



**THE ROSS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM** — Standing (left to right): Roxie Price, Lori Lawrence, Lynn Kellogg, Debbie Link, Karyl Solze, Paula Zimmerman, Kim Myers, Barb Bliss, Jenny Bowes,

Debbie Clark, Cheryl Carter, Diane Flickinger; kneeling; Kathy Stine, manager, Coach Sue Wolf, and Mary Deisenroth, manager.

## Ross girls to rely on speed

Short on size but long on speed — that's how Ross Coach Sue Wolf describes her girls basketball team this fall. At least that's how she hopes it will be.

"We lost everybody last year," Wolf, beginning her second year as the head coach, said. "We have only three players who lettered last season."

Those three, Roxie Price, Diane Flickinger, and Karyl Solze are all seniors, the only seniors on the squad. Price and Flickinger, however, are the players with the most experience. Solze saw just enough varsity action a year ago to earn her letter.

Wolf's first squad produced an 8-5 record but she hedges about making any predictions about this year's team and its 18-game schedule.

"People ask me how I think we will do," she said, "and it's hard to say. I cannot make any predictions whatever — I really believe that we do not have an easy schedule this year. There are no pushovers in it."

While the schedule is a wicked one, Wolf must face this season without the benefit of any real height.

The biggest Little Giant is Paula Zimmerman who is a half-inch under 5-10. From there, it drops down to Kim Myers and Debbie Link at 5-7 each.

"What we are going to have to do, or try to do, is get the ball off the boards and get it out as quick as we can," the Ross leader said. "We do have speed."

Leading the speed parade will be Price and Flickinger, both 5-1, at the guards. On the inside, Wolf will go with Myers at center, and junior Barb Bliss (5-5) and Solze (5-6) at forwards.

"You can see by our size that we are going to have to play mostly a zone defense," Wolf explained. "I'd hate to go with a man to man and end up with a mismatch on our guards."

Lori Lawrence, a 5-4 sophomore, Debbie Clark, 5-4 sophomore, and Cheryl Carter, a 5-4 junior, are the front line replacements at the

guards slots. Carter began practice just this past Monday after recovering from a 14-stitch cut in her hand suffered during volleyball season.

Lynn Kellogg, 5-4 junior, and Jenny Bowes, 5-5 junior, are the forward backups with Kellogg also being called on for guard duty at times. Zimmerman will backup at center while Link can play either center or forward.

Wolf pointed out that during the four preseason scrimmages, her team has performed well but what her team will do under actual game pressure is an unknown commodity.

The Little Giants will learn how they react to that unknown commodity Thursday when they journey to Bowling Green High School for the season opener. The junior varsity game will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The first home game for the Little Giants will bring in Clyde on Dec. 16 at the Ross High School gym.

# ***BG girls trounce Ross***

**BOWLING GREEN** — The Ross High School girls basketball team suffered through a cold shooting night, especially in the first half, in dropping a 54-29 decision to host Bowling Green in the season opener for the girls.

Ross only scored six points in the first half and found itself trailing 19-6 going into the third quarter. The Little Giants got going in the second half, but so did the hosts. Ross more than doubled its first half scoring output in the third quarter but still found itself trailing 35-19 going into the final period.

Ross shot 18 per cent from the field to 45 per cent for Bowling Green. The Bobcats held a narrow 22-21 edge in rebounds, with Ross committing 34 turnovers to 27 for Bowling Green.

Roxie Price, who was scoreless in the first half, paced the Giants in scoring with 12 points. Kim Myers and Barb Bliss had four.

Bowling Green had three girls in double figures with Alyson Young leading with 14, Melissa Chase with 13 and Deb Gallier with 12.

Ross will resume action Tuesday night at Toledo Whitmer.

Bowling Green also won the junior varsity game 25-11, with Lisa Swedersky leading Ross with six points.

## **Varsity game Score by quarters**

Ross	4	2	13	10-29
B.G.	6	13	16	19-54

## **Scoring**

**ROSS** — Flickinger 0-3-3, Price 5-2-12, Solze 1-0-2, Myers 2-0-4, Bliss 0-4-4, Link 1-0-2, Lawrence 1-0-2, totals 10-9-29

**BOWLING GREEN** — Gallier 5-2-12, Newlove 2-0-4, Young 7-0-14, Chase 6-1-13, Hoseclaw 4-0-8, Rodesky 1-1-3, totals 25-4-54

Season record: Ross 0-1

## **Jayvee game Score by quarters**

Ross	0	7	2	2-11
B.G.	6	6	0	13-25

## **Scoring**

**ROSS** — Bobay 2-0-4, Stout 0-1-1, Swedersky 2-2-6, totals 4-3-11

**BOWLING GREEN** — Dunlap 4-1-9, Hiltnee 3-0-6, Milligan 2-1-5, Kausch 2-0-4, Hartz 0-1-1, totals 11-3-25



## Girls lose

TOLEDO — The Ross High School girls basketball team stayed with Toledo Whitmer for two quarters Tuesday night, but the hosts pulled away in the third period for a 42-36 win.

Ross trailed only 14-13 at halftime but Whitmer outscored the Little Giants in the third period 12-9, and slightly extended the margin in the fourth.

"We looked better," said Ross coach Sue Wolf. "We did not shoot better though. We just did not get the ball up enough."

Ross only made 10 of 50 shots from the field for 20 per cent, while Whitmer was 19 of 67 for 28 per cent.

Coach Wolf was happy with the play of Kim Myers and Diane Flickinger who led Ross scoring with 11 and nine points.

### Varsity game Score by quarters

Ross	7	6	9	14—36
Whitmer	7	7	12	16—42

### SCORING

ROSS — Flickinger 3-3-9, Price 3-2-8, Solze 0-1-1, Bliss 1-5-7, Myers 3-5-11, totals 10-16-36

WHITMER — Malacewski 2-0-4, Willer 1-0-2, Spencer 3-0-6, Pfaffenberger 10-1-21, Johnson 2-2-6, Kasely 1-1-3, totals 19-4-42

### Jayvee game Score by quarters

Ross	2	2	4	7—15
Whitmer	11	10	6	6—33

### SCORING

ROSS — Bobay 1-0-2, Swedersky 2-0-4, Lawrence 2-1-5, Clark 1-0-2, Walter 1-0-2, totals 7-1-15



## SAFETY TOE FOOTWEAR



**KIM MYERS** of Ross recoils after colliding with Clyde's Christy Cenkus in third quarter action Thursday evening at Ross High School. Myers was called for a foul on the play. (News-Messenger photo by Bruce Crippen)

## Reds trade Perez to Montreal

CINCINNATI (AP) — A large multi-year contract, a promise to play everyday and competition from young Dan Driessen were chers Woodie Fryman and Dale Murray.

