

Class A Sectional Tournament

Draw Booms Fremont Chances In Class A Tourney; Bellevue Faces Tiffin-Calvert

Basketball Tourney Schedule Giants Play Pt. Clinton March 3; Sandusky High, St. Mary's To Clash

CLASS A SECTIONAL AT SANDUSKY (Winner to Toledo)

March 1
Tiffin Columbian (4-1) vs Willard (2-12), 8 p. m.

March 2
Bellevue (13-1) vs Calvert (4-1), 7 p. m.
Sandusky (6-8) vs St. Mary's (4-2), 8:45

March 3
(lower bracket)
Fremont (14-2) vs Pt. Clinton (1-2), 7 p. m.
Norwalk (4-9) vs Columbian-Willard winner, 8:45

March 4
Semi-finals, 7 and 8:45 p. m.

March 6
Finals, 8 p. m.

SANDUSKY COUNTY TOURNAMENT Tonight at Woodville

York reserves vs Townsend reserves, 7
Woodville reserves vs Green Springs reserves, 8:15
York varsity vs Green Springs varsity, 9:30

Wednesday at Green Springs
Jackson reserves vs York-Townsend reserve winner, 7
Jackson varsity vs Townsend varsity (semi-final), 8:15
Woodville varsity vs G. Springs-York winner (semi-final), 9:30

Friday at York
Reserve tourney finals, 7:30, Varsity finals, 8:45

PAROCHIAL AND EXEMPTED VILLAGE TOURNAMENT AT ROSS

Tuesday
Clyde vs Fremont St. Joe, 7:30
Gibsonburg vs Norwalk St. Paul, 9:00

Friday
Finals at 8:15 p. m.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

Class A Sectional at Marion
(winner to Toledo)

March 2
Ashland (17-1) vs Crestline (4-9), 6 p. m.

Bucyrus (8-5) vs Upper Sandusky (3-7), 7:20
Mansfield (14-5) vs Marion (7-11), 8:40

March 3
Mansfield Madison (4-9) vs Shelby (9-5), 7:00

Galion (5-10) vs Ashland-Crestline winner, 9:20

Semi-finals March 5, Finals March 6

Class A Sectional at Bluffton
(winner to Toledo)

March 1
Celina (7-7) vs Lima South (6-8), 7:30

Findlay (10-7) vs Kenton (3-6), 9:00

March 2
St. Marys (6-4) vs Shawnee (5-5), 7:30

Lima Central (7-7) vs Wapakoneta (2-4), 9:00

March 3
Upper bracket semi-finals

March 4
Lower bracket semi-finals

March 5
Finals

Class A Sectional at Defiance
(winner to Toledo)

March 1
Liberty Center (6-9) vs Bryan (13-3), 7:15

Napoleon (5-11) vs Van Wert (8-10), 8:30

March 2
Wauseon (11-4) vs Montpelier (2-15), 7:15

March 3
Finals

Class A Sectional at Toledo

(winner to Toledo)
(Woodward, Walte, DeVilbiss, Central, Scott, Libbey, Macomber, Whitner).

Individual Leaders For Inter-City

SINGLES

1. Hige Mackey, Painesville 643
2. Alton Mollgaard, Woodville 632
3. J. Bauch, Painesville 626
4. Dom Cardina, Painesville 625
5. J. Quinlan, Findlay 612
6. Charles Evans, Painesville 611
7. Dick Spiers, Delaware 603
8. Melvin Jacobs, Woodville 601
9. Curtis Faist, Woodville 601
10. Andy Loxterman, Paines 598

DOUBLES

1. T. Hervey-Don Cashmere, Painesville 1171
2. Larry Guisinger-Harry Arnold, Ashland 1158
3. Jim Mulqueeny-Jim Cardina, Painesville 1156
4. Joe Popely-Leonard Iovine, Painesville 1156
5. Andy Mihalk-John Duane, Lorain 1144
6. Arvel Richmond-William Wilson, Orrville 1135
7. M. Sholtis - A. Werronen, Painesville 1120
8. Harry Reynolds-Dan Shanahan, Fremont 1118
9. Hige Mackey - Bill Kish, Painesville 1117
10. Pete Daunch-Jim Nuciarone, Painesville 1109

ALL-EVENTS

1. Hige Mackey, Painesville 1805
2. Don Cashmore, Painesville

By AL COXON

News-Messenger Sports Editor
Luck was with Fremont Ross when pairings were made at Sandusky Saturday morning for the Sectional Class A basketball tournament.

