining 40 in six totes. His injury was not believed to be serious.



JEFF BROWN of Ross has an escort of Steve Barr (36) as he gets started on a 68-yard touchdown romp in the third period of the Ross win over Mansfield.

Mansfield. Brown later scored on a 47-yard run to ice Ross's fourth win in five games. (N-M photos by Dan Bonnell)

Gibsonburg stops Royals

BLOOMDALE — The Gibsonburg Golden Bears remained in a tie for first place with Oak Harbor and Eastwood in the Suburban Lakes League with a 14-6 football victory over host Elmwood Friday night.

The Bears are now 4-1 for the season and 3-0 overall. The Royals, now 1-4, are 0-3 in the SLL.

A blocked punt helped set up Gibsonburg's first score on a one-yard plunge by quarterback Mark Egbert. The touchdown capped a six-play 28-yard drive.

Elmwood tied it 6-6 at halftime on a two-yard run by Dave Lee to cap a 10-play 53-yard drive. Leading rusher Kurt Kirsch put Gibsonburg ahead 12-6 in the third quarter on a three-yard run to climax a 10-play 59-yard drive. A safety with 1:41 left finished the Gibsonburg scoring.

Kirsch finished the night with 134 yards in 29 carries. Gibsonburg had a significant edge in statistics, by outgaining the Royals in total net yards 207-87 and having a 15-7 edge in first downs.

Threat fails to stop Lloyd

VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP) — Ray Floyd, suddenly surrounded by police while he was playing the 34th hole of the long day, held off Spain's Seve Ballesteros 2 and 1 Friday and advanced to the final of the \$225,000 World Match Play Golf Championship.

A spokesman for the office of promoter Mark McCormack later confirmed an anonymous telephone caller had made threats against Floyd, who treated the whole matter as a practical joke.

"A lot of rubbish," Floyd said. "I think it was someone looking for publicity."

He was asked if the sudden police protection — some two dozen police emerged from vans and cordoned off the players from the gallery — involved "a Tulsa-type situation?"

In the U.S. Open at Tulsa, Okla., this year, eventual winner Hubert Green was given police protection after the FBI received a threat against his life.

"I'd rather not make a statement," Floyd said. "The less said about it, the better."

No incidents occurred as he eliminated the 22-year-old Spaniard with birdies on two of the last three holes played.

Floyd joins Australian Graham Marsh in Saturday's 36-hole final with the winner taking \$52,500 from Europe's richest purse.

The 33-year-old Marsh, who won the Heritage Classic this season in his first year on the American tour, upset American Hale Irwin by a whopping 7 and 6 margin.



THERE'S A MANSFIELD player under all that Ross humanity but he's hard to see. Ross linebacker Myron

Swaisgood (66) and defensive end John Armentrout (74) had the burial detail for Ross in early action.

Little Giants won't take Elyria lightly

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Don't let the 26-0 loss to Admiral King last Friday phase you when it comes to Elyria.

Ross Coach Pete Moore is not letting that happen. And you can bet he is not letting his charges, the Ross Little Giants football squad take the Pioneers lightly either.

All Moore had to do is remind his squad of which team was the last to beat Ross — the answer is coming into Harmon Stadium Friday night: Elyria. The Pioneers and Hubert Oliver usurped the 4-0-1 Little Giants a year ago 14-12. Oliver returned a fumble and an intercepted pass for both of Elyria's scores in that game.

This season, the situation has changed for Bill Barton and his Pioneers. Ross is relatively unscathed at 4-1 and is sharing the top spot in the Buckeye Conference with Findlay at 2-0. Elyria, after winning its first two games, has dropped two of its last three including the pasting by Admiral King.

Ross trounced Admiral King 21-8 a week earlier.

"They (Elyria) did not have a good game defensively against King," Moore said while talking about the Elyria loss, but then he added, "from all indications, King is a better team than we thought — maybe we were fortunate to get out of there with a 21-8 win."

Moore, whose two-year record as the leader of the Little Giants is now 11-2-2, said that Elyria does have good personnel.

"I don't think they have put it together — if they do, they'll bend somebody's back," Moore said.

"Actually, Elyria is just as green as we are in key positions and then, they have had injuries. I think they had six or seven kids out last week against King."

"I know if I had that many injuries in key positions, I'd be worried," Moore understated.

The Pioneers will be offering a

defensive look that Ross has not seen and probably will not see again this season. Barton, the dean of the conference coaches, has his crew playing a "4-3" defense and it could cause Ross's offense problems.

"They are the only people in the conference that play that defense," Ross offensive coordinator Rex Radeloff confirmed. "We will have to be making blocking adjustments this week because all we have faced this season has been the '50' and it may be a little problem."

On defense, the Pioneers are led by standout defensive end Wayne Ross, a 6-1, 185-pound senior. Chester McCullough, the Pioneers' middle linebacker and the third leading rusher in the Buckeye Conference, is another person Ross will have to contend with in the Elyria defensive lineup.

Radeloff discounts any possibility that the Little Giants may be taking Elyria lightly because of the ease that Admiral King used in dropping the Pioneers.

"I believe our kids realize that Admiral King is a good football team and that we had a couple of breaks and scored on a punt return. Take those away and it would have been a close game."

Radeloff then added, "Our kids know that anytime we play Elyria, it is a good ball game. They only have to remember last year and who it is they have to get even with."

ROSS NOTES: The Friday night meeting will be the 44th between the two teams, dating back to 1919. Elyria leads the series 23-18 and there has been two ties. The most lopsided defeat was 72-0 blanking handed to Ross by the Pioneers in 1968.

Athletic Director Dick Sherman encourages fans to park in the stadium parking lot during football games instead of parking on the street. The lot is run by the school's wrestling coaches and team members. All parking proceeds will go towards the Ross wrestling team.



JEFF BROWN

Brown receives honors

Ross High School's Jeff Brown and Mark Tomaszewski of Lorain Admiral King were named co-backs of the week in Buckeye Conference.

Brown scored both touchdowns in Ross's 14-0 victory over Mansfield. He netted 158 yards in 17 carries for a 9.3 average per carry and was also playing solid defense. He intercepted a pass and registered two solo tackles and four assists.

Tomaszewski shared the honors as the strong safety for the Admirals had 18 tackles, recovered a fumble and returned an interception for a 42-yard touchdown in the 26-0 romp over Elyria.

The lineman of the week was Sandusky's Bo Hathorn.

Brown is also leading the Buckeye Conference in scoring with 54 points, rushing with 720 net yards, punt returns with a 32.7 average per return. He is fifth in kickoff returns.

In team status, Ross leads the conference in offense for all games with 1,497 yards and is third in conference games only with 571.

Findlay leads the conference in both offense and defense for conference games, while Sandusky is the defensive leader for all games.

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Sports in Brief

By The Associated Press

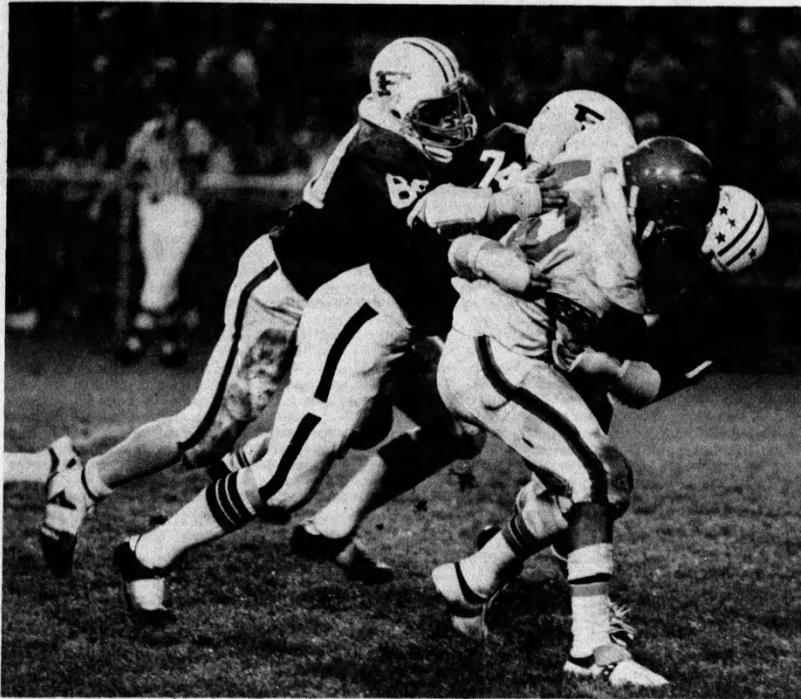
BASEBALL

ST. LOUIS — Right-hander Dave Rozema of the Detroit Tigers and left-hander Bob Owchinko of the San Diego Padres were named the major leagues' top rookie pitchers by Sporting News, a weekly publication.

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK — Colgate University, attempting to go undefeated for the first time since 1932, continues as the weekly leader in the voting for the Lambert Trophy, which is awarded annually to the outstanding Division I team in the East.

Ross dealt first Buckeye defeat



YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE. Chester McCullough of Elyria is wrapped up by a host of Little Giants' defenders in third quarter action Friday. John Armentrout (74) and another Ross

defender gets help from Ross linebacker Dave Campbell. (News-Messenger photos by Dan Bomeli)

'Football' battle in Arkansas home

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
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Second-ranked Texas and No. 8 Arkansas meet Saturday in football—one foot belongs to Russell Erxleben of Texas, who has kicked a field goals of 67 and 64 yards, and the other belongs to Steve Little of Arkansas, who has kicked from 61 yards.