"I think Will McEnaney and me can give Montreal a winning attitude," said Bench, adding that the club's all-time leader

# Cenkus' shot ruins Ross Little Giants home debut

By BOB MARKER  
N-M Sports Editor

Christy Cenkus banked in short jump shot from the right of the foul line with just over a minute to play in the game for the winning basket in Clyde's 27-24 victory over Ross in the Little Giants home opening basketball game.

The Fliers survived a shooting night that would normally spell doom for other teams. Clyde case up 74 shots at the bucket and canned only 10 of them for a cold 14 per cent performance.

"Normally, we shoot around 35 per cent," Clyde Coach Mary Thomas grinned.

While the Fliers were super cold, Ross was not too many degrees better. The Little Giants fired 51 shots but hit only nine for 18 per cent. The number of shots brought a frown to Coach Sue Wolf, who watched her team drop its third straight game without a win.

"I cannot get them to shoot," Wolf exclaimed. "Every time they come close to the bench I yell at them to shoot the ball."

Ross trailed at the end of one quarter 10-8 and at the half 15-12. The Little Giants had taken their only lead of the game late in the second period.

With both teams having a hard time locating the basket, Ross's Diane Flickinger hit a pair of free throws to cut the Clyde margin to 11-10. Kim Myers dropped in a short shot from the right with 2:30 to go till the intermission and Ross was up 12-11.

Clyde, however, bounded back with a pair of charity tosses by Sharon Ritchey for the lead and a looping one hander from the top of the circle by Sandy Smith for the lead at the half.

In that second stanza, Clyde hit only one of 22 shots from the field and Ross, one of 10.

Clyde, behind three long one-handers by Ritchey, forged a 21-14 lead, the biggest of the game, midway through the third quarter. A three-point play by Ross's Debbie Link made it 21-17 at the end of three periods for Clyde.

A bucket by Barb Bliss and a free throw by Flickinger cut Clyde's lead to 21-20 a minute into the final stanza. Cenkus hit a free throw to build the Fliers lead back to two but Bliss fired one in from the top of the circle to tie the game with five minutes to play.

The deadlock remained until Evie Nyenhuis, a 5-11 exchange student from Holland, canned a shot from 20-feet for the Fliers. Clyde held onto the 24-22 lead for three minutes but Bliss hit a jumper from the left of the foul circle to tie the game with 1:22 to play.

That set the stage for Cenkus who put in the winning bucket 15 seconds later. Ritchey iced the game with a free throw with six seconds to play.

Wolf, despite the loss, was pleased with her team in one area.

"I thought we played good defense but we did not block out on rebounds," she said. "Sure, we had some defensive lapses and they scored on them but overall, I thought the defense was good."

Clyde outrebounded the Little Giants 46-42 but 21 of the Clyde caroms came off the Fliers' offensive board. Ritchey led the Fliers in scoring with nine points.

Roxie Price and Bliss led Ross's scoring with six points apiece.

Early in the second quarter, the Fliers lost Kathy Aman when she suffered an injury to her ankle. In the Fliers' 53-34 win Tuesday over Port Clinton, Aman had scored 18 points.

In the junior varsity contest, Ross notched an 18-14 win.

Ross will host Oregon Clay Tuesday at the high school. The JV game will begin at 6:30 p.m.

### Varsity Game Score by quarters

Clyde	10	5	6	6-27
Ross	8	4	5	7-24

### Scoring

CLYDE — Ka. Aman 1-0-2, Cenkus 1-1-3, Stucky 1-1-3, Ke. Aman 1-2-4, Lippert 1-0-2, Ritchey 3-3-9, Smith 1-0-2, Nyenhuis 1-0-2; totals 10-7-27

ROSS — Zimmerman 1-0-2, Myers 2-0-4, Flickinger 0-3-3, Price 2-2-6, Bliss 3-0-4, Link 1-1-3; totals 9-6-24

Season records: Clyde 2-0, Ross 0-3

### JV Game Score by quarters

Clyde	6	2	4	2-14
Ross	0	8	8	2-18

### Scoring

CLYDE — Chidley 1-0-2, Myers 4-0-8, Seppakaki 0-2-3, Stucky 1-0-2; totals 6-2-14

ROSS — Stout 2-0-4, Swedensky 2-0-4, Weaver 1-0-2, Lawrence 3-0-4, Clark 1-0-2; totals 9-0-18

Season records: Ross 1-4, Clyde 1-1



**JUMP BALL!** Kelli Aman (10) of Clyde moves in to tie up Ross's Barb Bliss who had just grabbed a rebound. Ross lost its home opener 27-24 to the unbeaten Fliers.



**WELL GUARDED** Oregon Clay's Lorri Socie (42) finds herself double flanked by Ross's Paula Zimmerman (left) and a leaping Kim Myers in

girls basketball action Tuesday night at the Ross gym. Ross beat Clay for its first win in four games. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

## Bears pull away from Clyde

GIBSONBURG — Clyde lost its fifth game of the season against no wins as

the game with 16 points. Ernsthausen added 12 and Bowers canned 10. The

Score by quarters				
Clyde	8	12	14	14-46
Gibsonburg	10	13	11	34-59
Scoring				

# Little Giant girls hit victory column

By BOB MARKER

**News-Messenger Sports Editor**  
Fremont Ross employed a stingy zone defense and Roxie Price rammed in eight of 11 shots to unravel Oregon Clay's girls basketball team 33-29 Tuesday at Ross High School.

The win was the first of the season for the Ross girls against three losses. It was Clay's first test of the still young roundball season.

"Roxie played pretty well," beamed a happy Sue Wolf, coach of the Little Giants girls. "She had not been playing well the last couple of games."

Price, a scrappy 5-1 senior guard, popped in 12 points in the first half as Ross broke out to a 19-12 lead. She pumped in one of two shots in the first eight minutes and then gunned in four of five in the second stanza.

The Little Giants suffered through six turnovers in the opening period as baskets by Mary Powers and Cindy Szabo pushed Clay into a 4-0 lead. A free throw by Paula Zimmerman four minutes into the game was Ross's first point.