Fremont, seeded No. 2 on its 14-2 record, was cast into the lower bracket, where its toughest opposition will be either Norwalk or Tiffin Columbian, both defeated by Ross during the season.

Bellevue, seeded No. 1, is in a tough upper bracket that includes Tiffin-Calvert, Sandusky and Sandusky St. Mary's. Ross drew Port Clinton, winner of only one game, while Bellevue drew Tiffin-Calvert and plays the winner of the Sandusky-St. Mary's game.

Sandusky, Norwalk Seeded
The seeded teams were Bellevue, Fremont, Sandusky and Norwalk, with the latter two having records of less than .500. The fact a team with a 4-9 record was able to be seeded indicates a weak tourney field, but the tournament could turn into a real thriller, especially in the upper bracket.

Vic Malinovsky, Sandusky high athletic director and tournament manager, is preparing for a packed house on March 2, when four teams with big followings take the court.
However, it is doubtful if the 2,500 capacity Sandusky junior high gym will be more than half filled the next night, March 3, for games between Fremont and Port Clinton and Norwalk and the Columbian-Willard survivors.

Bellevue and Fremont are favored to meet in the finals.

TOURNAMENT CHATTER
George Janson, Tiffin Columbian mentor, is lavish in his praise of Bill Rohrbach, the Calvert center. "Don't sell Calvert short against Bellevue," he warns. "Rohrbach can wreck a club. He's the best I've seen all year, and he has some pretty good boys to go with him. You have to play him close to stop him, and if Bellevue happens to lose a couple of big boys on fouls, look out." Janson's Columbians defeated Calvert two weeks ago despite 41 points by Rohrbach.

Grant Walls of the Norwalk thinks Bellevue has a better team than when it won the state championship in 1945.

"They're getting stronger as they go along," asserted Grant. Janson was opposed to setting up a practice schedule of tourney teams on the Sandusky court. He felt it was putting too much stress on the event and the sport as well. "It since his opponent Willard, will get a workout Sandusky for a practice session. Some coaches yell about a home court

advantage, but Sandusky has won the tournament only three times in 25 years," commented John Malcolm, Register-Star-News sports editor. John Feicht of St. Mary's agreed that it shouldn't be much of an adventure. The St. Mary's players were gathered outside the building and as soon as the pairings were made, Feicht went out and told them they had drawn Sandusky. A big roar of approval went up. "Our kids were hoping it would turn out this way," said Feicht. Rohrbach has scored 542 points in 15 games this season, an average of 36 per. Max Morrison, coach of Mount Zion and a member of the District board, attended the drawing. He told this reporter that Fremont lost the Class B district tournament because of general dissatisfaction of the way tickets were handled. But John Tittsworth, Ross faculty manager, said he never received any complaints. John feels the shift to Mansfield was the work of H. L. Bowman, Bowling Green superintendent, head of the District board. Ivan Wilhelm's Bellevue club will have to face three dangerous and inspired teams if it goes to the finals. Calvert should be up for the first round game, and if the Redmen get by that one and run into St. Mary's in the semi-finals (St. Mary's will be favored over S. H. S.), the Panthers are capable of matching them in speed and shooting ability. And if Bellevue passes those two tests, it probably will face Fremont in the finals and the Little Giants haven't forgotten that 72-65 setback of Feb. 2. St. Mary's battled Bellevue on even terms until the last minute in a regular season game. The doors will open at 6 p. m. for each tournament session. Representing Ross at the pairings were Coach Al Ziemke, Assistants Paul Raines and Bob Seale and Faculty Manager John Tittsworth.

Ohioan Steals Honors In St. Pete's Sunshine Regatta

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Bill Tenney, one of the nation's top outboard drivers, collected most of the prizes in the annual Sunshine Regatta here.

Tenney who lives at Dayton, Ohio, sped to four victories, a second and a third on the mile and two-third course on Lake Maggiore yesterday.