And either one could kick his club right into the top spot in the college rankings should No. 1 Michigan falter against No. 14 Wisconsin.

"I'd figure on a game in which the kicking could be decisive," said Texas Coach Fred Akers when asked how it might go between the two Southwest Conference rivals, each 4-0 at Fayetteville, Ark.

Both teams have the kind of defense that would indicate the kicking game could be the key. Texas leads the nation points allowed, giving up only an average of 5.6 a game, while Arkansas is fourth, allowing an average of 6.2.

And should it come down to kicking, Arkansas Coach Lou Holtz is not conceding anything despite Erxleben's major college record 67-yarder two weeks ago and a punting average of 45.9 yards that includes boots of 69 and 71 yards last week

against Oklahoma. He also kicked 64 and 48-yard field goals in that game.

"I would not trade Steve Little for anybody in the country," said Holtz of his field-goal kicker, who also has a punting average of 43.5 yards. "I will not concede anything in the kicking game to anybody in the country."

Michigan and Wisconsin go into their Big Ten showdown at Ann Arbor, Mich., with 5-0 records.

Third-ranked Colorado takes into a Big Eight-leading offense and a solid defense to Kansas, an injury-plagued club that is 14 this year.

Alabama, No. 4, after its upset of Southern

California meets struggling Southeastern Conference rival Tennessee at Birmingham, Ala., in a game 'Bama Coach Bear Bryant hopes his players have in perspective. Noting the big win over Southern Cal, Bryant said "... it's not as big as a conference game."



TIM HAWKE (41) of Elyria cuts to the inside to avoid Ross tackler Tony Roach during Elyria's 13-7 upset win over the Little Giants at Harmon Stadium Friday night. Roach helped with the tackle.

Ross could have used a good set of Champion spark plugs Friday night but instead they had to settle for a flag clogged carburetor and a disheartening 13-7 loss to Elyria.

The pioneers, the only football team to beat Ross a year ago, took advantage of one self-made break and two others, compliments of Ross to pull off the Buckeye Conference upset. In the end, the Pioneers used the toe of quarterback and punter Brian Balser as an insurance policy against anything that Ross wanted to muster.

The only good thing that happened to Ross took place far to the northeast — Lorain Senior dumped Findlay 19-8 in that game, leaving the Buckeye Conference with no unbeaten teams.

"Well, we are not out of it," Ross Coach Pete Moore offered a false smile when he heard of the Findlay loss. "We are still in it (the conference title race)."

Ross, Elyria, Findlay, and Sandusky have identical 2-1 marks in the BC.

While Ross is not out of the conference race, they were never quite in the game with Elyria. When it seemed like the Little Giants were getting into the swing of things, an official's yellow flag would float up and then down to the turf and cancel out the Ross efforts.

"We had penalties at crucial points," Moore said but added, "the officials did not beat us — our mental mistakes with those penalties did that."

That and the heroics of bullish Chester McCullough threw Ross's smooth running machine into a ball coughing fit.

Balser teamed up with McCullough on a play that started Ross sputtering.

Facing a third and nine at the Elyria 29, Balser dropped back to pass but got a big rush from Ross defensive end John Armentrout. With Armentrout draped all over him, Balser managed to shovel a pass upfield to McCullough at the 25. He took it from there.

McCullough ran out of the grasps of three would be Ross tacklers and before Jeff Brown managed to slow the Elyria train down to enable Clarence Parks to chop him down from behind, Elyria was in business at the Ross six. The broken pass play covered 73 yards.

Two plays later McCullough had Elyria's first touchdown one minute and 17 seconds into the second quarter.

Seven minutes later, McCullough scored on a twisting, 13-yard run for Elyria's second six-pointer. The TD had been set up by a Ross gift — a fumble by Brown at the 26. Elyria's Eric Miles collected the first of two big fumble recoveries of the night for him.

The yellow flag caught Ross on the next play. This time it was pass interference and a half the distance penalty to the goal line. McCullough pulled off his gyrating run to put Elyria up 13-0 at the half.

"The pass interference hurt," Moore said. "But they all hurt. The penalties just took their toll tonight as far as any spark in our offense and defense."

One set of penalties that was still causing Moore fits gave Elyria a first down when the Pioneers faced a third and 19 situation at the Elyria 24. An offsides and a personal foul gave the Pioneers a first down at the 44 and out of a jam.

That set of penalties came on Elyria's first series after Ross had scored on a 60-yard drive. Brown's 31-yard second effort run and Chuck Binkley's extra point gave Ross hope with 6:29 to play in the third stanza.

But it was on again, off again for Ross.

Ross was never able to get out past their own 44 after that point. Twice Balser's punts rolled out of bounds deep in Little Giant land — once on the one and another on the six.

The last three Ross series fizzled out on a fumble, a pass interception, and downs.

The fumble was a gift and a break that the Little Giants could not afford. Mike Cozette, who had taken over for starting Ross quarterback T.J. Brudzinski at the beginning of the second half, was hit in back of the line at the Ross 44, fumbled and Miles flopped on the ball at the Ross 37.

Brudzinski was intercepted by Hymie Glass at the Ross 36 on a drop back pass from out of the Ross end zone on the next to last series. On the final series, Brown's bid for a first down was two yards short with 35 seconds left on the clock.

In the last series, some Ross razzle dazzle — a lateral from Brudzinski to wide receiver Tim Price who then passed downfield — failed.

"We were just trying to get a first down," Moore said to avoid any second guessing on Ross's last two plays of the game. "They were in a prevent defense and you are not going to hit a long one."

Brown led all ball carriers with 131 yards on 25 carries. Parks had 12 for 48. McCullough ground out 78 on 23 carries.

Lorain in town Friday

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

The biggest team in the Buckeye Conference, and before the football season started, supposedly the best, will invade Harmon Stadium to battle the sputtering Little Giants in Ross High School's annual homecoming game.

Lorain Senior, everybody's pick to walk away with the conference crown this season, will glide onto the turf of Little Giants' land and attempt to do something they have been able to do only once this season: get above the .500 mark.

The Steelmen are 3-3 and are 1-2 in the conference race. Only a virtual breakdown of all five teams that share the lead in the race with 2-1 records, could give the Steelmen an outright title. A share of the crown is more likely but Lorain will have to win all four remaining conference games beginning with Ross.

The Steelmen have not generated the offensive spark that was expected this season and the defense has not been better. Lorain has outscored opponents 95-70 with the margin in the last three games at 62-55.

Last week, however, the Steelmen used a ball control offense and threw up a steel curtain defense to contain Findlay 19-8.

The big gun in the Lorain attack is Brad Williams, the second leading rusher in the Buckeye to Ross's Jeff Brown. Williams has gained 737 yards on 149 carries this season.

To top off the Williams rushing figures, the 6-0, 180-pound senior, was

named the conference's "lineman of the week" while operating from his linebacker spot against Findlay. He had 17 tackles and a couple of quarterback sacks.

"He runs the ball around 30 times a game," Ross Coach Pete Moore said while talking about Williams. "When they don't run him, we have to watch for Jewells (Rosie) on the counter."

"Their passing game is adequate," Ross offensive coordinator Rex Radeloff added. "The quarterback (Pat Harrington, junior, 185) has a strong arm and they throw when they want to, not when they have to."

Defensively, the Steelmen are led by Williams, Komar, and hulking 255-pound Ed Chevez.

"We anticipate that they will come up and cover all our linemen," Radeloff said. "The linebackers will be up tight on us. They will dare us to throw the ball and actually, if I were them, I'd do the same thing."

"I think we have thrown only a handful of passes when we have not had to," Moore pointed out, "and I think we have only completed one of them."

While Ross's passing game is practically nonexistent, the running attack, indeed the whole offense, has not been all that impressive this past few weeks. Still the Little Giants rank as the top team in the conference rushing with 1,523 yards on the ground in six games. But Ross is dead last in passing.

"We just have not had any offensive spark," Moore grimaced, "I guess we are going to have to 'respark' our Champions."

The quarterback position Friday is questionable for the Little Giants. T.J. Brudzinski has started all six games this season but Mike Cozette has seen more action in the last two games.

Other definite Ross changes will have Chuck Tiller, the recent transfer from Sandusky, be in the lineup at fullback, replacing the injured Clarence Parks.

In regards to the Tiller-Brown combination, Moore hinted that Ross may offer a new look in its backfield alignment for the Friday game.

Ross girls notch sixth victory

Ross rolled to its sixth win in girls volleyball Tuesday. The Little Giants, losers of three matches this season, defeated Whitmer 15-7 and 15-8.

Penny Broshious with 10 and Barb Bliss with seven points paced Ross.

"Carla LeJeune was strong on offense for us," Ross Coach Paula Ebert said, "she had a good spiking game but of course she was set up well by the rest of the team."

The Ross JVs also won, defeating Whitmer 15-6 and 15-11 behind Debbie Link's 10 points. Shirley Long and Stacy Adams added seven apiece for Ross.

The Little Giants will host Findlay Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Ross gym.

In other area volleyball results, Clyde defeated Margaretta; Gibsonburg lost to Oak Harbor; and Woodmore lost to Elmwood.

Clyde downed Margaretta in an important Sandusky Bay Conference match 12-15, 15-7, and 15-3. The win upped Clyde's record to 9-0 in the SBC

and the Fliers need only a win over St. Mary's Thursday at 6 p.m. to clinch the title. The match is at Clyde.