Price stole the ball and laid it in for the Little Giants first bucket at the 2:40 mark and free throws by Barb Bliss and Diane Flickinger gave Ross a 5-4 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Little Giants roared to the half-time lead, the biggest of the night, on Price's hot shooting and by dropping in six unanswered points in the final three minutes.

Clay used a man to man (girl to girl) defense in the early stages of the game and it was just like a Christmas gift to Wolf.

"I was glad to see them using it," she smiled. "It was to our advantage because of the speed Roxie and Diane have out front, they were able to get some good shots, especially Roxie."

Flickinger had nearly the identical shots that Price was getting but then had the misfortune of having an invisible lid on the basket. Several of her shots rolled around and off.

Clay caught fire at the start of the third period and went on a 10-2 scoring

sprint to grab a 22-21 lead. Szabo hit two buckets in the run but it was two charity tosses on a technical foul on Ross by Powers that put Clay on top for the first time in the final half. There was a little over four minutes gone when Powers canned her shots.

Bliss put Ross back ahead with a jumper from the right but Szabo's short shot from the left put the Eagles on top again 24-23. That was the last time, however, that Clay was to lead.

Flickinger banked one in from the right and Bliss lofted a soft shot in from the circle for a 27-24 lead at the end of three.

Price banged in two 15-footers in the first four minutes of the final period to put Ross ahead 31-24 and the game was out of reach. The Eagles did close the gap to 31-28 but Flickinger canned a pair of free throws with two minutes left to ice the game.

"We did pretty well defensively tonight," Wolf explained. "Before this game, in our zone, we had Roxie guarding the wrong person. Instead of falling back toward the middle when the ball went to the side, she had been going out."

Price finished the night with 18 points with Flickinger and Bliss adding seven apiece. Szabo had 13 for Clay.

In the junior varsity game, Lisa Swedersky hit two buckets in overtime for a 21-17 Ross win. The win upped the JV's record to 2-2.

VARSITY GAME				
SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Clay	4	8	12	5-29
Ross	3	14	8	6-30

**SCORING**  
CLAY — Szabo 6-1-13, Powers 0-2-2, Morrison 1-0-2, Gallagher 1-0-4, Mercer 1-0-2, Socie 1-0-2, Peacock 1-0-2, Franke 1-0-2, totals 13-33  
ROSS — Myers 1-0-2, Zimmerman 0-1-1, Price 8-2-18, Flickinger 2-3-7, Bliss 2-1-7, totals 13-33  
Season record: Ross 1-3, Clay 0-1

JV GAME (OT)				
SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Clay	3	8	6	0-17
Ross	3	4	2	0-21

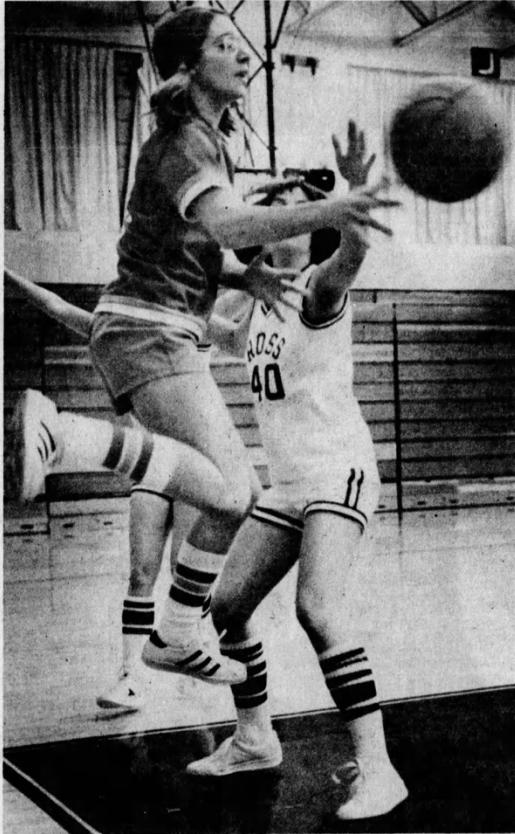
**SCORING**  
CLAY — Zink 2-0-6, Turna 1-0-4, Merier 2-0-4, Peacock 0-1-1, totals 7-3-17  
ROSS — Berger 0-1-1, Stout 1-0-2, Swedersky 3-0-6, Clark 4-0-4, Lawrence 2-0-4, totals 10-1-21  
Season record: Ross 2-2, Clay 0-1



**PAULA ZIMMERMAN** of Ross tries to prevent an Oregon Clay player from dribbling around her Tuesday night. The Little Giants, combined with a tough defense and a hot shooting night from Roxie Price, defeated the Eagles, 33-29.

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UP IN THE AIR goes a Toledo Central Catholic player as she desperately tries to get a pass off with Ross's Paula Zimmerman (40)

heavily guarding during the play. (News-Messenger photo by Bruce Crippen)

## Ross girls play well, but so does Central

By BOB MARKER  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Playing its best was not quite good enough Tuesday for the Ross High School Little Giants girls basketball team.

"They are just good," a not too overly distressed Sue Wolf, Ross coach, grinned after she had watched a well disciplined and sharp shooting Toledo Central Catholic team drill the Little Giants 65-24.

"I think we played well tonight," Wolf offered despite the lopsided score. "As a matter of fact, I feel that if we had played this well in the other games that we lost, we would have won them."

The loss was Ross's fourth in five contests while the TCC Irish ran to its third consecutive win against no losses this season.

"We are fortunate up there," Central Coach Fran Krumpak smiled, "in that we have one heck of a good grade school program. These girls have been playing basketball since the fifth grade."

Employing a zone press along with a half-court trap, the Irish forced Ross into numerous turn-

overs throughout the game. Central dropped the press at the start of the second period after they had taken a 22-4 lead.

Peg McCarthy, a 5-8 sophomore, banged in 10 points and Central popped in 10 of 22 shots in the first period pullaway for the Irish. McCarthy who drove the base line consistently as well as sweeping the boards for easy followup shots, led all scorers in the game with 16, canning eight of 14 from the field.

Kristi Gordon, a 5-9 senior, collected 12 points for the Irish and along with McCarthy and 5-10 sophomore Chris Tuttle, shut Ross out on the boards. Tuttle wound up with eight points.

Central slammed in 30 of 73 shots for a 41 per cent shooting performance while pulling out quarter leads of 22-4, 41-10, and 54-14.

The closest the Little Giants got to Central after Mary Ann Robinson's jumper from the top of the circle put Central on the scoreboard first was 4-2 a minute and a half into the game. Barb Bliss's short jumper, however, was one of only two buckets for Ross in the initial stanza.