BRAND

Giants, Columbian Easy Winners; Calvert (Rohrbach) Plays Sandusky

By Al Coxon
News-Messenger Sports Editor

SANDUSKY — Just before his Tiffin Columbian team took the court against Norwalk, Coach George Janson declared: "If we get by this one we'll be hard to stop. We'll be hard to get out of there."

Then after his Columbians defeated the Truckers, 64-51, to enter the semi-finals of the Class A Sectional finals against Fremont Ross last night, Mr. Janson, realizing he was speaking on the record and trying to minimize his optimism, said: "I look at it this way. We'll give 'em a battle, but they have too much height for us."

When he said "they" he was referring to the Little Giants, who breezed to an 82-40 victory over Port Clinton in the opening game on last night's schedule. Vic Malinovsky, tourney manager and Sandusky athletic director, optimistically estimated the crowd at 500, and nearly half of the fans were from Tiffin.

The crowd should pick up tonight when Tiffin Calvert and fabulous Bill Rohrbach take the court at 7 o'clock against Sandusky and Fremont returns to meet the spirited Columbian team at 8:45. Many will be on hand out of curiosity, wanting to get a look at Rohrbach and his mates, who upset top-seeded Bellevue Tuesday.

Ross Subs Used Freely

Fremont didn't have much opposition, but their performance last night was a good one. The Giants showed speed and a good eye for the basket and appear to be in their best physical condition of the season.

With tonight's game coming up, Coach Al Ziemke substituted frequently. He rested Larry Miller all of the second quarter and used four substitutes and Miller in the third. Ziemke cleared the bench in the fourth quarter.

Port Clinton had three boys who don't average more than 5-6 in height and they were no match for the tall Fremonters. Dick Harter took point honors with 17. Henry Tiller scored 16 and Miller 13. Bob Twarek didn't get any field goals, but he managed to wind up as the scoring leader for the Redskins on eight free throws. Port Clinton made only nine field goals.

Truckers Close For Half

Norwalk gave Tiffin a battle for a half, but the Tornados' balance took effect in the third quarter. Norwalk, with Jim Spettle and Dave Hunter doing most of the scoring, held the lead several times in the second period. Tiffin, led by sub Charles Adams and Gene Cook, forged ahead 48-41 after three quarters. Hunter fouled out early in the fourth period. The Tornados handled the ball well after a jittery start. Bill Groman's all-around play featured Tiffin's offense. He scored 16 points. Spettle, leading scorer in the Northern Ohio League, tallied 22, 10 on free throws. Spettle wasn't up to snuff in field goal shooting.

Season scores show that Fremont is in for a rugged scrap tonight. Ross conquered Tiffin here by three points, spurting from a tie score in the last 35 seconds, and it pulled the game at Tiffin out of

the fire in the last two minutes, winning by eight points. Tiffin led at the two-minute mark.

After losing two season games to Fremont last year, Tiffin, then coached by Harry Auble, upset Ross in tournament play.

If Ross wins tonight, tickets for Saturday's 8 p.m. finals will be on sale at Tremper's News Stand.

— 1:—

FREMONT (82)

	G	F	P	T
Miller, f	4	5-5	3	13
Tiller, f	6	4-7	3	16
Doren, c	4	0-0	1	8
Baron, g	4	0-2	0	8
T. Houghtaling, g ..	2	0-0	1	4
Harter	6	5-10	4	17
Chambers	3	1-1	5	7
Harris	0	2-3	2	2
Black	3	0-0	3	6
Sewell	0	1-2	0	1
Anderson	0	0-0	3	0

Totals

PORT CLINTON (40)

	G	F	P	T
Peltier, f	1	3-4	5	5
Dietrich, f	2	1-2	5	5
Bergman, c	2	3-6	1	7
Padely, g	4	0-0	1	4
Twarek, g	0	8-10	0	8
Papcun	0	0-0	1	0
Enderle	1	2-3	1	4
Ball	1	4-7	0	6
Johnson	0	1-6	4	1

Totals

Score by quarters:
Fremont

Port Clinton

Officials: Rex Burke and Earl Kaiser.