Lydia Mendoza and Kelli Aman led Clyde with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

In JV play, Margaretta came out on top 14-16, 15-11, 15-8. Lisa Doebel had 11 for Clyde.

Oak Harbor defeated Gibsonburg 15-13 and 15-3. Sandy Kline had nine for Oak Harbor and Jean Balsizer seven for Gibsonburg.

Oak Harbor also won the JV match 10-15, 15-12, 15-3.

Elmwood posted 15-11 and 15-9 wins over Woodmore in the varsity game to drop Woodmore to 5-7 for the season.

In the JV game, Woodmore won, defeating Elmwood 15-11 and 15-8 behind Lori Dunn's 11 points. The JVs are now 8-4.

Also, a correction to a report on last Tuesday's match, Woodmore's varsity defeated Lakota 15-11 and 15-11, instead of losing to the Raiders.

Lorain 'D' allows three first downs

By BOB MARKER
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Execute: 1 - To carry out fully; put completely into effect; 2 - To make or produce . . . especially by carrying out a design.

That's a couple of the definitions of the word "execute" according to Webster.

Ross accomplished neither of the two . . . Lorain capitalized on both. The result was a 20-0 Buckeye Conference win for Lorain in one of the poorest offensive performances by a Ross team in recent years.

The Lorain defense, keyed by defensive end Brad Mullins, tackles Todd Auvil and Ed Chavez, plus linebackers Brad Williams, Dan Repas, and John Tillman, stuffed Ross for only three first downs and a net of 109 yards, 78 on the Harmon Stadium turf.

Ross picked up two of the first downs in the opening half but did not get the third until a minute and one-half remained in the game.

The complete devastation left Ross in shock. It stunned Coach Pete Moore and it left him stumped.

"I'm stumped and stunned at our performance," he said glumly as he leaned against his desk on the second floor of Harmon Stadium. "I am really embarrassed — we have played very poorly the last two weeks."

Lorain Coach Doug Thompson may have been stunned, too, at the seemingly easy fashion that his team pulled off the win over the lifeless Little Giants. He wouldn't admit it though.

"It was not that easy," he insisted. "It's never that easy in the Buckeye Conference. I did figure that if we played like we did the first three quarters of last week's game (a 19-8 win over Findlay) we'd do alright."

Aright was an understatement.

Ross moved well only on the first series of plays.

After forcing Lorain to punt, the Little Giants took over at the Ross 22. Running out of a split backfield instead of the familiar "I" formation, the Little Giants made it only to the 24 but what happened on the third play might have turned the game to Ross's favor . . . only the yellow flag and Ross holding penalty spoiled the effect.

Chuck Tiller, the recent transfer from Sandusky, swept left end, picked up a couple of blocks, and rolled toward the Lorain goal line. He went all the way but was ruled out of bounds

at the Lorain 46, temporarily. Back upfield Ross had been caught holding and the play was called back.

On the next play, Jeff Brown fumbled and Williams recovered. It was all downhill for Ross from that point.

"We lost our spark after that penalty," Moore said. "We did not do anything exciting after that play."

Seven plays later, Lorain fullback Frank Komar bulldozed over from the one for the first of his two touchdowns of the game. The Lorain drive was aided by a 15-yard penalty for grabbing the face mask on a pass from Lorain quarterback Pat Harrington to Phil Wallace. The penalty took the ball to the 15. Williams dashed to the 12 and Harrington rolled out to the three. Komar scored in two plays.

Lorain took advantage of another Ross miscue to set up its second TD. Ross's John Pena fumbled a Komar punt at the Lorain 46 and Repas latched onto the pigskin.

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11 plays. The key play was a Harrington pass to Gil Henderson on a third and seven at the Ross 27. The play went to the 14. Komar carried the final five yards three plays later. Terry Wohlever's kick made it 14-0 and for all intents and purposes, Ross was dead.

A pass off a reverse sealed Ross's coffin in the third period. Wallace lobbed the ball 30 yards

Moore felt the Ross defense performed well. The Little Giants "D" gave up 99 yards on the ground but surrendered 110 through the airways.

"You have to execute to win football games," Moore said. "If I could put my finger on it (Ross's performance problems), I would. I think the biggest thing, though, is execution. We didn't have it."

The Steelmen scored in

over the head of Ross defenders Brown and Jeff Shanahan to Rosie Jewells at the 6:23 mark of the period.

Lorain's defense took

over from that point.

The Little Giants made it into Lorain territory "legally" only once during the game. That was on a 31-yard pass from T.J. Brudzinski to tight end Dan Sachs that carried Lorain 41. Ross made it to the 37 but had to punt at that point.

One other time, late in the third period, Ross's Randy Dilts recovered a Komar fumble at the Lorain 37 but Ross could not move.

Moore was trying different combinations of Ross players in an effort to build a fire under his team.

Sophomore quarterback Tom Wolessig had his varsity baptism the hard way. He threw two passes and both were picked off by Lorain defenders.

Lorain held Brown, who

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leading rusher with 851

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Marion no laughing matter

Ross foe gains respectability

By BOB MARKER

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Mention Marion Harding football in recent years and it was equivalent to an ethnic joke — it brought snickers that quickly turned into gut laughs.

Only the administrators at Harding were not laughing and this season those laughs are being silenced in the Buckeye Conference circles.

True, the Presidents (or Prexies) are 2-5 for the season and are winless in four conference starts. But that record is a bit deceiving.

The Prexies are eight points away from a 5-2 season. Harding lost 7-6 to both Elyria and Admiral King and dropped a 26-20 contest to Sandusky. In the latter, the Prexies were inside the Sandusky 10 late in the game before losing the ball on downs.

"They have been out of only one game," Ross Coach Pete Moore insists about Harding, the Little Giants' Friday opponent. "That was against Findlay (Findlay won 27-2), but, hey, they have played pretty impressively."

Moore, whose Ross team has been playing as unimpressively as Harding has been impressive in recent weeks, is not trying to spread the bull about the

Presidents . . . new coach John Reed is making believers of people.

Before the season, Reed said that one of the team's top goals this season was gaining respectability. That, seemingly, was accomplished in the first four games of the season. It was especially evident in the fourth test of the season, a 7-6 loss to Elyria.

Reed had his team utilizing a "wishbone" attack at the beginning of the season but has since switched to the "I."

"They run the "I" primarily now," Moore said, "and that is what we expect to see them run this week."

The Ross coach added that Reed will have his team revert to the "wishbone" in short yardage situations.

Marvin Owens is the Presidents' leading ground gainer, picking up 626 yards on 100 carries. He lines up at wingback in the "I" but can play any backfield slot. Owens is a junior, 190-pounder. Richard Jackson, junior, 180, is the Harding fullback and Moore is impressed with the way he runs the dive play.

"All their backs have good speed," Moore pointed out. "Coach Reed has done a nice job over there from what I have seen — they have been very impressive."

Harding quarterback Dave Wink is the conference's third leading passer, hitting on 23 of 54 passes for 263 yards and one touchdown. He has been intercepted seven times.

"The thing I like about Marion," Moore said, "is their defense is very reckless. They go after people and they are not afraid of contact."

Continuing, Moore added, "Marion never gives up. Against Sandusky, they kept after them all the way and they could have won the game."

ROSS NOTES — Jeff Brown remains the conference leader in rushing with 899 yards on 140 carries. He is second in scoring to Sandusky's Kelvin Lindsey with 60 points, two away from the leaders.

Brown is also second in punt returns with a 17.9 average on seven returns.

In team stats, Ross is sixth offensively overall and first defensively despite yielding 202 yards a game.

THE DIRECTIONS to the Marion Harding football field: take 53 to 23 south; get off at route 95 at Marion; go right on 95 to Greenwood Street (approximately six traffic lights), turn left and the street will take you to the high school. The field is behind the high school.

Fired-up Harding burns Ross 14-12

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

MARION — When Harding High School was established many years ago, the townspeople made a mistake when they nicknamed the athletic teams "Presidents." Instead, it should have been "Mountain Climbers."

Or maybe, in the eyes of Fremont Ross



The ball is in play

While football continues to wind down, basketball teams from around the state of Ohio were able to begin tuning up Friday for the high school roundball season. Fremont St. Joe and Ross were just two of the 13 Fremont area high schools able to use the basketball in practice for the first time this year. Above, St. Joe Coach Rick Nement and returning lettermen

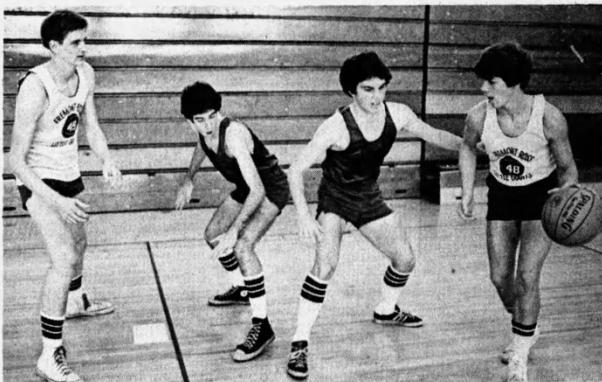
football fans . . . "Giant Killers."

Harding was both Friday during the team's homecoming festivities and Ross, well, the Little Giants dug themselves into a hole in the first half and could not climb out in the second half.