The Little Giants had problems getting off a decent shot against the tenacious Irish defense, lofting only 33 toward the bucket all night. They made only seven of them.

Diane Flickinger led the Ross girls with eight points; Roxie Price followed with seven and Bliss finished with a half dozen.

In the junior varsity game, the Irish rolled over Ross 29-8 to drop the Little Giants JV mark to 2-3.

### VARSITY GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS  
22 14 10 11—65  
Ross 4 6 4 10—24

SCORING  
CENTRAL — Gordon 9-12, Robinson 2-0, McCarthy 8-16, Tuttle 3-8, Kubacki 1-0, 2, Ciesowski 1-0-2, Cierniak 1-0-2, Bialorucki 2-0-4, Reifmeyer 1-0-2, Wicinski 1-0-4, Noggle 2-0-4, Lager 1-1-3, McPartland 1-0-2; totals 30-56

Ross — Bliss 2-6, Price 1-5-7, Flickinger 3-2-8, Solze 0-1-1, Bowes 1-0-2; totals 7-10-24

Season records: Central 3-0, Ross 1-4

### JV GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS  
1 8 9 9—29  
Ross 2 2 2 2—8

SCORING  
CENTRAL — Desmond 1-0-2, Heintschall 5-6-16, Lewanoski 1-0-2, Nadoldy 1-0-2, Pedro 0-1-1, Weiser 2-0-4, Wietrykowski 1-0-2; totals 11-29

ROSS — Walter 1-0-2, Stout 1-0-2, Clark 0-2-2, Lawrence 1-0-2; totals 3-8

## Lambert is top defensive player

By HAL BOCK  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Middle linebacker Jack Lambert of the Pittsburgh Steelers was selected the National Football League's Defensive Player of the Year today by The Associated Press.

Lambert was an easy choice with 42 votes from the 84 ballots cast by sports writers and broadcasters in the 28 NFL cities. Defensive tackle Wally Chambers of the Chicago Bears finished a distant second with 10 votes while defensive end Tommy Hart of the San Francisco 49ers had seven and cornerback Monte Jackson of Los Angeles had five.

Others receiving support included Lambert's linebacking partner, Jack Ham of Pittsburgh, defensive end John Dutton and tackle Joe Ehrmann of Baltimore, cornerback Mike Haynes of New England, the defensive rookie of the year, and defensive end Coy Bacon of Cincinnati.

Lambert was the leader of a Steeler defense that permitted only 28 points in the final nine games of the

## Heidelberg, Smith advance at Medina

MEDINA — Fremont Ross's Jesse Heidelberg and Jim Smith forged into the semifinal round of the Medina Invitational Wrestling Tournament here today after the first day of competition on Tuesday.

Smith, a heavyweight, pinned his first two opponents in the opening rounds to reach the finals. In the first round, the Ross senior pinned Jim Ott of Marlington in 1:24 while in the second round of wrestling, Smith stopped Keith Hutchinson of Barborton in just 28 seconds.

Today, Smith was to wrestle Terry Reeves of Cardinal Stritch in the semis.

Heidelberg, 105, used a bye in the first round and an easy 15-3 romp over Ray Kowach of John Marshall in the second round to reach the semis. Heidelberg faced Mike Gercak of Norton in his semifinal match.

The Little Giants, seventh of 18 teams after one round, had nine wrestlers still alive in the consolation.



# Ross drops No. 5

SYLVANIA — The Ross girls basketball team fell behind early and dropped its fifth game out of six to Sylvania Northview 47-33 here Thursday night.

Northview extended a 23-14 halftime lead to 33-18 at the end of the third period, with Ross having its greatest scoring outburst in the fourth quarter. The Little Giants outscored the Wildcats 15-14 in the final period.

The cold third quarter, when it only scored four points, definitely hurt Ross.

Diane Flickinger was the lone Ross player to score in double figures with 13. Roxie Price followed with eight.

Ross hit on 15 of 69 shots for 22 per cent, to 23 of 62 for 34 per cent for Northview. The hosts had a slim 32-31 rebounding edge.

Northview defeated Ross 16-10 in the junior varsity game, with Deb Clark scoring six for the Little Giants.

## Varsity game

### Score by quarters

Ross	8	6	4	15	33
Northview	12	11	10	14	47

### Scoring

ROSS — Flickinger 6-1-13, Price 4-0-8, Zimmerman 1-0-2, Bliss 3-0-6, Myers 1-0-2, Kellogg 0-2-2, totals 15-3-33

NORTHVIEW — Ziegler 3-1-7, Armstrong 8-0-16, Gee 1-0-2, Hoeing 5-0-10, Page 3-0-6, Dennison 3-0-6, totals 23-1-47

Season records: Ross 1-5

## Jayvee game

### Score by quarters

Ross	4	2	4	0	10
Northview	6	2	2	6	16

### Scoring

ROSS — Deb Clark 3-0-6, Swedersky 1-0-2, Weaver 1-0-2, totals 5-0-10

NORTHVIEW — Miller 1-0-2, Harden 0-2-2, Moncher 1-0-2, Boudoures 2-2-6, Blazak 2-0-4, totals 6-4-16

# Flickinger paces Ross

**SANDUSKY** — Diane Flickinger led a first half surge that lifted Fremont Ross's girls basketball team to a 29-26 win over Perkins here Thursday.

The victory lifted Ross's record to 2-5 for the season while Perkins was competing in its first game.

Flickinger popped in 10 of her game high 12 points in the first half as the Little Giants rolled out to a 17-9 first half lead. In the 10-point Ross second period, the Ross senior canned three shots as the Little Giants outscored the Pirates 10-5 in the eight minute sequence.

Coach Sue Wolf credited Kim Myers and Paula

Zimmerman, Ross's tallest players, with being the key to the team's "2-3" and "1-2-2" zone defenses.

That defense held Perkins's high scorer of a year ago, Veta Handshoe, to nine points, seven in the second half as the Pirates staged a small comeback.

Barb Bliss dropped in seven points for second high honors on Ross while Cyndi Lococo had eight for the Pirates.

Perkins' Coach Peggy Range summed up her team's play briefly. "I was not at all pleased . . . to say the least!"

Ross's defense forced Perkins into the bigger part of the Pirates' 35 turnovers.

The Little Giants hit 12 of 42 from the field while Perkins managed just nine of 55.

In the junior varsity

game, Ross came back from a 6-0 deficit after one quarter of play to grab a 23-10 win.