— 1:—

TIFFIN (64)

	G	F	P	T
Groman, f	5	6-9	2	16
Cook, f	5	4-5	4	14
Weissenburger, c ..	6	0-0	1	12
Gosssett, g	3	3-4	4	9
Smith, g	0	0-0	5	0
Drake	0	0-0	2	0
Adams	2	2-4	4	6
Assenheimer	0	1-2	0	1
Kimmel	2	2-6	4	6

Totals

NORWALK (63)

	G	F	P	T
Heaston, f	2	2-3	2	6
Schaechterce, f ..	0	0-0	1	0
Hunter, c	3	4-8	5	10



'Solid Seven' Eye Tourney Championship



Photo by Townsend

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP. Just like the players in the above picture, for the Fremont basketball team. These "solid seven" did practically all of the playing as the Little Giants won the Buckeye League championship while compiling a 14-3 season record. They go after more laurels tonight at Sandusky Junior High in the finals of the Sectional Class A tournament. A victory will put them in the Toledo District. The three lads in the front row, left to right, are Ted Houghtaling, Jack Baron and Charlie Black. In the back row are Dick Harter, Larry (All-Buckeye) Miller, Coach Al Ziemke, Dean Doren and Henry Tiller. All except Miller and Tiller are seniors.

PADDY OUTFOXES CARTER IN STUNNING LIGHTWEIGHT UPSET

DeMarco Lifts Title

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
NEW YORK (U-P)—It took Paddy DeMarco nine years of fighting to learn self-control, but when he did it brought him the world lightweight championship.

Paddy, a cocky, flat-nosed little guy from the Cough Navy Yard section of Brooklyn, supposedly on the downgrade as a boxer, won the title last night by decisively outpointing Jimmy Carter in 15 rugged rounds at Madison Square Garden.

It was an astounding upset in the eyes of the slim crowd of 5,730, which rooted DeMarco in, but Paddy had a simple and logical explanation for it.

"It was my smartest fight," he said. "I held control, did what I was told, boxed and jabbed him." Carter, usually the calm, confident fighter, apparently didn't know what to make of all this. He was counting on DeMarco to

DeMarco.

The victory didn't bring any great financial reward for DeMarco, who at 26 has been fighting professionally for nine years. But it did bring a lot of satisfaction.

Oddly, it was DeMarco who was supposed to get the title shot when Carter won it from Ike Williams three years ago. But he was taken sick and Carter got the chance to win in an upset as surprising as last night's.

When DeMarco finally got his chance, the experts made Carter a 4-1 favorite and were picking him to win by a knockout, just as he had in three title defenses last year.

DeMarco, with his handlers repeatedly warning him not to get excited and to fight as he had planned, took charge almost from the start. He made Carter fight the way he wanted, piled up an

Jackson, N.B. Upset; Bears Meet Bettsville

TIFFIN—Two surprises were recorded in the Tiffin Class B District basketball tournament last night at Seiberling field house when powerful North Baltimore fell to Leipsic, 47-42, and Arcadia upset Jackson township, 45-34.

North Baltimore and Jackson were favored on the basis of season records, the former having won 16 and lost 2 while Jackson was 13-6.

Arcadia won only 8 of 19 during the season. Warren and Johnson each

Giants Overcome Columbian In 2nd Half; Sandusky 'Holds' Rohrbach To 21, But Teammates Get Hot

By Al Coxon
News-Messenger Sports Editor

SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross, which was favored to get this far, and Tiffin Calvert, which wasn't supposed to get beyond the first round, clash tonight at 8 o'clock in the finals of the Class A Sectional basketball tournament being conducted in the junior high gym.

Both teams won pressure-packed games before a crowd of 2,700 Friday night to set the stage for a dramatic finish tonight. The winner advances to the district tournament in Toledo next week. The season comes to an end for the losers.

The Little Giants and Senecas had it when the chips were down in the semi-finals. After Dick Sullivan's five field goal spree in the closing minutes gave Calvert a 78-72 verdict over a battling Sandusky team in the first game, Fremont Ross pulled an 83-76 thriller out of the fire in the last half against Tiffin Columbian.

The teams treated the throng to some dazzling shooting, especially Tiffin Columbian. The geared-up Tornados scored on 32 of 66 field goal attempts and more than 20 of their goals came from the outer spaces.

