

1936 Class A Tournament

BOTH FAVORED TO WIN FIRST CAGE BATTLES

Little Giants Meet Juniors; Streaks To Play Clyde

Fremont's two scholastic basketball teams, Ross High and St. Joe, were prepared Saturday to make their bids for district supremacy, taking part in tournaments in their respective classes.

Coach Bob Oldfather will take his Little Giants of Ross high to Sandusky where they will tangle with Tiffin Junior Order Home at 6 p. m. in Junior high school gymnasium. This will be the second night of the class A tournament at Sandusky. Ross having drawn a bye the first round.

Coach Bernarde Hoffman will lead his Crimson Streaks to the Class B elimination at Ross auditorium in Fremont, where the Streaks are booked for a clash with Clyde at 9 p. m., the final game of the night.

Appear Ready

Both Fremont teams have been through long practices this week, getting ready for the big classics.

Ross high is favored to defeat Junior Order, which has been none too strong this year on the hardwood. Coach Oldfather will take a squad of men to Sandusky for the game.

It appeared likely that the Little Giant lineup will consist of Clarence Klinck and Pete Fox at forwards, George McCord at center, and Del Hetrick and Elz Driftmyer at guards. Others who will be in the game are Steve Brudzinski, Glenn Bliss, Wade Campbell, Fred Rice and Charley Wolfe.

May Get Streaks

If they win Saturday night, the Little Giants are expected to collide in the semi-finals next Friday with their arch enemy, Sandusky high, which started its tournament performance Friday by pasting Port Clinton, 47 to 18.

The St. Joe Streaks are likewise favored to upset a tough Clyde team in the Class B games at Ross auditorium. Steadily improving the last three weeks, the Streaks will make a desperate bid to represent this district in the state tournament two weeks hence. They were the representatives last year, and were finally defeated by Waterloo.

Probable Starters

Starting lineup for Coach Hoffman's charges will probably put Paul Mosser and Carl Fischer at forwards; Jim Oberhauser at center, and Hank Miesle and either Gerard Smola or Don Chudzinski at guards.

The St. Joe boys are regarded as "dark horse" entries in the elimination here, and are feared by every team in the tournament. Close followers of the game believe that the Fremont lads have the best possibilities of defeating either Sandusky St. Marys or Norwalk St. Paul.

LITTLE GIANTS HIT STRIDE IN THIRD QUARTER

Sink 14 Foul Shots in Ragged Game; Must Meet Sandusky

Despite an encountering of all sorts of playing difficulties, Fremont Ross High school won its opening game of the Class A sectional basketball tournament at the Junior High school gymnasium in Sandusky Saturday night. The victory came at the expense of Tiffin Junior Home, turned back by a 32 to 19 score.

Showing of the Little Giants fell far short of its work in nearly every encounter this season and only a big third quarter kept the Ross team from possible falling by the wayside in the initial battle. Scoring 16 points in the third quarter, the Fremonters piled up a 28 to 15 lead.

Victory for the Little Giants was followed by Sandusky tripping Shelby, 47 to 22. Thus the Blue Streaks and Ross High find themselves matched again after having tangled in two bitter Buckeye league games. The third meeting is scheduled for next Friday night.

Must Improve

Should the charges of Coach Bob Oldfather finally succeed in defeating Sandusky, they will return Saturday night to meet the winner of the Ashland-Tiffin Columbian game for the right to enter the state tournament at Columbus. Play, however, must improve considerably over that shown Saturday night for the Fremonters to reach that goal.

Both teams played on even terms in the second and fourth quarters, but the Juniors held a slim lead early in the second. Coble tied the count at 7-all, Fox dropped in a free throw, but Moser came back with an action shot to make the count, 9-8. Klinck quickly retaliated with two successful charity tosses, the second sending the Little Giants into the lead.

Play was rough and ragged. Ability of Ross cagers to cash in on free throws compensated considerably for wild shooting. The Little Giant cagemen dropped 14 out of 19 attempts from the 15-foot mark.

Wild on Shots

Fremont started the game with numerous shots going wild, while the same plague later struck the Tiffin team. "Biz" Driftmeyer, shifty little forward, led the scoring parade with three field goals and five free throws. Not until late in the game did Bizz miss his single unsuccessful try.

In addition to Sandusky winning its second game of the tourney, other successful campaigners Saturday night were: Ashland over Mansfield, 32 to 19 and Tiffin Columbian over Willard, 25 to 12. Next Friday night's schedule is Sandusky vs. Fremont, 7:30 p. m., and Ashland vs. Tiffin Columbian one hour later.