Kim Walter and Lori Lawrence scored six points apiece to lead Ross. Kaye Stout added five.

## Varsity Game Score by quarters

Ross	7	10	6	6	—29
Perkins	4	5	6	11	—26

## Scoring

ROSS — Flickinger 5-2-12, Price 2-0-4, Solze 1-0-2, Zimmerman 0-1-1, Bliss 3-1-7, Myers 1-1-3; totals 12-5-29

PERKINS — Handshoe 2-5-9, Lococo 4-0-8, Gallagher 1-1-3, Matthias 1-1-3, Wolfe 1-0-2, Decker 0-1-1; totals 9-8-26

Season record: Ross 2-5, Perkins 0-1

## JV Game Score by quarters

Ross	0	6	6	11	—23
Perkins	6	0	2	2	—10

## Scoring

ROSS — Walter 3-0-6, Adams 1-0-2, Stout 2-1-5, Clark 2-0-4, Lawrence 2-2-6; totals 10-3-23

PERKINS — Weaver 1-0-2, Lipscomb 1-0-2, Smith 3-0-6; totals 5-0-10

## Boosters meeting

The St. Joe Boosters will meet Monday evening in the club rooms. The meeting will begin at 8

the playoff with the 46-year-old Littler.

Littler, with a closing 67, and Lietzke, with a closing 69, finished regulation at 275, 13 under par. Both birdied the par-five 15th — the first playoff hole — then parred until the 18th.

Andy North also three-putted the 72nd hole and missed the playoff by a stroke at 276 after a closing 66. Tom Watson was next at 68-279, followed by Gary McCord, Bill Mallon and Gil Morgan at 278. McCord and Mallon shot three-under-par 69s in the warm, sunny desert weather and Morgan matched par 72.



**BARB BLISS**  
... 13 points

## nds season

for a week in San Diego — the league's owners huddled to try to keep the league together.

But the legal questions take a back seat to the football game. Each year there is talk that the Pro Bowl, which follows the Super Bowl, is one game too many, that the fans, and some players, don't take it seriously.

John Madden, coach of the Super Bowl champion Oakland Raiders, disagrees.

"I found that one thing every player has in common is a great deal of pride," said Madden.

"They go all out. They really start getting intense. They won't give anything but their best."



## Ross girls stop Marion

Marion Harding became the Ross girls basketball team's third victim this season. The Presidents were ran off the Ross floor by the Little Giants 41-26.

The Little Giants turned in their best shooting night of the season, hitting 29 per cent on 18 of 63 shooting and at the same time, turned in one of the more balanced scoring games.

Barb Bliss tossed in 13 points as Ross's top three scorers took turns hitting hot streaks during the game. Bliss canned three buckets in the first eight minutes as Ross raced to a 10-4 lead.

Roxie Price, who finished with 10 points, dropped in four buckets and Bliss added two more in the third quarter as Ross put the game out of reach with a 15-3 spurt. Diane Flickinger had eight points for the Little Giants including six in the second period as Ross grabbed a 21-12 lead at the half.

Paula Zimmerman, Ross's center, scored only four points but grabbed 13 rebounds as Ross dominated the boards 32-22.

Coach Sue Wolf was happy with her team's defense but was even happier with a season low 18 turnovers in the win that upped Ross's record to 3-5.

In the JV contest, Ross came out firing "6s" at the Presidents. The Little Giants scored six points in each of the four quarter to win easily 24-6. The Ross defense held Harding scoreless in the first half.

Lori Lawrence and Tammy Adams had six points each to pace Ross.

### VARSITY GAME

Score by quarters  
Marion 4 8 3 11-26  
Ross 10 11 15 5-41

#### Scoring

MARION — Bolinger 2-0-4, Hempfield 1-1-3, Stewart 1-1-3, Wigton 5-2-12, Culp 2-0-4; totals 11-4-26

ROSS — Flickinger 4-0-8, Price 5-0-10, Zimmerman 2-0-4, Bliss 5-3-13, Myers 0-1-1, Bowes 1-0-2, Lawrence 1-1-3; totals 18-5-41  
Season record: Ross 3-5

### JV GAME

Score by quarters  
Marion 0 0 4 2-6  
Ross 6 6 6 6-24

#### Scoring

MARION — Bomas 1-0-2, Soverns 2-0-4, Bender 0-0-0, Denman 0-0-0, Peters 0-0-0; totals 3-0-6

ROSS — Bobay 1-0-2, Walter 1-0-2, Adams 3-0-6, Stout 2-0-4, Clark 3-0-6, Lawrence 2-0-4; totals 12-0-24

## Ross girls top Findlay

The Ross girls basketball team won its third straight game Friday night by edging Findlay 36-31.

Ross had a strong first half in taking a first quarter lead at 8-4 and upping it to 22-10 at halftime. Findlay cut a 30-20 deficit in half by outscoring the Little Giants 11-6 in the final quarter.

Ross got balanced scoring from Diane Flickinger, Roxie Price and Barb Bliss, with all of them canning 10 points. Robin Kretzinger and Cathy Linhart paced the Trojans with 10.

The Little Giants, now 4-5, connected on 17 of 62 shots from the field for 27 per cent, while Findlay was 14 of 44 for 32 per cent. Ross outrebounded the Trojans 33-26, with the biggest edge coming on the offensive boards, where Ross had a 15-7 edge.

Findlay threw 2-3 and 2-1-2 zone defenses at Ross, while also employing a 1-2-1-1 press. Turnovers were practically

even with Findlay committing 16 to Ross's 15.

The Ross jayvees were held to two points in the first half and fell on the short end of a 20-13 score.

Ross returns to action Thursday night at Bellevue as it tries to extend its winning streak to four.

### Varsity Game

Score by quarters	8	14	8	6-36
Findlay	4	6	10	11-31

### Scoring

ROSS — Flickinger 5-0-10, Price 4-2-10, Zimmerman 1-0-2, Bliss 5-6-10, Bowes 2-0-4; totals 17-3-36  
FINDLAY — Bundy 1-0-2, Kretzinger 5-0-10, Linhart 4-2-10, Adams 4-1-9; totals 14-3-31

Season records: Ross 4-5

### Jayvee Game

Score by quarters	0	2	6	5-13
Findlay	6	8	2	4-20

### Scoring

ROSS — Stout 1-0-2, Swedersky 1-0-2, Clark 1-1-3, Lawrence 3-0-6; totals 6-1-13  
FINDLAY — Barnhill 1-2-4, Cramer 1-1-3, Stefan 1-2-4, Ice 1-0-2, Warner 3-1-7; totals 7-6-20

## Ralph Tucker, Whirlpool win

Ralph Tucker Motor Sales and Whirlpool picked up victories in close Slow Break "C" League basketball games Friday night.