32 For 56 For Calvert

Calvert was even more torrid, scoring on 32 of 56 tries from the field against Sandusky. The Blue Stripes achieved one objective — stopping Bill Rohrbach, the 6-6 Calvert center who made 39 points when Calvert upset highly-favored Bellevue, but other Senecas sizzled the nets to thwart Sandusky's efforts.

Coach Harold (Whitey) Regan posted 6-4 Gene Miller and 6-3 Skip Routh in front and behind Rohrbach, arms extended. Very few passes got through to the big boy, but he still managed to collect 21 points.

Rohrbach attempted just 14 shots — and made nine.

Joe Scherger, a pint sized guard, not considered much of a threat, poured in five field goals in the first half. In the waning moments Sandusky forged ahead 69-68 after Tom Murray waded a one-man assault on the nets, but Calvert's Dick Sullivan scored on four straight shots, giving him five - for - five in the last four minutes. Sullivan scored 24 in the Bellevue surprise and had just three field goals until his outburst last night.

Dennis Bridgier, the star full-back in football, played a remarkable board game for Calvert after drawing four personal fouls in the first half.

Murray was the game's high scorer with 22 points. Sullivan and Rohrbach each making 21.

Miller, Harter Star

Tiffin. It was the third time this year the teams have waged a thriller — and Fremont won 'em all.

Miller collected 22 points by halftime as the Giants managed to get a 35-35 tie. Then Harter's effective rebounding and three goals helped Ross to a 57-53 lead after three quarters.

Columbian led by seven points in the first frame on long shots. Miller, using a jump shot from all angles, fired the Ross comeback in the second quarter. Neither team cooled off at intermission, making their first seven attempts of the third quarter.

Ross led 44-43 after two minutes of the third, then Baron made a long one. Miller added two jump shots and Harter sank a rebound to put Ross out in front 52-43, the longest lead either team enjoyed. Tiffin bounced right back to get within four points by the end of the quarter.

Black Comes Through

Tiffin tied the score at 68-68, 70-70 and 72-72, then Miller sank a foul and Charles Black, another sub, walked up and converted two free throws despite the thundering boos of the crowd, which objected to an official's version of an infraction. Jack Baron, who got Ross out of difficulty with his ability to advance the ball against a pressing defense, hit a snowbird, and Black took off the pressure when he intercepted a pass at midcourt and dribbled in for a layup.

The throng was rooting for Columbian and undoubtedly Calvert and Rohrbach will be the people's choice tonight, but this reporter is impressed with the way the Giant's play under pressure. Crowd reaction doesn't seem to bother them.

Box Score

FREMONT (83)

	G	P	P	T
Miller, f	12	1-1	4	11
Tiller, f	5	2-4	1	6
Doren, c	2	2-4	1	14
Baron, c	2	0-2	3	2
T. Houghtaling, g	4	1-1	2	13
Harter	2	1-1	1	3
Black	2	1-1	1	3

Totals

TIFFIN COLUMBIAN (76)

	G	P	P	T
Groman, f	6	2-8	3	19
Cook, f	6	1-2	5	13
Weisenberger, c	4	0-3	4	19
Gassett, g	6	2-2	4	14
Smith, g	2	1-1	2	13
Adams	1	1-1	2	3
Kimmel	2	0-6	2	7

Totals

Score by quarters:

Fremont

Tiffin Col.

Officials: Earl Kaiser and Dan Perczynski.

TIFFIN CALVERT (78)

	G	P	P	T
Sullivan, f	8	5-5	4	21
Migliorini, f	6	2-4	3	14
Rohrbach, c	9	3-9	4	21
Scherger, g	6	4-6	2	18
Bridgier, g	2	0-0	0	0
Falter	0	0-0	0	0

Totals

SANDUSKY (72)

Yontz, f	5	1-4	2	1
G. Miller, f	2	2-5	4	1
Routh, c	3	4-5	3	1
Murray, g	8	6-7	2	2
Harpst, g	5	3-6	4	1
Gallagher	5	0-1	2	1
Evans	0	0-0	3	
Snowwater	0	0-0	0	

Totals

Score by quarters:

Tiffin Calvert ..

Sandusky

Officials: Tom Williams and Elmer Vorderburg.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

NEW YORK—Paddy Demarco, 125, Brooklyn, outpointed Jimmy Carter, 125, New York, 15, for world's lightweight championship.