The result was a 14-12 upset for Harding and Ross's third loss in a row,



(left to right) Joe Swint, Brett and Bryan Kuns get the feel of the sphere at the start of the first full scale practice. Below, Ross players get in some half-court action. Left to right are Phil Rosenberger, Mike Schleae, Jeff Elcher, and Mike Fahrbach. (News-Messenger photos by Dan Bomell)



leveling the Little Giants' record at 4-4 for the season and 2-3 in the Buckeye Conference. Harding is now 3-5 and 1-4 in the conference clashes.

Not since 1970 have the Little Giants suffered through the pain of a three-game losing streak. And it was painful, especially for Ross Coach Pete Moore and senior quarterback/defensive back Mike Cozette.

"I'm sick," Moore said while standing on the sidelines after the game. "That's the truth."

"If we would have played the first half like we did the second half, it might have been an interesting game."

For Cozette, the season probably came to an end. Getting a start at quarterback, Cozette also drew the starting assignment as a defensive back and the latter assignment caused the pain. While making a tackle, Cozette was hit in the lower back by a helmet and he was left nearly immobile.

Cozette was in the Sandusky County Memorial Hospital at press time with a badly bruised lower back.

While it was despair for Ross, the sky was the limit in the Harding dressing room.

"We deserved it," Harding's first year coach John Reed laughed after the game. "If you know what this program has been through, you would understand why I say we deserved it."

"We've been to the top of that mountain four or five times this season and never quite made it," Reed explained while accepting the multitude of handshakes from well-wishers. "Each time we failed to get over the top, these kids came back but now we got over and it's turned the corner for us in our program."

Harding's win was the first over Ross since 1969 and only the eighth in 33 meetings between the two schools.

And Harding did it the hard way. Ross led everything statistically except on the scoreboard. Ross rolled up 211 rushing yards and another 104 through the airways. Harding had a meager 49 rushing and another 89 in the air.

Ross had 17 first downs to only six for the Presidents, uh, Mountain Climbers, but most of Harding's offense was grouped together in the first half; Ross ran almost at will in the second half.

Harding put all 14 of its points on the board in the second quarter. John Brady recovered Ross's Jeff Brown's fumble at the Ross 46 to set up Harding's first six-pointer.

Harding tailback Marvin Owens, who figured in both Presidents' TDs, took a

pitch from quarterback David Wink, dropped back and lofted a pass to split end Mike Lindsey who took it in stride behind the Ross secondary for the TD.

On the point after try, Wink hit Brian Parish in the end zone with a pass of a fake kick.

"We worked all week on that halfback pass," Moore said disgustedly. "Our defense stopped the run but could not stop the pass."

Harding marched 75 yards in 11 plays to score again at the 3:55 mark of the period. Owen's waltzed unmolested into the right corner of the end zone on a two-yard sweep for the score.

A 29-yard run off the option by Wink plus a 15-yard face mask penalty on Ross moved the ball from the Marion 25 to the Ross 30.

A pass interference penalty on Ross safety Jeff Shanahan gave Harding a first down at the six.

That was it for Harding. After picking up five first downs in the first half, the Presidents managed only one in the second half.

"All we did was pray that second half," Reed said.

After getting only 71 total yards in the first half, Ross snapped out of its offensive doldrums. Taking the second half kickoff, Ross scored from 60 yards away in nine plays.

Brooks, held to 15 yards in the first half, carried the ball for seven, six, 27, three and the last five in the drive. The PAT, however, failed when quarterback Tom Brudzinski was stopped by Harding linebacker Dan Dunlevy.

Ross fullback Clarence Parks also came to life, contributing a couple of key runs and the block that sprung Brown for the TD.

With 2:20 to play in the third period, Ross began its second scoring drive. This time, the drive covered 75 yards in eight plays. Brown carried for eight, seven, nothing, 27, one, and the final nine. A 19-yard Brudzinski to Dan Sachs pass on a third and six at the Ross 44 kept the drive alive.

But Dunlevy stopped Ross wingback Tony Roach on a reverse on the PAT.

Ross had two more chances to win the game but two field goal attempts by Chuck Binkley failed — one on a bad snap from center and the other, a 27-yard attempt with 24 seconds to play, sailed to the right.

That's when Harding changed its nickname to "Mountain Climbers" and sent Ross stumbling down deeper into a deepening valley.

Brown led all rushers with 158 yards on 32 carries. Parks had 65 on 19 carries. Wink netted 32 on 13 carries for Harding.

Findlay vs. Ross

No key this time

By BOB MARKER
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It's not going to be your typical Findlay-Ross football game Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

For the first time in several seasons, the game will not be the key to deciding who will win the Buckeye Conference football crown. Only one team has an outside shot: Findlay.

It also matches two teams struggling to finish the season at the .500 level. Both Ross and Findlay are 4-4 but Findlay is 3-2 in the conference while Ross has fallen to 2-3 after dropping three straight games.

Both teams are coming off close losses — Ross 14-12 to Marion Harding and Findlay 14-13 to Elyria.

Although the conference crown is not on the line for Ross — Findlay has to hope for both Sandusky and Admiral King to lose at least one of the two remaining games and then win both of its remaining games to share the title — there is pressure aplenty riding on the game.

"There is pressure on the whole Ross program," Ross Coach Pete Moore admitted. "We are starting to press mentally — we are not playing relaxed."

"When you get that way, you tend to try to do more things then you are capable of doing. I can see that in a lot of areas," Moore said while getting ready for Wednesday's practice.

"The kids are tight because of it," he added.

Moore went on to explain that both teams are struggling but that both Ross and Findlay are pretty well balanced as far as team success.

As far as pressure on himself and his staff, Moore acknowledges that it is being felt.

"You are in the public eye when it comes to a job like this," he said. "You have to expect it (criticism) and accept it."

"If I were to go around checking on other peoples' jobs, I'm sure I could be critical of them, too."

While shrugging off the downtown quarterback yelling, Moore and his squad will be going up against the conference's leading passer and receiver.

"We told Jonesey (Bill Jones, Findlay coach) that if he promised not to pass, we wouldn't pass either," was the general theme of the Ross coaches.

Steve Reichenbach, Findlay's quarterback, has fired 114 passes this season and has connected on 62 for 55 percent effort. He has tossed nine scoring passes while picking up 852 yards in the air.

Butch Hunyadi has hauled down 39 of the Reichenbach aerials for six TDs and 578 yards.

Jeff Brown will be the Trojans biggest problem Friday. The Ross tailback has rushed for 1,057 yards on 172 carries for a 6.2 average. That is the best in the conference. Findlay's best rusher is Steve Lamb in ninth place with 582 yards on 94 carries.

Fremont area high school football standings

BUCKEYE CONFERENCE		Gibsonburg	4	2	0	5	3	0	104	85		
Conf.	Overall	Elmwood	2	4	0	3	5	0	107	154		
W	L	T	W	L	T	PF	PA					
Sandusky	4	1	0	7	1	0	171	103	Woodmore	2 4 0 2 6 0 60 144		
Ad.King	4	1	0	5	2	1	98	88	Lakota	0 6 0 0 7 1 39 200		
Elyria	3	2	0	5	3	0	95	87	* League champion			
Findlay	3	2	0	4	4	0	146	108	Friday games			
Lorain	2	3	0	4	4	0	128	84	Findlay at Ross			
Ross	2	3	0	4	4	0	122	81	Genoa at Gibsonburg			
Harding	1	4	0	3	5	0	96	105	Woodmore at Oak Harbor			
Mansfield	1	4	0	3	5	0	82	139	Lakota at Elmwood			
Friday games		Eastwood at Otsego										
Findlay at Ross		O. Clay* 5 0 0 7 1 0 160 87										
Mansfield at Elyria		P. Clinton 4 1 0 6 2 0 156 40										
Lorain at Harding		Bedford 2 2 0 3 5 0 89 166										
Admiral King at Sandusky		B. Green 2 3 0 3 5 0 84 129										

GREAT LAKES LEAGUE

O. Clay*	5	0	0	7	1	0	160	87
P. Clinton	4	1	0	6	2	0	156	40
Bedford	2	2	0	3	5	0	89	166
B. Green	2	3	0	3	5	0	84	129

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John Almaguer fires past defender



Paul Miller, Bill Darling on defense



Jeff Brown heads for opening as Clarence Parks blocks

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Findlay balance beats Ross rushing

Reichenbach hits 17 of 26; Browns run for 221 yards

By BOB MARKER
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From a football fan's viewpoint, the Ross and Findlay Buckeye Conference game had a little bit of everything. But for Ross, the game had a bit too few points, 20 too few to be exact.

Findlay, keeping a last ditch hope to gain a tie for the conference title, outscored Ross by 21 in the first half, lost the second half by a point, but still won one of the Buckeye Conference top offensive shows in its 21-year history by a rousing 48-28 count.

The game featured long, explosive runs, a pin-point passing performance, strange penalties, and greasy footballs in the first half.

"It was a horse race out there, wasn't it," Ross Coach Pete Moore asked.

Bill Jones, Findlay's head man, called it "just two good offensive football teams going after each other. Ross had the running game, we had the balance."

Findlay rolled up 455 total yards while Ross was cutting out 349. The Trojans, using the 17 of 23 passing from left-handed quarterback Steve Reichenbach, had a 245 in the air and another 210 via the ground route.

Ross, with Jeff Brown rambling for 221 yards on 26 carries, had 318 rushing yards but only four of 19 passing for 31 yards.

Defenses were practically nonexistent but it was a defensive play that kept Ross at bay in a second half comeback effort.