Tucker's edged Al Franks Fabrication 56-52 while Whirlpool squeezed by the Vanguard Bombers 31-30.

Tucker's broke out on top 15-8 at the end of the first quarter, but found

man added 12.

Whirlpool built up a 20-11 halftime lead against Vanguard and held on in the second half for the low scoring victory. Bob Ferrell paced the winners with nine points, while Richard Binau of Vanguard led all scorers with 15. Richard Fell added 11 for the losers.

Score by quarters	15	11	9	21-56
Tucker's	8	16	14	14-52

AL FRANKS — B. Stierwalt 1-0-2, C. Conger 5-1-11, S. Conger 5-1-11, S. Conger 1-0-2, M. Conger 3-2-8, Fick 7-0-14, Morrison 2-1-5, Schepflin 4-2-10; totals 23-6-52  
Whirlpool 31, Vanguard Bombers 30

Score by quarters	6	5	9	10-30
Vanguard	7	13	4	7-31

### Scoring

VANGUARD — Binau 7-1-15, Merz 2-0-4, Fell 4-3-11; totals 13-4-30  
WHIRLPOOL — Tusing 2-0-4, Schenk 3-1-7, Garcia 2-0-4, Missler 3-0-6, Wyant 0-1-1, Ferrell 2-5-9; totals 12-7-31



ROXIE PRICE of Ross passes off in early action of the Ross-Findlay girls basketball game at Ross High School

Friday, Karen Hemker (23) of Findlay is defending on the play. (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)



# Ross zero for 34 but still stops Sandusky

"Do you believe that?" Sue Wolf asked anyone within earshot. "I don't!"

But in reality, Wolf, the Ross girls basketball coach, happily faced the truth: her team missed its first 34 shots at the basket, trailed 13-2 at the half, but still defeated Sandusky 42-28 Monday evening at Ross High School.

The Little Giants girls atoned from the horrendous first half shooting by slamming home 18 of 32 shots in the second half to pull out the win, their fifth in 10 games.

"What do you say?" Wolf said when asked what she had said to her team during the intermission, but then answered her own question. "I just told them this isn't the same team I remember at practice.

"I told them they could do better than that and they did!"

Roxie Price lofted in an

18-footer from the right of the foul line one minute and 58 seconds into the third period for Ross's first bucket of the game and at the same time, tore the lid off the basket for the Little Giants.

The Little Giants had only two free throws by Kim Myers at the 5:03 mark of the first quarter for their only first half points but after Price's third quarter bucket, nearly every shot began to fall.

Ross outscored the Blue Streaks 19-5 and 21-10 in the final two quarters while winning going away. Price and Barb Bliss canned six points apiece, and Diane Flickinger dropped in two buckets in the turnaround third quarter.

Bliss hit six more in the final period with Flickinger and Myers four

apiece as Ross put the game away.

Bliss ended up leading Ross scorers with a dozen points while Flickinger and Price finished with eight apiece.

Doreen Hampton led Sandusky with 14 points.

In the junior varsity game, The Little Giants evened their record at 5-5 by rapping the Blue Streaks 27-15. Lisa Swedersky tossed in 12 points in what JV Coach Marilyn Maike termed as the team's best game to date.

## Varsity game Score by quarters

Sandusky	6	7	5	10	28
Ross	2	0	19	21	42

## Scoring

SANDUSKY — Hampton 6-2-14, Johnson 2-1-5, Gant 2-0-4, McCarthy 2-0-4, Hill 0-1-1; totals 12-4-28

ROSS — Flickinger 4-0-8, Price 4-0-8, Zimmerman 1-1-3, Myers 2-2-6, Bowes 1-1-3, Link 1-0-2; totals 18-8-42

Season record: Ross 5-5

## JV game

### Score by quarters

Sandusky	3	2	4	6	15
Ross	4	9	7	7	27

## Scoring

SANDUSKY — Myers 2-0-4, McGregor 1-0-2, Shaw 1-1-3, Turner 3-0-6; totals 7-1-15

ROSS — Bobay 1-2-4, Walter 0-1-1, Stout 2-1-5, Swedersky 6-0-12, Clark 1-0-2, Lawrence 1-1-3; totals 11-5-27

Season record: Ross 5-5

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# Rams stop Ross's win streak

UPPER SANDUSKY — The host Upper Sandusky Rams snapped a four-game winning streak of the Ross girls basketball team Saturday with a 38-23 victory.

The game story was inadvertently left out of Monday's News-Messenger because a report of the game was misplaced.

The Rams pulled away in the second half when Ross only scored eight points. Upper Sandusky extended a 16-15 halftime lead to 29-21 at the end of the third quarter and outscored Ross 9-2 in the fourth period.

"The game was like the weather — dull," commented Ross Coach Sue Wolf. "We just never got started."

Ross made only 10 of 41 shots from the field for 23 per cent, with Upper Sandusky canning 14 of 62 for 22 per cent. The Little Giants committed 29 turnovers to 18 for the Rams.

Diane Flickinger and Roxie Price led Ross scoring with eight and seven points respectively. Jennifer

McAllister of Upper Sandusky led all scorers with 17 points.

Upper Sandusky made it a clean sweep with a 34-18 victory in the junior varsity game. Lisa Swedersky had nine points for Ross.

The Little Giants, now 5-6 for the season, host Tiffin Columbian at 6 p.m. Thursday in their next game.

## VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	6	9	6	2—23
Upper Sandusky	6	10	13	9—38

## SCORING

ROSS — Flickinger 3-2-8, Price 3-1-7, Zimmerman 1-0-2, Bliss 1-0-2, Bowes 1-0-2, Link 1-0-2, totals 10-3-23

UPPER SANDUSKY — McAllister 8-1-17, Smythe 0-2-2, Derr 3-2-8, Cowell 0-1-1, Hammer 3-2-8, Austin 1-0-2, totals 15-8-38

Season records: Ross 5-6

## JAYVEE GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	2	4	4	8—18
Upper Sandusky	7	8	13	6—34

## SCORING

ROSS — Walter 1-0-2, Stout 1-0-2, Swedersky 4-1-9, Weaver 0-1-1, Clark 1-0-2, Lawrence 1-0-2, totals 8-2-18

UPPER SANDUSKY — Elchert 1-2-4, Hoover 6-0-12, Richards 3-3-9, Relle 1-1-3, Franc 3-0-6, totals 14-6-34

# Trio paces Ross's 6th win

By BOB MARKER  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

"I think I am going to ask her to play sick all the time," chuckled Sue Wolf, Ross's girls basketball coach after watching her team even its season at 6-6 with a 42-37 win over visiting Columbian.

