

1937 Class A Sectional Tournament

ROSS TO FACE NORWALK 1ST AT SANDUSKY

Three Fast Games Carded For Friday Night's Session

Ross High school basketball players will participate Friday night in a bargain bill to open the district Class A cage tournament at Junior High gymnasium in Sandusky.

The three-game, "four star" program will open with a game between Port Clinton at 7 p. m., to be followed at 8 by a tussle between Fremont and Norwalk and concluded with a fracas between Sandusky High and Mansfield an hour later. On Saturday night, Bellevue will meet the winner of the Port Clinton-Shelby game, victor in the Mansfield-Sandusky tilt against winner of the Norwalk-Fremont game and Junior Order vs. Tiffin Columbian.

Drill Hard

Semi-finals will be played on the following Friday night and finals on Saturday night. Losers of the semi-finals will meet in a preliminary Saturday night. Losers of the semi-finals will meet in a preliminary Saturday night contest.

Coach Bob Oldfather has been drilling his charges intensively over the past week and believes the practice sessions will produce results in tournament play. The Little Giants are gunning for avenge of their 24-22 loss to Norwalk during the season. In that nip-and-tuck battle, Grubbs tied the count only to see Call, of Norwalk, sink the winning goal.

Oldfather has been using Shaw, a freshman, at forward, moving Charley Wolfe back to center in place of Pete Fox. Remainder of the Ross lineup will stay the same as used in recent games.

"Woody" Grubbs, Fremont scoring leader, is seen as one of the heavy point makers of the Sandusky tournament. He accounted for 14 points in the first Ross-Sandusky game and had 102 points for the season.

May Meet Sandusky

There is a strong possibility of Ross and Sandusky meeting again Saturday in the tourney if they can win over Norwalk and Mansfield, respectively. Mansfield and Sandusky did not meet this season.

The Little Giants had one of their most disastrous seasons, winning only four out of 14 games. Inability to score on foul shots lost a number of the season's encounters. Coach Oldfather, however, is forgetting the season's misfortune as the Little Giants appear to take on new life for tournament play.

LITTLE GIANTS MAKE BID FOR CAGE LAURELS

Ross High Five Faces Norwalk at Sandusky Playoff

Ross High school's bid for sectional Class A basketball honors will open Friday night at 8 o'clock in Junior High school gymnasium at Sandusky.

Norwalk, a foe which turned in a thrilling 24-22 win over the Little Giants a few weeks ago, will oppose the Fremonters. The game will be sandwiched between an opening tilt bringing together Port Clinton and Shelby and a third tilt between Sandusky and Mansfield.

Fremont's basketeters will be out to even counts with Huron county boys. The Little Giants will put forth every effort to get another chance to face the Blue Streaks again. Ross will meet Sandusky Saturday at 8 p. m. if the Streaks are able to get past a strong Mansfield club.

Mansfield's stock zoomed earlier this week as the Tigers won over the strong Ashland team, 28 to 25. The Saturday night schedule will start at 6 p. m. with Willard and Ashland taking the floor. Four games are on the card, concluded with the Tiffin Junior Order-Tiffin Columbian tilt.

Tentative starting lineup for the Ross-Norwalk game:

| Ross | | Norwalk |
|--------|---|---------|
| Grubbs | f | Amato |
| Shaw | f | Call |
| Wolfe | c | Sweet |
| Rice | g | Berner |
| White | g | Zimke |

Officials—Lars Wagner (Oberlin), and W. G. Etter (Wittenberg); official scorer—George Daniel (Lorain), and head timer—Rawdon (Oberlin).

Ross Quintet Tops Norwalk By One Point; Port Clinton Wins Over Shelby 28 to 18

CLASS A TOURNAMENT

Fremont Ross 23, Norwalk 22.

Port Clinton 28, Shelby 18.

Sandusky 31, Mansfield 25.

Fremont Ross High cagers swept through a fast Norwalk team Friday night on the Junior High school court in Sandusky, 23 to 22 to win its first game of the Class A sectional tournament.

The one-point victory over a foe which eked out a two-point win over the Little Giants in their last meeting gives the Fremonters another chance to meet Sandusky High's Blue Streaks this year. The two quintets will tangle Saturday at 8 p. m.

Playing one of those see-saw games not decided until the final gun, the Little Giants took advantage of scoring breaks. Woody Grubbs, Ross forward, pulled the game from the fire with a bucket late in the battle. He got 10 points on five fielders.

Loss of Sweet, elongated Norwalk center, in the third period on personal fouls dropped the Huron county team's scoring punch. Call, forward, another Norwalk scoring threat, was removed from the game on four fouls in the fourth stanza. Charlie Wolfe, Ross cen-

ter, second high in scoring with seven points, also was forced from the game via personal foul route in the fourth.

Fremont was ahead, 4-3 at the close of the first period, but trailed at the half, 10 to 8. Ross High scored seven points to Norwalk's four in the third period and both teams accounted for eight markers in the final quarter. Ability to cash in on free throws gave Fremont the decision.

Eight Fremont players were used in the nip and tuck affair, while Norwalk sent seven men into the lineup. Call, Norwalk forward, had four fielders to lead the Maple City five.