With Findlay leading 21-6 but Ross in possession at the Little Giants' 45, Trojan linebacker Mike Patterson stepped in front of Ross quarterback John Almaguer's pass to the left flat, and raced 45 yards for a touchdown to give the Trojans a 28-6 lead with 5:31 to play in the third period.

"That was the key," Jones confirmed as he sat on a bench in the Findlay locker room. "Ross was moving when Patterson got the ball and put it in the end zone."

Ross was able to move in the first half but a pitch off an option by quarterback Tom Brudzinski intended for Brown sailed past everyone to kill a drive that had reached the Findlay 14.

Findlay poured across 21 points in the first half. Two of the TDs were scoring tosses by Reichenbach.

Butch Hunyadi, who caught eight passes for 113 yards and three touchdowns for the night, caught a 25-yard bomb on a fourth and 20 midway through the opening quarter.

Rick Maroney, who caught seven Reichenbach passes for 88 yards, scored from seven yards out five minutes into the second quarter and Maroney, a wingback, was the target of a 27-yard strike from Reichenbach with 23 seconds left in the half.

The last drive had been set up by the

first of four Trojan pass interceptions. This one was by Scott Dufford at midfield. It took the Trojans three plays to cover the Ross half of the field.

"We moved the ball in the first half," Moore insisted, "but mistakes, like it has been the last three games, stopped us."

Steve Lamb, Findlay's lightning quick tailback, started for the first time after missing the last three games for Findlay. He responded with 82 yards on 16 carries in the first half. He had to set out the final half after re-injuring his right shoulder.

"I think it was a case of Ross letting the pass upset them," Jones said while explaining the success of his running attack. "Ross usually plays the run better than that."

"Of course," Jones added, "when you get Hunyadi and Maroney out there, it's nearly impossible to cover them."

"It was just one on one with them — personnel against personnel," Moore said about the pass coverage on the two Trojan receivers.

Ross got hot in the second half while Findlay never really cooled down.

Brown scored on runs of 31 and 71 yards while fullback Clarence Parks galloped 62 yards for another Ross TD. Brown ran one yard through a big hole opened by Chuck Binkley and Doug Swartz on the left side for the final Ross TD with 4:37 left to play.

Findlay scored on Patterson's interception, passes of 10 and seven yards from Reichenbach to Hunyadi, and a 60-yard run by fullback Todd Van Gunten.

Van Gunten ended up as the Trojans' leading rusher with 115 yards on 12 carries. He picked up 10 of those yards in the second half.

Ross's second half surge was sparked by Almaguer who Moore started at the signal calling spot at the beginning of the final half. It was the first varsity playing time for the junior since the first game of the season.

"I have a lot more confidence in John now," Moore said quietly. "He showed me that he can step in there and handle things. He reacted very well."

"Ross has a fine football team," Jones said emphatically, "and they have a great running back in Brown."

Jones also added that he did not expect to score more than once and he had a straight face when he said it.

"The only thing I am sorry about is that I did not get more players into the game," Jones said. "But when I tried that, they'd turn Brown loose and come back on us."

And back in would come the Reichenbach-Hunyadi-Maroney aerial circus and Ross would lose all that it had gained.

The loss was the fourth in a row for Ross and dropped the Little Giants to 4-5 and 2-4 in the conference. Findlay is now 5-4 and 4-2 in BC play.



CHUCK TILLER of Ross looks for room while returning a kickoff during Friday night's Findlay-Ross game at

Harmon Stadium. Tiller was stopped after returning the ball to the Ross 30. (N-M photo by Dan Bomeli)

Ahhh... life was very nice, but then Cleveland came to town

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals were feeling good until they met the Cleveland Browns. That encounter put the Bengals on the skids and they haven't fully recovered.

But their National Football League play against the Browns Sunday at Municipal Stadium could make the long-awaited difference.

"We won five of six games in the pre-season and everybody was feeling good," Bengal Walter Johnson said. "Then we lost the opener and it was a real downer."

The defensive end spent 12 years with Cleveland before being cut. Johnson joined the Bengals as a free agent at the start of this season.

"Everybody had such high hopes that it really hurt," Johnson continued, describing the initial loss.

"Little things began to kill us," he recalled. "Championship teams can't make mistakes. You can't beat yourself."

"Old Zoom" said penalties, mental

errors and injuries all contributed to taking the roar out of the Bengals, particularly the offense.

Cincinnati travels north after scoring 105 points in seven games. That is the least of any Central division team.

Take away the 42 points piled up against Seattle, a second year expansion club, and the Bengals are left with an average of just over 10 points a game.

Johnson said the defenses have managed to shut down the Bengal's usually powerful aerial game. This phase of the attack has killed the Browns more than once in previous seasons.

"When I was with the Browns, Ken Anderson and Isaac Curtis always gave us trouble," the veteran said speaking of two players who are now his teammates. "They've had injuries, though."

Curtis has been a major obstacle in the Browns' plans for the last five years. In nine games, including the opener in Cincinnati, he caught 36 passes for 785 yards and 11 of those were for touchdowns. But now he has a sore knee.

Ross, Sandusky headed in opposite directions

By BOB MARKER
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It's make or break for Sandusky Friday as the final game of the Buckeye Conference football season is staged. And for Ross, the Blue Streaks' opponent, it's a one-game season in an effort to finish at .500.

Sandusky, 8-1 and 5-1 in the Buckeye Conference and guaranteed of no less than a tie in the latter, has a bigger stake in Friday's contest at the home of the Blue Streaks, a possible spot in the Class AAA state play-offs.

The Blue Streaks are sitting pretty on top of region two of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) poll to select state semifinalist. Meanwhile, the Little Giants are just trying to salvage a bit of respectability to close the season while planning ahead for better fortune in '78.

Ross, 4-5 in the downward arc of a four-game losing streak, is 1-4-1 since the 1976 Ross team dropped seven straight during a 1-9 season.

"It's certainly down," Ross Coach Pete Moore, who has been under fire from forgetful Ross "fans," said when asked what the attitude of his team was during midweek.

"It's down from a standpoint," he continued and

then added, "but this game means a lot to the kids. We are hoping that we can go up there and create a few situations to make the game interesting."

While the Little Giants, after charging out to a 4-1 record, have shown steady regression on the field the last four weeks, Sandusky has been a study in the opposite direction.

"I think that (Sandusky) have shown improvement each week that they have played," Moore said.

The Blue Streaks clinched at least a tie for the BC title with a 9-0 win over Admiral King last Friday. The Admirals had been tied for the top spot with Sandusky before that game.

"Admiral King had opportunities," the Ross coach explained, "but the Sandusky defense did a good job."

Continuing, Moore explained, "Sandusky's offense has clicked off just enough this year to keep them on top."

Key cog in the ground-oriented Blue Streaks point-maching machine is speedster Kelvin Lindsey, a 5-11, 180-pound, junior. Lindsey is the second leading ground gainer in the conference, trailing Ross's Jeff Brown 1,282-999. The two tailbacks also rank one two in conference scoring with Brown also having the edge in that department.

Sandusky will be throwing the Buckeye's leading

defense at Ross in the year of "no defense" in the conference. The Blue Streaks have been yielding 181 yards a game in the conference while the offense has been generating 280 a game.

Ross, after last week's disheartening 48-28 loss to Findlay, sank to sixth defensively with a yield of 224 yards a game while producing 277 offensively per contest.

Moore says the Blue Streaks and the Little Giants, especially offensively, are alike in the methods of attack.

"They run option plays and misdirection plays like us," he said. "Lindsey is their best back but Wyatt (Kirke) is a good fullback."

Also listed as dangerous is a talented Sandusky backfield is wingback Paul Green who has 393 yards on 68 rushes this season. He is also the man the Blue Streaks will look to when quarterback Steve DeHeuvel takes to the air.

When asked if it is intended to change any personnel for the final game of the season, Moore hinted that he

will only if the upper classmen starters and other regulars let down.

"If we are not playing with any fire," Moore said, "then that will tempt me to bring in some younger kids."

One of the younger kids that may see plenty of action, if not start, is sophomore Adam Caskey in the defensive backfield. Moore also said that John Almaguer, who came on in the second half against Findlay and directed Ross to four touchdowns, will start at quarterback.

Other than that, Moore will stick with the regular setup in an effort to get even with the season and spoil Sandusky's playoff hopes.

ROSS NOTES: Following are the senior members of the Ross team plus cheerleaders, managers, and trainers, who will be seeing their last football action for Ross:

Co-Captains Jeff Brown and Clarence Parks, Mike Cozette, Steve Barr, Scott Whitcomb, Roger DeBelly, John Pena, Tony Roach, Fred Thorbahn, Jeff Shanahan, Chuck Tiller, Dave Campbell, Myron Swaisgood, Doug Swartz, Mike Havener, Chuck Pohl, Rich Dutton, Doug Stull, Dan Sachs, Doug Szmanowski, Steve Curllis, Tim Price, John Zimmerman, and Wayne Lee;

Cheerleaders: Co-captains Cecilia Bollenbacher and Roni Collier, Nancy Simonton, Melissa Beard;

Manager Phil Junis and student Trainer Fred Merrill.

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Chuck Tiller of Ross is stopped by a host of Sandusky players during third quarter action Friday at Sandusky



The 'Thriller' shocks old mates

Ross 'D' humbles Sandusky 14-0

By BOB MARKER

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SANDUSKY — Ross allowed Sandusky only one first down and rode the second coming of "Tiller the Thriller" to a stunning 14-0 upset over the high flying Blue Streaks Friday night in a cold and windy Stroebel Field.