Kim Myers stumbled on to the right remedy for herself and her Ross teammates as she grabbed three key rebounds and dropped in three points to key a Ross rally in the final period. Myers, a 5-7 junior, dropped in a short shot to give Ross a 35-35 tie with 2:10 to play in the game and followed that up with one of two free throws to put Ross ahead at 36-35 with 1:48 to go.

"Yeah," Wolf confirmed while sipping on some fruit juice, "she was sick all day but the way she played tonight shows what kind of heart she has in her."

Myers took care of getting Ross ahead but it took Ross's ping-sized guards, Roxie Price and Diane Flickinger, to put the game in cold storage for the Little Giants.

Price, a 5-1 senior, stole a pass out of the hands of Columbians Linda Reiss, drove the length of the floor and banked in a layup to give Ross some breathing room at 38-35 with 1:35 to play. Flickinger took over after that.

"Flick," also a 5-1 senior, missed a free throw for Ross at the 1:06 mark but came back to sink two straight with 16 seconds left and added two more charity tosses with two seconds to play to ice the game.

Wolf was all smiles over the play of Price who led all scorers for Ross with 13 points.

"She got the ball and gave it to us on the fast breaks when we needed it," Wolf offered but added that she felt a little more restful on the bench when Flickinger strolled to the line in the last minute of play.

The Little Giants canned 17 of 66 shots, a 26 per cent effort and that brought a response from the Ross coach.

"That's coming right up there now."

While Myers, Flickinger, and Price were turning in

the offensive gems for Ross, 5-9 sophomore Paula Zimmerman and 5-5 junior Barb Bliss were controlling the boards for the Little Giants against the taller Columbian team.

Bliss and Zimmerman each grabbed 13 rebounds as Ross held a commanding 51-34 edge.

"That's the best job of blocking out that we have had this season," Wolf offered, "Their team was so much taller than us."

Ross broke out on top early in the second quarter and built up a 22-17 lead behind six points apiece by Price, Flickinger and Zimmerman.

Columbian did not get the lead in the ball game until Barb Richards banged in shot from the right base line for a 27-26 lead midway through the third period. The Tornados led only on one other occasion at 33-32 on a line drive 22-footer by Karla Haman with 5:39 to play.

Price's 13 led Ross with Flickinger adding 10. Zimmerman had her best scoring night of the season with eight points. Reiss led Columbian with 14 points and Richards added eight.

In the junior varsity game, Ross scored 16 points in the final quarter to erase a 16-10 Columbian lead while rolling to a 26-23 win. Lisa Swedersky and Lori Lawrence scored 11 points apiece for the Ross JVs.

Lawrence canned nine points and Swedersky seven in the final period. The Ross JVs hit 32 per cent from the field.

Ross will host Toledo Whitmer Saturday in a 2 p.m. game at Ross. The contest will be the last home for Ross and is the final home game for seniors Flickinger, Price, and Karyl Solze.

## Varsity Game Score by Quarters

Columbian	10	7	12	8—37
Ross	12	10	10	10—42

## Scoring

COLUMBIAN — Reiss 7-0-14, Hamen 3-0-6, Magers 0-1-1, Stiger 1-0-2, Wahl 1-0-2, Morris 0-1-1, Richards 4-0-8, Heyman 1-1-3; totals 17-3-37  
ROSS — Flickinger 3-4-10, Price 6-1-13, Solze 1-0-2, Zimmerman 4-0-8, Bliss 1-2-4, Myers 1-1-3, Bowes 1-0-2; totals 17-8-42

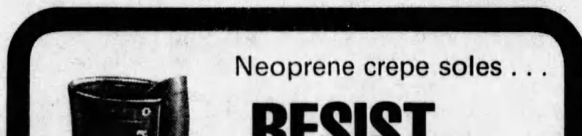
Season records: Ross 6-6, Columbian 2-8

## JV Game Score by Quarters

Columbian	2	7	4	10—23
Ross	4	2	4	16—26

## Scoring

COLUMBIAN — Lewis 1-0-2, Peiffer 0-1-1, Seeberger 3-0-6, Grover 2-0-4, Halcomb 1-0-2, Bogner 4-0-8; totals 11-1-23  
ROSS — Adams 1-0-2, Swedersky 5-1-11, Clark 1-0-2, Lawrence 5-1-11; totals 12-2-26



# Whitmer downs Ross 36-32

The Ross High School girls basketball team put on a fourth quarter rally which fell a little short Saturday in a 36-32 loss to visiting Toledo Whitmer.

Whitmer opened up a 17-9 halftime lead and led 29-19 going into the final period, before Ross outscored the Panthers 13-7 in the final stanza.

The defeat lowers Ross's season record to 6-7.

"We came out and played basketball in the second half," said Ross Coach Sue Wolf. "The kids really started moving. Time just ran out on us." she said the team wasn't moving at all offensively in the first half.

Roxie Price of Ross led all scorers with 16 points, with Diane Flickinger and Barb Bliss adding eight and seven respectively. Kim Johnson and Pat Malaczewski led the Panthers with 14 and 12 points respectively.

Ross found the mark on 11 of 41 field goals for 27 per cent, to 19 of 66 for 19 per cent for Whitmer. The teams battled to a

35-35 draw in rebounds, and Ross committed 14 turnovers to 10 for Whitmer.

Ross resumes play tonight when it travels to Marion Harding.

Whitmer also won the junior varsity game 20-12. Sue Vandenbrock led Whitmer with 11 points and Lisa Swedersky had seven for Ross.