Lineup and summary of the

Ross-Junior Home game:

Fremont Ross (32)	fg	ft	tp
Klink, rf	2	3	7
Fox, lf	3	2	8
McCord, c	1	4	6
Hetrick, rg	0	0	0
Driftmeyer,	3	5	11
Bliss	0	0	0
Brudzinski	0	0	0
Rice	0	0	0
Wolfe	0	0	0
Totals	9	14	32

Junior Order Home (19)	fg	ft	tp
Coble, rf	2	3	7
Ehrhart, lf	1	2	4
Quick, c	0	0	0
Moser, fg	1	0	2
Lester, g	0	0	0
Edwards	1	1	3
Austin	0	0	0
Buckner	1	0	2
Cook	0	1	1
Oren	0	0	0
Totals	6	7	19

Score by quarters:

Fremont	6	6	16	4—32
Tiffin	3	6	6	4—19

LITTLE GIANTS PRACTICE FOR STREAK BATTLE

Must Face Ashland If Victory is Gained Friday Night

"If we're ever going to win, Friday night's the time to do it," Coach Bob Oldfather told his band on ten Little Giant basketballers up at Ross high school Tuesday night as the purple squad went through a light practice for its semi-final Class A tournament game with Sandusky's Blue Streaks.

Scrimmage sessions are definitely out for this week. Coach Oldfather thinks his team has had all the heavy work it needs, and is devoting greatest amount of time to brushing up the defense and shooting of his players.

Foul Shooting

Particular attention is being paid to the art of dropping foul shots through the loop. This phase of the game was particularly pleasing to Coach Oldfather in the first game of the tournament last week against Junior Order.

The Ross cagers have been hoping since their overtime defeat by Sandusky three weeks ago that they would have a chance to even the matter in the tournament semifinals, and when both the Streaks and the Little Giants crashed through the first and second round games last week, that ambition was realized.

In Good Shape

All of the Ross team is in good condition for the game, both physically and mentally.

It is a tough weekend ahead of the Fremont quintet, for even should they defeat Sandusky Friday night, they will save an even more difficult assignment Saturday in meeting Ashland. Close followers of the District A tournament declare Ashland is "the team to beat."

Little Giants Battle Ashland in Finals at Sandusky on Saturday

Fremont Ross and Ashland advanced to the finals of the district Class A tournament at Sandusky Friday night, by defeating Sandusky and Tiffin Columbian, respectively. Ross triumphed, 27 to 25, and Ashland won, 33 to 20.

The Little Giants and Ashland will clash at 8 p. m. with the winner getting the right to represent the district in the state tournament at Columbus.

Fremont Ross defeated its old foe, Sandusky, by staging a spirited comeback in the second half, the Blue Streaks failing to score a point in the third quarter. Ashland won out by a strong fourth period attack which netted 13 points.

Ross Tramples Sandusky Five

Rising to unbelievable heights in a great last half rally which overcame a ten point handicap, Fremont Ross high's scrappy band of basketeers completely outplayed a Sandusky Blue Streak quintet, to gain an often sought 27 to 25 victory which eliminated the cocksure Sanduskians from further tournament play.

The Little Giants turned into a team of virtual ball hawks in the last two periods, and with a defense that baffled the Blue Streaks, limited Sandusky to four lone points in the last half.

In the meanwhile, Coach Bob Oldfather's team collected 16 very valuable points for itself, and climaxed the breath taking recovery with a field goal in the last minute and a half of play that broke a 25-25 tie and allowed a Little Giant triumph.

Tighten Defense

The Ross cagers apparently were reluctant in the first half to try to break up the Sandusky offense under the basket, but after an intermission instruction, came back with a defense that was impenetrable.

The only points Sandusky could muster in the last half came in the fourth quarter, a fielder by Lamar Krueger and two fouls by the same gentleman. The Streaks suffered a blow which seemed to completely demoralize them when Charley Maag was ushered from the contest on four personal fouls in the third quarter.

The Streaks almost swept the Little Giants from their feet in the first and second periods, taking command 7 to 4 in the opening canto and leading at the half, 21 to 11. But the Ross team had not yet struck its stride, and scored eight points in the third period while holding Sandusky scoreless to crawl within two points of the Streaks, 21 to 19, as the fourth period started.

Continue Fast Race

The Fremonters kept up their terrific pace in the fourth period to add eight more points to their total, while Sandusky just managed to keep in the game by Krue-

ger's four points.

The contest provided sweet revenge for Coach Bob Oldfather's team, who three weeks ago at Sandusky built up to an apparently safe first half lead only to see the Streaks come back in the last quarter to tie the score and win out in an overtime thriller.

There was nothing fluky about the Little Giant triumph Friday night, the victory being achieved before one of the largest crowds ever to pack the Junior high gymnasium at the Erie county seat.

The Ross cagers outscored Sandusky from the field by a 10 to 8 margin in goals, while Sandusky tallied on nine out of 15 foul attempts while the Little Giants were cashing in on seven out of 12.

Reach Heights

Play of lanky George McCord, at center for Fremont, was one of the high spots of the fracas, with the redhead proving the key man in ball handling and in defensive play. To top his performance, McCord flipped in two fielders and two fouls for six points.