Ross tailback Jeff Brown fired a halfback pass to split end Tim Price with only 21 seconds to play in the first half to give the Little Giants all the points necessary for the win. Chuck Tiller, a transplanted Blue Streak capped off the scoring and the Little Giants' season with a one-yard plunge midway through the final period for the insurance score.

The loss forces Sandusky to share the Buckeye Conference title with Findlay, a 30-6 conqueror of Admiral King. To rub more salt into the wound, the loss dropped the Blue Streaks out of a possible spot in the state playoffs.

Sandusky had entered the game on top of the region two Class AAA computer standings.

Ross, the spoiler in this game, gained a ton of respect by snapping a four-game losing streak and finishing the season at 5-5. That dramatic finish can be attributed to a fired up defense and a person who had something to prove to his old team.

The Little Giants, with defensive ends Chuck Binkley and John Armentrout, tackles Doug Stull and Troy Amor, linebackers Paul "Tex" Miller, Clarence Parks, Dave Campbell, Myron Swaisgood, and Scott Whitcomb, defensive halfbacks Bill Darling and Jeff Shanahan, and Brown at safety, completely bottles up the Blue Streaks.

The Ross defense gave up only 15 yards on seven carries to the conference's second leading rusher, Kelvin Lindsey, while surrendering a meager four total yards to the Blue Streaks. Sandusky was held to a minus-24 yards rushing and 28 through the air.

Quarterback Steve Deffenning was saddles with a minus-51 yards due to the hard Ross charge.

Added to that was two pass interceptions — one by Brown that set up Ross's clinching TD and the other by Jeff Shanahan that killed a last ditch effort by Sandusky to get back into the game.

Sandusky did not get a first down until 4:55 remained in the game. Allyn Higgins had to make a diving catch of Deffenning's pass to get that one for the Blue Streaks.

However, the Ross defense was forced to share the limelight with Tiller.

Five games ago, the Ross senior was

roaming the practice fields for the Blue Streaks but a dispute with coaches and a yearn to try to play elsewhere brought the 180-pounder to Ross and the footsteps of his legendary uncle: Jim Tiller.

Twenty-one years ago, the elder Tiller rolled up nearly 1,600 yards for Ross while leading his team to a 10-0 record. Friday night, the younger Tiller settled for 97 to up his season total to 136 but the effect he created was just as startling as the original "Tiller" turned in 21 long yards before.

With Ross backed up to its own seven on a 49-yard punt by Sandusky punter Terry Trent late in the first half, Tiller exploded for 40 yards over right tackle on his first carry from scrimmage. Tight end Dan Sachs, tackle Ralph Davidson, and Campbell provided the key blocks in opening the truck-sized hole.

That drive stalled and Ross had to give up the ball but with the defense continuing to flatten the Blue Streaks, a five-yard punt, which Tiller sneaked up the middle to get a hand on, went only five yards to put Ross in business at the Sandusky 25 with only 48 seconds to play in the half.

Tiller bullded to the 13 on the first play. Brown went for one and then drilled Price in the end zone for the first Ross TD.

Brown provided the opportunity for

the Little Giants' clincher with his interception at midfield on the first play of the fourth period. Ross began a time consuming, 15-play drive for the six-pointer after the theft.

John Almaguer, who drew his first varsity start at quarterback for Ross, connected with Sachs for nine yards and a first down at the Sandusky 14 on a fourth and five play to keep the drive alive.

Brown carried for three and four yards and Tiller carried the final four in two plays. Almaguer added that two extra points on a perfectly executed option play around right end.

Ross's defense was so dominating that Sandusky's deepest penetration was to midfield. The Little Giants' "D" helped Ross's offense run off 69 plays to Sandusky's 47.

Lindsey did break off a 62-yard run on Sandusky's second possession but wingback Paul Green was called for clipping on the play and that was as close as the Blue Streaks could get to pay dirt.

Ross managed just 210 total yards and did not get a first down until the 3:30 mark of the second half on Tiller's 40-yard burst.

The Blue Streaks stopped Ross on the one midway through the third period to temporarily stall Ross's momentum.

'Almost like a championship season'



DAN SACHS of Ross lifts Chuck Tiller off the ground as the two Little Giants celebrate Ross's final touchdown in the 14-0 win over Sandusky Friday night. (N-M photo by Dan Borelli)

SANDUSKY — Pete Moore stood in the center of a noisy and crowded Ross locker room and could do nothing but smile and accept congratulations.

"It's almost like a championship season," he said as he searched for words after guiding his Ross Little Giants to a stunning 14-0 upset over favored Sandusky in the season finale for both teams.

"Two years ago we came up here and almost folded," Moore recalled the 7-6 loss to the Blue Streaks, "this year the kids did not give up. I think in that way it has been a successful season."

The win snapped a four-game losing skid for Ross and put the final season mark 5-5.

For Chuck Tiller, the transplanted former Blue Streak, it was sweet revenge and dedication time.

"I was pumped up for it, yeah," he said through a smile that nearly encased his face. Tiller ground up 97 yards on 16 carries and scored the clinching touchdown against his old team midway through the final period.

"They were calling me traitor before the game," the Ross senior said while referring to his old team's feelings about his mid-season jump to Ross.

Tiller reacted to the "traitor" label with his big night and one word after he scored his only TD of the '77 season.

"All I said was 'good,'" he said, "I could not think of anything else to say."

Tiller quickly added a request. "I want to dedicate this game to Kelvin Lindsey and Glen Redding (both Sandusky players), they are the best players that team has."

While Tiller felt that Moore and his staff held him out of other games to get him "psyched" for the Sandusky game, Moore denied it.

"He did it all himself," Moore explained.

"I think Sandusky took us too lightly," Tiller added, "but I just think it was two good football teams playing out there tonight."

Clarence Parks, Ross's co-captain along with Jeff Brown, was subdued but

pleased with the season ending win.

"I think this just proves that we are a better team than our record and we have shown," Parks said.

Brown put his feelings and his team's into a more compact answer: "We wanted it," the Ross tailback said.

Brown gained 67 yards in the game to end the season with 1,349 yards.

"The kids were upset with last week's game," Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siesel said while referring to the 48-28 loss to Findlay. "They worked hard all week and got what they wanted."

"This was our best defensive game of the season," Moore understated but then thought before adding what he

obviously felt was a plus for his seniors.

"They will remember this the rest of their lives. They can remember that they did not give up."

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JEFF BROWN of Ross looks for a hole as he follows his interference Friday at Sandusky. Clarence Parks (34) and John Almaguer are leading the Little Giants' tailback.



DOUG STULL
Defensive tackle

Playoff lineup

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — You would think the pressure would be unbearable for Cincinnati Moeller.

The Ohio prep football giant has won the last two state playoffs, owns an overall winning streak of 34 straight games and hasn't lost or tied its last 52 regular season games.

And the Crusaders are an overwhelming favorite to keep their Class AAA playoff crown starting tonight with semifinal opponent Toledo Central Catholic in Dayton's Welcome Stadium.

The other Class AAA semifinal tonight matches a pair of 9-1-0 teams, Canton McKinley and Cleveland St. Joseph, in the Akron Rubber Bowl.

In Class AA semifinals Saturday night, 1976 playoff champion Elyria Catholic, 10-0-0, plays St. Marys, 10-0-0, at Baldwin-Wallace College and Canton Central Catholic, 8-1-1, faces Cincinnati Wyoming, 9-0-0, at Welcome Stadium.

In Class A semifinals tonight, defending playoff champion West Jefferson, 8-0-1, tangles with Crooksville, 8-2-0, at Groveport while Hamer Patrick Henry, 9-0-1, goes against Ashtabula St. John's, 8-1-0, at Lorain Daniels Field.

Findlay two top BC picks

Three Fremont Ross football players were named to first teams of the All-Buckeye Conference "dream" team but co-champions Findlay and Sandusky walked away with the top individual honors.

Tailback Jeff Brown and center Scott Whicomb of Ross were named to the first offensive team as selected by the eight conference head coaches. Defensive tackle Doug Stull was tabbed for defensive honors.

Two other Little Giants were named to second teams. Guard Myron Swaisgood and linebacker Dave Campbell were the Ross second team members.

Findlay quarterback Steve Reichenbach and split end Butch Hunyadi reaped the "back of the year" and "lineman of the year" honors. Jim Colwell, who guided Sandusky to a share of the title, was named "coach of the year" by his peers.

The "punter of the year" award went to Frank Komar of Lorain and Sandusky's Fred Pou was tabbed for the "kicker of the year" honor.

Hunyadi had 55 receptions for 871 yards while Reichenbach connected on 95 of 165 passes (58 percent) for 1,339 yards and 17 touchdowns. Twelve of the TD passes went to Hunyadi.

Colwell, who now has a 13-14-1 record in his three years as commander of the Blue Streaks, posted an 8-2 record this season at Sandusky.

Brown, Ross' 6-0, 160-pound stringbean running back, led the conference in rushing with 1,349 yards on 223 carries. He also led the conference in scoring with 92 points and 14 TDs.

Whitcomb was regarded as one of the conference's better blockers. Stull, who was also named as the conference's "lineman of the week" following the Little Giants' 14-0 win over Sandusky, was a dominant force on Ross's defense, especially during the latter portion of the season.