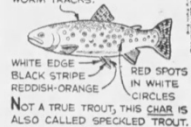
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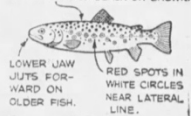
SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST By Hal Sharp

TROUT IDENTITIES

BROWN TROUT'S BACK-MARKING LOOKS LIKE A NETWORK OF WORM TRACKS.



BROWN TROUT'S COLOR VARIES WITH ENVIRONMENT, BUT IT'S USUALLY AN OLIVE-BROWN BACK, SHADED LIGHTER ON ITS SIDES, SPOTTED WITH BLACK OR BROWN.



Tourney Box Scores

FREMONT (83)				
	G	F	P	T
Miller, f	2	1-3	5	5
Tiller, f	8	4-9	5	20
Doren, c	7	10-12	4	24
Baron, g	5	0-0	1	10
T. Houghtaling, g	4	1-3	5	9
Harter, c	2	4-7	3	8
Black	3	1-2	2	7
Sewell	0	0-0	0	0

Totals 31 21-30 25 83

TIFFIN CALVERT (78)				
	G	F	P	T
Sullivan, f	6	2-5	2	14
Migliori, f	2	3-4	4	7
Rohrbach, c	16	6-10	5	38
Scherger, g	4	3-4	1	11
Bridinger, g	0	8-12	5	8
Falter	0	0-0	0	0
Amlin	0	0-0	0	0

Totals 28 22-35 17 78

Score by quarters:				
Fremont	28	44	62	83
Tiffin Calvert	24	42	62	78

Officials: Stan Machock and Gus Skibblie.

ST. JOE (75)				
	G	F	P	T
Gabel, f	6	0-2	2	12
Hause, f	8	0-1	4	16
Borer, c	5	4-7	4	14
Springgs, g	5	1-2	2	11
Walter, g	2	2-6	0	6
Godfred	0	1-1	0	1
Guttrion	1	2-3	1	4
Cronin	2	0-2	1	4
Miller	1	2-2	2	4
Reardon	1	1-2	2	3
Mayle	0	0-0	0	0
Schwarz	0	0-0	0	0

Totals 31 13-28 18 75

LUCAS (46)				
	G	F	P	T
Switzer, f	3	1-4	1	11
Hartney, f	3	3-5	4	9
Rorich, c	1	1-5	4	3
Leiter, g	6	4-7	3	16
Lowe, g	0	1-1	0	1
Hammel	0	2-2	2	2
Haring	1	1-1	3	3
Niswander	0	1-2	0	1

Totals 16 14-27 17 46

Score by quarters:				
St. Joe	21	35	55	75
Lucas	14	20	35	46

Individual Leaders For Inter-City

SINGLES

1. Earl Lucas, Shelby 677
2. Hige Mackey, Painesville 643
3. A. Mollgaard, Woodville 632
4. J. Baunch, Painesville 626
5. Dom Cardina, Painesville 625
6. Bob Goul, Sandusky 624
7. Tom Blair, Shelby 621
8. John Kaytin, Marion 619
9. Paul Coss, Cambridge .. 616
10. T. Allen, Cambridge 616

DOUBLES

1. E. Simmons-D. McSweeney, Sebring 1201
2. Paul Coss-Henry Lillenthal, Cambridge 1184
3. J. Karby-Steve Bysynski, Elyria 1179
4. T. Harvey-D. Cashmore, Painesville 1171
5. L. Guisinger-H. Arnold, Ashland 1158
6. J. Mulqueene-J. Cardina, Painesville 1156
7. J. Popely-L. Iovine, Painesville 1145
8. A. Mihalik-J. Ducar, Lorain 1144
9. Alfred Risdon-William Goodman, Steubenville 1142
10. Wallace Glenwright-Jim Chapman, Sandusky 1141

ALL-EVENTS

1. Hige Mackey, Painesville 1805
2. Robert Weininger, Shelby 1802
3. Bob Goul, Port Clinton 1784
4. Harry Leslie, Sandusky 1780
5. Paul Coss, Cambridge 1773
6. Alex Black, Lorain 1757
7. Mike Drusbacky, Port Clinton 1747
8. D. Cashmore, Painesville 1738
9. Earl Lucas, Shelby 1734

Team Effort Produces 83-78 Win Over Calvert; Rohrbach Scores 38, Fouls Out With 4:55 To Play

By Al Coxon

News-Messenger Sports Editor

The "Solid Seven" of Fremont Ross were never more solid than Saturday night as they met the tremendous challenge of tremendous Bill Rohrbach to win the Sandusky Sectional Class A tournament.