Summary:

| Fremont Ross (23) | G. | F. | T. |
|-------------------|----|----|----|
| Shaw, f | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Grubbs, f | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Wolfe, c | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| White, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Rice, g | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Auxter, c | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Deemer, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rollins, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 8 | 7 | 23 |

| Norwalk (22) | G. | F. | T. |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Call, f | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Amato, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sweet, c | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Berner, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Ziemke, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Halter, f | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Colvin, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 10 | 2 | 22 |

TALES IN IDBITS

By BILL BRAUCHER

Central Press Sports Editor

CLEVELAND, March 6—Strange situations arise in baseball . . . Walter Johnson was one of the greatest pitchers of all time, but his big worry when he was manager of the Cleveland Indians was the pitching staff . . . Steve O'Neill was one of the greatest catchers ever to block a runner at the plate, but now that he is manager of the Indians he is crossing

FREMONT FACES TOURNEY GAME IN GOOD SHAPE

Last Workout Set For Today As Game Approaches

Fremont will swing into action against Tiffin Columbian at 8:30 p. m. Friday at Sandusky in the sectional Class A semi-finals with all members of the Ross squad reported in good condition for battle.

The last pre-tournament practice, a light workout, will be held here this afternoon.

50-50 Chance

Ross enters the contest with a 50-50 chance. The teams divided honors in their two encounters this season. Columbian, easily disposed of in the first game, cracked down on Ross for six points in a whirlwind finish to win the second one.

Wednesday afternoon, Coach Bob Oldfather's boys settled down to another hard practice. There was 20 minutes of offensive play, a session on defense, winding up with foul-shooting.

His decision to use Grubbs and Shaw, at forwards; Wolfe, in the circle; and Rice and White, at guards, has not been changed, the Ross mentor reports.

One factor is in favor of Fremont. They know about Columbian's power of comeback, from their own experience and what befell Tiffin Junior Order Home in the quarter-finals at Sandusky.

Have Great Comeback

Columbian came from behind to top Ross; and after trailing, 8 to 10, they turned around and put the skids under Junior Order. Ross used mostly second stringers in its first game of the season with Columbian, after the first half, and Fremont possesses potential strength to win again. They will be on guard against Tiffin tactics.

Columbian's seasonal play was not one to excite comment. They dropped two-thirds of their games, and some of them in not very graceful fashion.

Fremont, too, dropped games, but developed a sustained attack which carried them through the quarter-finals, 22 to 17, much to the chagrin of Sandusky Streaks.

In practices this week, the squad looked decidedly good. They carry the backing of Fremont's rank and file with them.

Tiffin Takes Ross, 28 to 19 In Heart-Breaker Contest; Ashland Favored To Repeat

Aggressive Play by Foe in First Half Trips Up
Locals Who Outscore Rivals in
Second Half Rally

CLASS A TOURNEY SEMI-FINALS
Tiffin Columbian 28, Fremont 19.
Ashland 32, Bellevue 16.

Fremont Ross High school cagers lost a heart-breaking contest to Tiffin Columbian, 28 to 19, Friday night at the Sandusky Junior High school gymnasium in semi-final round of Class A sectional tournament.

The Little Giants were unable to show the snappy floor-work marking their previous tournament play, although the battle was much closer than the final score reveals. Failure to maintain the peppy aggressiveness of its two previous games at Sandusky was responsible for the Fremonters not reaching the finals.

A disastrous second quarter, in which Columbian scored 13 points to a single point for Ross was chief cause for downfall of Coach Bob Oldfather's boys. They partially over come that in the second half only to see a spurt in the last two minutes net the winners six points.

Victory for the Tiffinites gave them the right to meet Ashland Saturday night in the finals. Ross and Bellevue will tangle Saturday night in the preliminary consolation tilt.

The Little Giant basketeters were not able to get the ball at center or make their share of recoveries from the backboards. Tiffin cagers were allowed to break away to drop in shots when points really counted. Hoerig, Tiffin center, accounted for 10 points to lead the Columbian offense.

Fred Rice, Fremont guard, dropped in four long fielders to head the Ross high scoring. Coach George Burkett's quintet held only a two-point margin as the last two minutes of the game came up. Three rapid-fire shots from all sides of the court put the game on ice for Tiffin.

Ross High was unable to get started in the first two periods, although a 6 to 4 advantage over their Buckeye league foes was held at the close of the first quarter. Tiffin's spurt in the second period made the count, 17 to 7 at the intermission. Ross scored seven points to Tiffin's two in the third period but was behind 9-5 on last-quarter tallying.

The Little Giants outscored Columbian 12 to 11 in the last half despite the six point spurt in the last two minutes. Mitten, Tiffin forward, scored seven points and Wolfe, Ross center, had three.

Brilliant floor work by Bob Sprague, Ashland forward, and the kind of marksmanship which gave him scoring honors in the North Central Ohio high school league were chiefly responsible for Ash-

land's 32-16 win over Bellevue. The losers were able to match Ashland for the first quarter, with the count ending 7-8, but encountered too much Sprague and too clever an offense to keep in the running for the remainder of the game. Ashland, winners last year, are heavy favorites to repeat.

Summary:

| Tiffin Columbians (28) | G. | F. | T. |
|------------------------|----|----|----|
| Conrad, f | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Mitten, f | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Hoerig, c | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Leihy, g | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| DeMuth, g | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Bero, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gouker, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kerschner, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Krupp, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Patterson, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 10 | 8 | 28 |

| Fremont Ross (19) | G. | F. | T. |
|-------------------|----|----|----|
| Shaw, f | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Grubbs, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Wolfe, c | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| White, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Rice, g | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Becker, f | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Kochy, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Auxter, c | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Deemer, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rollins, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 7 | 5 | 19 |

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