Ironically, Mansfield led all conference teams with eight players named to either the first or second teams. Lorain was next with seven, five on the first teams, followed by Sandusky and Admiral King with six each, Findlay and Ross with five, Marion Harding four, and Elyria with three.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Split end: Butch Hunyadi, Findlay, 5-11, 175, 12; Tight end: Ray Baums, Mansfield, 6-2, 180, 11; Tackles: Ken Ott, Sandusky, 6-0, 215, 12, and Carl Bally, Elyria, 6-1, 215, 12; Guards: Paul Beach, Marion, 5-10, 185, 12, and Don Burgett, Lorain, 6-1, 195, 12; Center: Scott Whitcomb, Ross, 5-9, 187, 12; Quarterback: Steve Reichenbach, Findlay, 5-11, 165, 12; Running backs: Jeff Brown, Ross, 6-0, 160, 12, Brad Williams, Lorain, 5-10, 188, 12, and Kelvin Lindsey, Sandusky, 6-0, 180, 11;

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Split end: Phil Wallace, Lorain; Tight end: Dan Molnar, Admiral King; Tackles: Tim Cross, Findlay, and Mike Hoy, Mansfield; Guards: Brian Poggiali, Sandusky, and Myron Swaisgood, Fremont; Center: Rich Lopez, Admiral King;

Quarterback: Jerry Powell, Mansfield; Running backs: Jeff Brown, Ross, 6-0, 160, 12, Brad Williams, Lorain, 5-10, 188, 12, and Paul Twyman, Mansfield;

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Ends: Bill Somerlot, Marion, 6-2, 185, 12, and Bo Hathorn, Sandusky, 6-0, 180, 12;

Tackles: Doug Stull, Ross, 5-10, 195, 12, and Ed Chavez, Lorain, 6-3, 260, 12;

Linebackers: Eric Pardon, Admiral King, 6-1, 185, 12, Tyrus Tucker, Sandusky, 5-9, 195, 12, Komar, Lorain, and Dan Dunlevy, Marion, 6-1, 205, 12;

Halfbacks: Rosey Jewells, Lorain, 5-11, 175, 12, Bob Workman, Marion, 5-10, 170, 11, and Mark Tomaszewski, Admiral King, 5-11, 170, 12;

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Ends: John Stevens, Admiral King, and Jeff Develbiss, Mansfield;

Tackles: Jim Adams, Mansfield, and Frank Maccaj, Admiral King;

Linebackers: Dennis Ferguson, Mansfield, Dave Campbell, Ross, Chester McCullough, Elyria, and Randy Kosel, Sandusky; Halfbacks: Mike Patterson, Findlay, Robert Williams, Mansfield, and Tim Hawke, Elyria;

Back-of-the-year: Reichenbach, Findlay;

Lineman-of-the year: Hunyadi, Findlay;

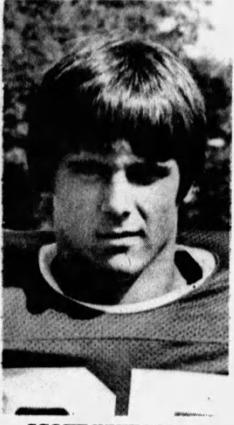
Coach-of-the year: Jim Colwell, Sandusky.

ROSS SPECIAL MENTION

Defense: Whitcomb, linebacker; Brown, halfback; Offense: Clarence Parks, running back; Tim Price, split end; Dan Sachs, tight end; Ralph Davidson, tackle.



JEFF BROWN
Rushing leader



SCOTT WHITCOMB
Center

News-Messenger

Sports

Bob Marker, editor

Strange faces in

By BRUCE LOWITT

AP Sports Writer

The list of starting quarterbacks, usually replete with "Who's Who" names in the National Football League, takes on more of a "who's he?" look this Sunday.

The Minnesota Vikings, who had Fran Tarkenton scrambling the opposition's defenses for virtually all of their 17 years, will have either Bob Lee, a veteran reserve, or rookie Tommy Kramer calling the signals against the Bears in Chicago.

Minnesota Coach Bud Grant says he may wait until Sunday before making up his mind. Tarkenton is out for the season with a broken bone in his right leg, suffered last Sunday against Cincinnati.

In San Diego, the Chargers may go with untested rookie Cliff Olander against the Oakland Raiders if James Harris' foot injury hasn't healed. Harris, hurt late in last Sunday's game against Denver, returned to play after Bill Munson suffered a broken leg.

The Green Bay Packers, who were counting so heavily on Lynn Dickey to restore them to contention, will now have to rely on either rookie David Whitehurst or recent acquisition Brian Dowling in Monday night's game against the Redskins in Washington. Dowling was cut by the Redskins during the preseason.

Sunday's other games are the New York Jets at Baltimore, Dallas at Pittsburgh, Los Angeles at San Francisco, Atlanta at New Orleans, Denver at Kansas City, Philadelphia at St. Louis, Cleveland at the New York Giants, Miami at Cincinnati, New England at Buffalo, Tampa Bay at Detroit and Houston at Seattle.

The Vikings, 6-3, have a two-game lead over the Bears and Detroit in the National Conference's Central Division. Chicago will be trying for a season split against the perennial division champs, having lost to them 22-16 in overtime a month ago.

Trying to turn around their fortunes against Oakland will be doubly tough for the Chargers without a healthy veteran quarterback at the helm. They haven't beaten the Raiders since 1968, an 18-game span, and were routed 24-0 in this season's opener.

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FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Split end: Butch Homan, Findlay, 12, 5-1, 175;
Tight end: Dean Mansfield, Findlay, 12, 6-4, 225;
Tackles: Mike Hoy, Mansfield Senior, 12, 6-3, 215, and Brent Reed, Toledo St. Francis, 12, 6-3, 225;
Guard: Gary Homan, Findlay, 12, St. John's, 12, 5-10, 190, and Drew Squires, Mansfield Madison, 12, 6-2, 205;
Center: Mike Wayman, Shelby, 12, 6-5, 185;
Quarterback: Steve Homan, Findlay, 12, 5-11, 165;
Running backs: Jeff Brown, Ross, 12, 6-0, 165, Kelvin Lindsey, Sandusky, 11, 5-11, 180;
Hunting backs: Jeff Brown, Ross, 12, 6-0, 165, Kelvin Lindsey, Sandusky, 11, 5-11, 185;

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Split end: Mike Morris, Lima Senior; Tight end: Raymond Bashta, Mansfield Senior, 12, 6-1, 195, and Mike Wayman, Shelby, 12, 6-4, 195;
Tackles: Brian Barnett, Bowling Green, 12, 6-4, 185, Lenny Mertich, Whiteman, 12, 6-4, 195, Ray Gunner, Woodford, 12, 6-2, 225, and Tom Whiting, Whiteman, 12, 5-9, 190;

Defensive end: Jeff Boulton, Port Clinton, 12, 5-9, 190, Brooke Brumbaugh, Whiteman, 12, 6-1, 176, and Dave Welling, Lima Senior, 12, 5-11, 180;

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Ends: Joe Maher, Port Clinton, 12, 6-1, 210, and Todd Zimmerman, Mansfield Senior, 12, 6-1, 195;

Tackles: Ken Orl, Lima Senior, 12, 6-0, 215, and Walter Locke, Lima Senior, 12, 5-10, 185;

Guard: Mike Wayman, Shelby, 12, 6-5, 185, Ray Gunner, Woodford, 12, 6-2, 225, and Tom Whiting, Whiteman, 12, 5-9, 190;

Center: Phil Frest, Sandusky;

Quarterback: Steve Homan, Findlay; Running backs: John Armstrong, Shelby, Joe Zeller, Whiteman, and Ray Myers, Whiteman;

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Linebacker: Jeff Boulton, Port Clinton, 12, 5-9, 190;

Backs: Rob Williams, Mansfield Senior, Alan Lyons, Macomber, and Jim Vannett, Bowling Green;

SPECIAL MENTION: Scott Whitcomb, Ross; Bob Wood, Port Clinton;

Back-of-the-year: Reichenbach, Findlay;

Linebacker-of-the-year: Lenny Mertich, Whiteman;

Co-coaches-of-the-year: Jerry Harris, Lima Senior, and Keith Wakefield, Mansfield Madison;

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FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Split end: Curt Custer, Eastwood, 12, 6-3, 185;

Tight end: Charles Pritchett, Lima Senior, 12, 5-10, 200;

Tackles: Tom Dorsay, Mansfield, 12, 5-11, 211, and Brad Fisher, Findlay, 12, 6-4, 225;

Guard: Jim Kramer, Paudling, 12, 6-1, 200, and Bart Jacob, Perryburg, 12, 5-11, 170;

Center: Alex Thermann, Williams, 12, 6-1, 197;

Quarterback: Mike Williams, 12, 6-1, 197;

Running backs: Ron Keith, St. Marys, 12, 6-1, 185, Gary "Duke" Hayes, Bellevue, 11, 6-1, 185, and Kurt Johnson, Lakes, 12, 5-9, 185;

SPLIT END: Jim Schlosser, Bryan; Tight end: Steve Brown, Oregon;

Tackles: Jim Wakefield, Van Wert; Gary Gervais, Findlay, 12, 6-10, 210, and Rick Zarech, Norwalk, 12, 6-3, 235;

Guard: Doug Allbright, Eastwood; Steve Dunn, Huron; Center: Scott Yoder, Springfield;

Quarterback: Mark Taylor, Eastwood; Running backs: Nick Nau, Lima Central Catholic, Eric Kirk, Norwalk, and Corey Hamilton, Colonel Crawford;