## Varsity Game Score by Quarters

Whitmer	3	6	10	13	32
Ross	6	11	12	7	36

## Scoring

WHITMER — Malaczewski 6-0-12, Adler 1-0-2, Aumiller 0-1-1, Spencer 1-0-2, Pfaffenberger 2-0-4, Saunders 0-1-1, Johnson 7-0-14, totals 17-2-36

ROSS — Flickinger 2-4-8, Price 6-4-16, Bliss 3-1-7, Myers 0-1-1, totals 11-10-32

Season records: Ross 6-7

## Jayvee Game Score by Quarters

Whitmer	4	5	9	2	20
Ross	3	2	3	4	12

## Scoring

WHITMER — Lippert 1-0-2, Summerville 0-1-1, McCartney 2-0-4, Trotter 1-0-2, Vandenbrock 5-1-11, totals 9-2-20

ROSS — Stout 0-1-1, Swedersky 3-1-7, Clark 0-1-1, Lawrence 2-0-4, totals 5-3-13



# Ross rally rips Harding girls

**MARION** — A second half rally propelled the Ross girls basketball team to a 37-29 victory over Marion Harding Monday.

Trailing 22-15 at the half, Ross outscored the hosts 8-2 in the third quarter to narrow the deficit to one and went on a 14-5 spurt in the final stanza for the victory.

The win evens the Ross season record at 7-7. Roxie Price and Barb Bliss paced the Little Giant scoring attack. Price had 12 points and Bliss added 10. The Presidents had three players with seven points.

The free throw line, where Ross hit 13 of 25, was the difference in the ball game. Marion had only five of 13 free throws as both teams had 12 field goals. Marion was 12 of 48 from the field for 25 per cent and the Little Giants were 12 of 59 for 20 per cent. Ross had a 33-32 edge in rebounds.

The Little Giants will try to go over the .500 mark Wednesday night at Findlay.

Ross had less trouble winning the junior varsity game. The Little Giants did most of their scoring in the second and fourth periods for a 23-8 victory. Lori Lawrence led the Ross jayvees with eight points.

## Varsity Game Score by Quarters

Ross	11	4	8	14—37
Marion	11	11	2	5—29

## Scoring

**ROSS** — Flickinger 2-2-6, Price 4-4-12, Zimmerman 2-1-5, Bliss 3-4-10, Myers 1-2-4, totals 12-13-37

**MARION** — Culp 3-1-7, Hempfield 2-3-7, Stewart 2-0-4, Wigton 3-1-7, Wright 2-0-4, totals 12-5-29

Season records: Ross 7-7

## Jayvee Game Score by Quarters

Ross	3	10	2	8—23
Marion	2	2	4	0—8

## Scoring

**ROSS** — Walter 1-0-2, Swedersky 3-1-7, Clark 3-0-6, Lawrence 4-0-8, totals 11-1-23

**MARION** — Bender 1-0-2, Wolf 1-0-2, Buttermann 1-2-4, totals 3-2-8

# Ross girls lose in overtime

FINDLAY — Robin Kretzinger's two buckets in overtime helped Findlay erase a 21-13 Ross lead at the half and propelled Findlay to a 32-30 win Wednesday in girls high school basketball.

The Trojans grabbed a 12-10 lead after the first eight minutes but Ross's defense threw up an iron ring around the bucket and allowed Findlay a single free throw by Kretzinger in the second period. Ross, led by Kim Myer's five points, stepped off 11 points in the quarter for the comfortable halftime lead.

Ross, however, hit a cold streak that lasted the entire second half, scoring only four and three points in the final two periods.

The Little Giants hit only 13 of 43 from

the field and had only a single field goal from Roxie Price in the overtime. Price's 10 paced the Little Giants with Myers finishing with seven.

## Varsity Game Score by Quarters

Ross	10	11	4	3	2-30
Findlay	12	1	7	8	4-32

## Scoring

ROSS — Flickinger 2-2-6, Price 5-0-10, Zimmerman 1-0-2, Bliss 2-1-5, Myers 3-1-7; totals 13-4-30

FINDLAY — Bundy 2-0-4, Adams 6-1-13, Kretzinger 5-1-11, Linhart 1-0-2, Kruse 1-0-2; totals 15-2-32

Season records: Findlay 5-4, Ross 7-8

## JV Game Score by Quarters

Ross	3	1	4	4-12
Findlay	5	9	7	8-29

## Scoring

ROSS — Stout 1-1-3, Swedersky 0-1-1, Clark 1-0-2, Lawrence 3-0-6; totals 5-2-12

FINDLAY — Cramer 3-2-8, Barnhill 2-0-4, Stefan 1-4-6, Ice 1-2-4, Warner 2-1-5, Brim 1-0-2; totals 10-9-29

# Senior trio leads Ross win

**SANDUSKY** — Ross's senior trio turned in its best performance of the season in pacing the Little Giants girls to a 37-34 victory over Sandusky.

The win in the season finale closed out the Ross season at 8-8.

Roxie Price, Diane Flickinger, and Karyl Solze, all seniors, teamed up to score 28 of the Ross points.

"That's what I have been looing for all season," Ross Coach Sue Wolfe smiled, "the seniors played a great game and gave us the floor leadership that we wanted!"

Price scored 12 of her Ross high 16 points in the second half. The 5-1 Ross guard spurred Ross from a 14-14 deadlock at the half to a 28-18 lead at the end of three quarters.

Sandusky, after holding Ross to only two points in the second quarter, fell apart in the third quarter. The Blue Streaks closed with a flurry late in the final stanza but Ross's lead was too big to overcome.

Flickinger, another 5-1 guard, drilled in 10 points while Solze led the Ross defense.

The Little Giants canned 16 of 43

shots for 37 per cent, the best of the season for Ross.

Doreen Hampton tallied 18 for Sandusky to lead all scorers. The Blue Streaks hit 16 of 49 from the floor.

In the junior varsity game, Ross outscored Sandusky 8-2 in the second quarter to take a 10-6 lead while chalking up an 18-14 victory.

Lori Lawrence led the Ross JVs with a dozen points, scoring two points in the second quarter and all of Ross's six points in the final period.

## VARSITY GAME

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	12	2	14	9—37
Sandusky	8	6	4	16—34

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

ROSS — Flickinger 4-2-10, Price 8-0-16, Solze 1-0-2, Zimmerman 1-0-2, Bliss 1-3-5, Myers 1-0-2; totals 16-5-37

SANDUSKY — Hampton 8-2-18, Gant 3-0-6, Johnson 2-0-4, McCarty 1-0-2, Hill 2-0-4; totals 16-2-34

Season record: Ross 8-8

## JV GAME

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	2	8	2	6—18
Sandusky	4	2	6	2—14

## SCORING

ROSS — Bobay 0-1-1, Stout 1-0-2, Swedersky 1-1-3, Lawrence 6-0-12; totals 8-2-18

SANDUSKY — Myers 4-0-8, McCregor 1-0-2, Miller 1-0-2, Turner 1-0-2; totals 7-0-14