In what was strictly a team achievement, the little qualified for the District tournament at Toledo University. Giants scored an 83-78 victory over Tiffin Calvert and Personal fouls played an important part in the contest from start to finish. The Little Giants suffered early when Larry Miller, 31-point star of the thrilling win over Tiffin Columbian in the semi-finals, drew three personal fouls in the first five minutes and Dean Doren incurred three by the end of the first quarter.

Miller Early Casualty

But after Miller left the game in the last minute of the third period, the tide changed. Big Rohrbach, a 6-6 giant who left a lasting impression on all who saw him perform, departed on personals with 4:55 remaining in the final quarter.

The Giants were ahead, 68-66, when Rohrbach lunged into Ted Houghtaling as they battled for a rebound. Houghtaling was one of seven Fremonters who carried the team to a 14-3 regular season mark and a Buckeye League championship in addition to Sectional honors.

Rohrbach scored a total of 38 points, and missed only 5 of 21 field goal attempts. In this writer's opinion, he played a greater game than when he tallied 49 in the first-round upset of Bellevue, because Dean Doren, Fremont center, played a stellar defensive game, battling away at least a dozen passes into the pivot.

Joe Migliori's free throw with 4:40 to play left Calvert one point behind, then Dick Harter and Doren goaled in rapid succession. Houghtaling, who got all of his four goals in the last period, scored three times from the field and once from the free throw line to help wrap it up.

Three Fremonters and two Senecas fouled out. Fremont lost Miller with one minute to go in the third quarter. Henry Tiller was a casualty with 2:40 remaining of the fourth and Houghtaling was disqualified with just 7 seconds to go. Dennis Bridinger, hard-playing Calvert guard, drew Personal Foul No. 5 with 2:20 remaining and Fremont leading 75-72.

Doren in Top Form

Any number of factors could be regarded as turning points. Doren was brilliant, especially in the first period when he flashed his old form in the pivot to sink five goals and three fouls. His defensive play was almost equal to his offensive work.

Henry Tiller played his best game of the season on offense, scoring 20 points. Jack Baron, although lacking his usual accuracy in long-range shooting, hit a pair of timely second-half buckets.

For the second straight night,

substitutes Dick Harter and Charles Black came through with flying colors. Harter collected 8 points. Black 7. Harter stepped to the foul line when Calvert led 64-62 at the outset of the fourth period and pitched in two points to knot the score. It was tied no less than nine times in the last half.

Press Bothers Calvert

But it was bench strategy that threw Calvert slightly out of kilter. Ross went into a full-court press in the third period, and the Senecas couldn't handle it. They committed numerous errors, with Doren intercepting several passes in mid-court when Calvert tried to arch the ball to Rohrbach.

In spite of losing the ball frequently, Calvert was able to stay abreast in the third quarter. Ross once led 57-52, but Bridinger and Rohrbach tied it at 57-57.

Calvert's biggest lead was in the first period, five points, but the quarter ended with Ross on top 28-24. The Giants held a 35 advantage with two minutes remaining in the half but the peerless Rohrbach clicked on three straight shots and Ross left the floor at intermission with a 44-42 lead.

Miller Plays 8 Minutes

Miller actually played only eight minutes. He was taken out after his third personal in the first five minutes and he didn't return until the middle of the third quarter, then he fouled twice and watched the rest of the game from the sidelines.

Dick Sullivan, one of the tourney's better players, was Calvert's second best scorer with 14 points. Doren made 24 to pace Fremont.

More than 2,000 fans, the majority of them cheering for Calvert witnessed the finale. Both teams deserve plenty of praise for their efforts under the terrific pressure. Too much can't be said for Rohrbach and his supporting cast, especially Sullivan. Fremont can't point to any one individual as the hero. It took seven players.

The "Solid Seven" came through in the clutch — just as they have most of the season.

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