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Steve Hurlbut, St. Marys, 12, 6-4, 195, and Scott Walling, Malabar, 12, 5-11, 185, Craig Saunders, Huron, 12, 6-5, 230;

Tackles: Jim Wakefield, Van Wert; Gary Gervais, Findlay, 12, 6-10, 210, and Rick Zarech, Norwalk, 12, 6-3, 235;

Guard: Doug Allbright, Eastwood; Steve Dunn, Huron; Center: Scott Yoder, Springfield;

Quarterback: Brad Rolf, Findlay, 12, 6-0, 185, Tim Kaulik, Archbold, 12, 6-1, 185;

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Ends: Joe Cripe, Oak Harbor, 12, 6-1, 185, and Bruce Archbold;

Tackles: Mark Wright, St. Marys, and Lloyd Landy, Upper Sandusky;

Linebackers: Robert Reisig, Norwalk, Bill Stewart, Lima Central Catholic, and Mike Williams, Williams, 12, 6-1, 197;

Defensive backs: Charlie Dewey, Margaretta, Don Saalman, Lakota, and Rich Shelton, Bucyrus;

Special teams: Jeff Rutherford, Mark Rosenberger, Clyde;

Jeff Laub, Bellevue; Matt Yetter, Margaretta; Bill Ireland, Lakota; Skip Marshall, Oak Harbor; and Steve Skillifer, Genoa;

Co-coaches-of-the-year: Jerry Harris, Lima Senior, and Keith Wakefield, Eastwood;

Backs: Skip Baughman, St. Marys, and Fred Koester, Eastwood;

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... St. Joe



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TIM FOOS
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JEFF BROWN
... Ross



JOE MAHLER
... Port Clinton



JEFF SCOTT
... Port Clinton

Northwestern Ohio All-District

Three streaks on first team

Three Fremont St. Joe defensive players paced Fremont area high school football teams in the balloting for the Associated Press (AP) All-Northwestern Ohio District football team.

The annual all-star team is picked by a panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Defensive end Jim Wasserman, defensive tackle Tom Foos, and defensive back Jeff Gottron led the St. Joe delegation. Another defensive back, Jeff Swint received special mention on the Class A dream teams.

Bob Leyman was a second team choice at linebacker. The Gilmore senior was the only area player to be tabbed for second team honors in the small school division.

Ross's Jeff Brown was the only Fremont to make the Class AAA first teams. The Little Giants' leading ground gained with nearly 1,350 yard this season, is one of the offensive standouts.

Port Clinton had two first team and two second team selections in AAA. Joe Maher was named at defensive end slot while Jeff Scott, the Class AA "player-of-the-year"

during the 1976 season, was a defensive back pick.

On the second team representing the Associated Press (AP) All-Northwestern Ohio District team.

The Redmen were Gary Van Dusen at offensive tackle and John Sivinski at linebacker.

Ross coach Scott Whitcomb was accorded a special mention.

Two members of the Bellevue Redmen were the only area players on the Class AA first or second teams. Gary "Duke" Haynes, a junior, was named in one of the running back slots while Haynes' teammate, Frank Schmitz of the school.

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Ron Keith of St. Marys Memorial High School and Kurt Johnson of Lake were named as "co-backs" of the year by the panel. The top lineman award went to Eastwood wide receiver Curt Custer who caught 49 passes this season while helping to lead Eastwood to a 10-0 record.

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Findlay quarterback Steve Reichenbach won the "back-of-the-year" and his teammate, Rick Coy, won "linebacker-of-the-year" laurels. Snider passed for more than 2,000 yards while Coy hauls down Snider passes for nearly 1,100 yards this season.

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Six athletes win MVPs

Six Ross High School athletes were named as the "most valuable" for fall sports teams in the delayed Ross Fall Sports Awards Night Monday at Ross High School.

Delayed from a week ago, the turnout for the combined (football plus girls and boys golf, girls tennis, volleyball, and cross country) sports program filled the cafeteria at Ross.

Scott Whitcomb, senior, was a pleasant surprise to the Ross football coaching staff this season and his teammates testified to the respect he had among them by voting him the team's MVP. Whitcomb, an offensive center and defensive linebacker, was a first team All-Buckeye Conference selection this past season.

Other special awards in football went to co-captains Jeff Brown and Clarence Parks. Brown was named the best offensive back and was presented the Giant Club Award. Doug Stull was tabbed as the top defensive lineman and Whitcomb was the best offensive lineman.

Dave Campbell was the best defensive back from his linebacker spot with the most improved senior and junior going to Tony Roach and Paul Miller, respectively. Rob Bollenbacher was named the outstanding sophomore player.

Roger DeBelly, who did not play a minute of football because of an accident last summer, was named as Ross's True Grit Award winner. The award is given by the YMCA Men's Club.

Barb Bliss took home the volleyball MVP along with a captain's trophy and the team's outstanding defensive award. Cheryl Carter was presented with a captain's award.

Carla LeJeune, just a sophomore, was named the team's outstanding offensive player while Debbie Link was the most improved player.

Mark Boedecker, holder of the Ross school record for the 2 1/2 mile course with 13:26, was named the cross country team's most valuable runner. He also received a captain's trophy. Tom Trabbic, a junior who got ready for the fall distance running sport by running 958 miles during the summer, won the most miles trophy.

Sophomore Tammy Stannard was not only named as the girls golf team's most improved player, she also was the MVP for the team that finished with a 5-1 record. Stannard led the team to a victory in the Treaty City Invitational, the only big tournament in the state for girls high school golf teams.

The captain's trophy went to Lauri Michael and the senior award was given to Jeannette Grendahl for the girl golfers.

Gary Eversole, a junior, was the boys golf team's MVP. He also won the low average (41.4) trophy while leading Ross to a third place finish in the Buckeye Conference.

Charlie Lease was presented with a captain's trophy and Ray Paulson was named the team's most improved player.

Junior Kathy Harman won the MVP for the girls tennis team. She played the first court singles.

Karen Shurmer was the team's captain. The most improved player was sophomore Linda Palmer. The outstanding sophomore award was shared by Cyndy Malinowski and Shelly Young.

Trophies were presented to Ross Principal Richard Butdorf for school trophy case by the girls golf and volleyball teams. The golf trophy for the Treaty City Invitational win and the volleyball trophy for the runnerup spot in the district tournament.



GIRLS SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS. Left to right: Cheryl Carter, Deb Link, Barb Bliss, Carla LeJeune, Karen Shurmer, Linda Palmer, Kathy Harman, Cyndy Malinowski, Shelley Young, and Tammy Stannard.



BOYS FALL SPORTS SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS. Left to right: Gary Eversole, Charlie Lease, Ray Paulson, Tom Trabbic, and Mark Boedecker.



FOOTBALL SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS. Dave Campbell, Tony Roach, Roger DeBelly, Doug Stull, Rob Bollenbacher, Scott Whitcomb, and Jeff Brown.

Bowling standings

Earl McDavitt tossed a 593 in the Rec House League at Rainbow Lanes to

scratch, with a 560; Ron Wagner and Rick Schlechter with 673 and 642.

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Jeff Brown on North All-Stars

Jeff Brown of Fremont Ross was officially named to the North squad for the annual Ohio High School Football Coaches' Association North-South

football game.

The game will be played Aug. 4 in Canton.

Following are the members of the North team:

TE-DE Dean Matsztak, 6-5, 220, Toledo Central Catholic; OT-DT Jim Light, 6-3, 235, Toledo Woodward; DB-RB Kurt Johnson, 5-10, 185, Lake; LB Lonnie Meredith, 6-1, 195, Toledo Whitmer; QB Steve Reichenbach, 6-foot, 170, Findlay; DB-RB Jeff, Brown, 5-11, 160, FREMONT ROSS; SE Buth Hunyadi, 5-11, 175, Findlay; TE-DT Lloyd Lundy, 6-4, 233, Upper Sandusky.

OT-DT Phil Posdara, 6-8, 235, Garfield Heights; DT Frank Koencik, 6-3, 225, Lakewood St. Edward; C Dave Manefe, 6-4, 218, Cleveland Kennedy; RB Bryan Thomas, 5-10, 195, Elyria Catholic; TE-DT Jim Pachna, 6-4, 220, North Ridgeville; OTDE Joe Berner, 6-3, 215, Avon Lake; RB-LB Frank Kowar, 62, 195, Lorain.

LB Ed Pryts, 6-3, 212, Brookfield; QB-DB Van Brandon, 5-11, 170, Warren Western Reserve; QB-DB Maurice Hall, 5-8, 163, Warren Harding; OT-DT Chuck Rowland, 6-6, 260, Barberton; DB Marcus McKinney, 6-2, 185, Barberton; DB Johnny Taylor, 5-11, 190, Akron Buchtel; DE-OG Andre Young, 6-1, 190, Akron Garfield; RB-DB Terry Cameron, 6-1, 180, Barberton.

RB-DE Ben Lee, 6-foot, 200, Canton McKinley; OT-DT Tim Daniels, 6-8, 260, Massillon; Rick Asberry, 6-3, 200, Canton McKinley; LB Andrew Royster, 5-11, 195, Alliance; C Fred Bolmgren, 6-2, 200, Louisville; OT-DT Ed Muranski, 6-7, 263, Youngstown Mooney; OT-DT Al Mohammed, 6-4, 253, Youngstown Ursuline; RB-S Russ Spitz, 5-11, 180, Boardman.



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