Glenn Bliss and Wade Campbell were the high scorers, with seven and eight points. Pete Fox dropped in the goal which broke the 25 to 25 tie. The entire Little Giant team played possibly the best game it has shown this season, even surpassing its great display in the Buckeye league championship game three weeks ago.

The lineup and summary:

Sandusky (25)	fg	ft	tp
Corder, rf	1	1	3
Beilstein, lf	1	0	2
Maag, c	1	1	3
Don Whittaker, rg	2	3	7
Krueger, lg	2	4	8
Grass	1	0	2
Totals	8	9	25

Fremont Ross (27)	fg	ft	tp
Bliss, rf	3	1	7
Fox, lf	1	0	2
McCord, c	2	2	6
Hetrick, rg	0	0	0
Campbell, lg	3	2	8
Klinck	1	2	4
Rice	0	0	0
Driftmeyer	0	0	0
Totals	10	7	27

Scores by quarters:

Sandusky	7	14	0	4—25
Fremont Ross	4	7	8	8—27

LITTLE GIANTS MISS SHOTS AS ASHLAND WINS

Fremont Boys Appear to
Have Played Out
Against Streaks

Unable to maintain the fast pace which gave them a first-half lead, Ross High school basketballers fell before Ashland High Saturday night, 27 to 20 in finals of the district Class A cage tournament on the Sandusky Junior High school gymnasium floor.

The Little Giants appeared to have spent themselves in defeating the Sandusky five the night previous, although they were able to hold an edge in the first two periods. Ross was leading 7 to 5 after the first period was closed and kept the margin in the second stanza as both teams were able to garner seven points.

Although the Fremonters showed snappier passing for a major part of the game, they could not connect their shooting attempts. Only for brief periods were the charges of Coach Bob Oldfather able to elick. Victory of the Ashland Whippers, co-champions of the N. C. O. league, enables them to compete in the state finals at Columbus late this week.

Scorers Off Form

Fremont's usually deadly accurate cagers were unable to find the hoop. Ellis was unable to score a point. Pete Fox dropped in one fielder and Hetrick and Campbell could score no more from the field. George McCord, lanky Ross High center, topped scoring activities for the Little Giants, chalking up seven points on three action shots and a charity toss.

Sprague, Ashland left forward, was leading scorer in the final game, also getting three field shots and a like number of free throws. Gongwer and Scobey netted six points apiece. "Big" Driftmyer, diminutive Ross High cager, was kept from shooting by height of the Ashland players, but he pestered the rangy boys with his close guarding.

Ross Leads Early

The Fremonters forged into the lead in the initial quarter as Hetrick and McCord dropped in field goals, while the center, Fox and Klinck were able to sink free throws. Ashland's points in the opening period came on an action shot and two free throws by Sprague and a single point by Gongwer.

Both teams played on even terms throughout the third period as Ross fought to maintain its lead when the Ashland county five opened up with more speed and passwork than shown previously in the tourney. Close guarding by the Little Giants kept Ashland from scoring more than five points to three for the Sandusky countians.

Ross High, entering the final period in a 17-all deadlock with its foe and still the tourney favorites began to weaken. Three field goals and a single free throw were piled up by the winners while Ross could do no better than score three points. Affects of a somewhat rougher tournament road than traveled by the Ashland quintet lost the cause for the Little Giants.

Both Played Out

Much of Ashland's margin of victory was amassed early in the last quarter. The Fremonters tried to whittle the lead in the closing minutes but failed to click in the pinch. Neither team was able to score in the last two minutes of play and Ashland's last-quarter spurt exhausted the winners as much as the game did the Ross cagers.

Ashland and Fremont were presented with respective first place and runner up trophies following the close of the grueling game. Presentation was made by Prin. Carl L. Mackey of school in which the district event was held. Mansfield defeated Sandusky 23 to 21, in a Junior High exhibition game.

Fremont Ross (20)		fg	ft	tp
Ellis, rf	.....	0	0	0
Fox, lf	.....	1	2	4
McCord, c	.....	3	1	7
Hetrick, rg	.....	1	1	3
Campbell, lg	.....	1	2	4
Rice	.....	0	0	0
Wolfe	.....	0	0	0
Brudinski	.....	0	0	0
Driftmyer	.....	0	0	0
Klinck	.....	0	2	2
Totals	.....	6	8	20

Ashland (27)		fg	ft	tp
Plank, rf	.....	1	0	2
Sprague, lf	.....	3	3	9
Scobey, c	.....	2	2	6
Hockensmith, rg	.....	0	1	1
Gongwer, lg	.....	2	2	6
Koehl	.....	1	0	2
Clark	.....	0	0	0
Zercher	.....	0	1	1
Havrath	.....	0	0	0
Fulmer	.....	0	0	0
Totals	.....	9	9	27

Score by quarters:
Fremont Ross 7 7 3 3-20
Ashland 5 7 5 10-27
Officials: Rettig (Denison) and Carlisle (Ohio Wesleyan); scorer: Daniel (Lorain). Timer: Rawden (Oberlin).

