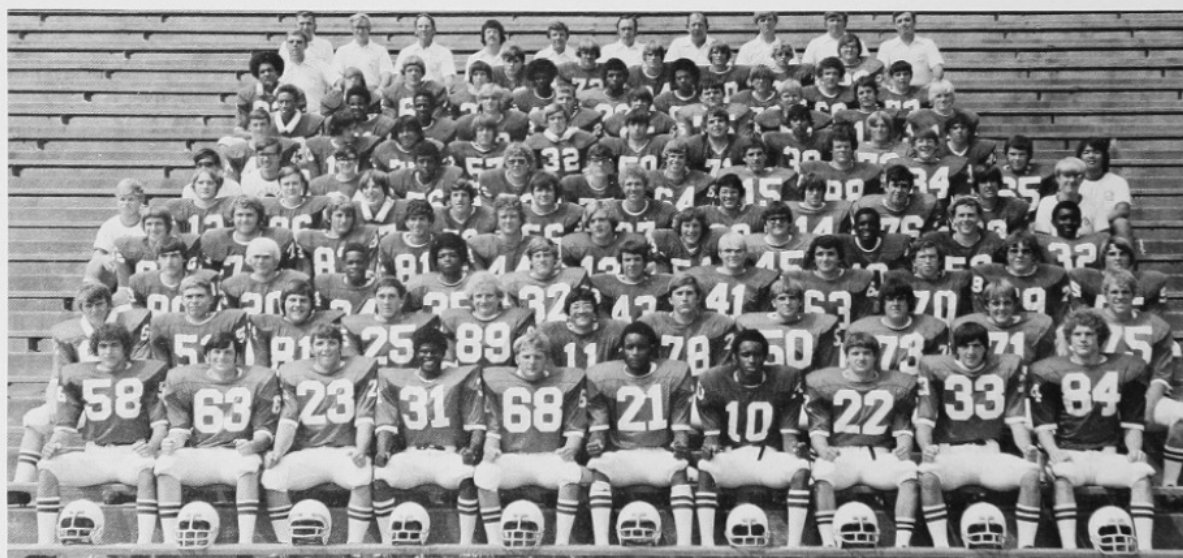


1974 Season review...



(Front Row) Al Beard, Harold Ramirez, Ken Franks, John Williams — Capt.; Dale Stout — Capt.; Larry Liggins — Capt.; Harry Liggins — Capt.; Steve Young, Dave Minich, Dan Kreilick. (Second Row) Bob Frantz, Scott Stout, Guy Cunningham, Paul Michaels, Tim Johns, Noe Almaguer, Bill Lieske, Jim House, Steve Carmack, Chuck Conger, Howard Lee. (Third Row) Dave Grable, Scott Wetzel, Terry Holmes, Tony Simms, Jim Quaintance, Dennis Szymanowski, Mark Held, Greg Kindred, Chris Celek, Mark Albright, Jim Hazzard. (Fourth Row) Duane Reese, Mike Clark, Tim Caskey, Mike McCoy, Mike McGilton, Tom Anspach, Dave Kingsborough, Dave Zilles, Dave Liggins, John Hutchings, Derrick Hines. (Fifth Row) Dave Reese — Mgr.; Maurice Spaulding, Bill Bray, Mark Hicks, Bruce Levenson, Tim Magargle, Brad Culbert, Roy Almaguer, Pat Belch, Drew Clayton, Frank von Maluski, George Rathbun — Mgr. (Sixth Row) Tom Stull — Mgr.; Mike

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Football players proclaim Giants number 1

The Little Giants football season started with a shut-out over Toledo Rogers. This gave head coach Tom Holliman a good start for an unbeaten season. The games against Cleveland Lincoln West and Toledo Bowsher awarded the Giants two more victories, giving them a 3-0-0 record going into Buckeye Conference play.

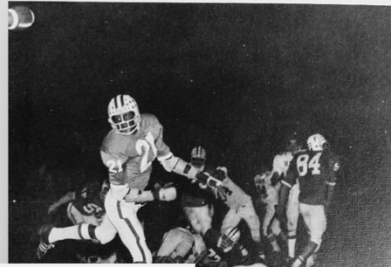
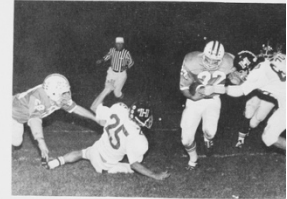
The first Buckeye Conference game against Lorain Admiral King gave Ross their only tie and unscored game. The Little Giants came from behind to defeat Mansfield Tygers 20-6.

The challenge by Elyria and Lorain Senior resulted in two more Giant victories. The homecoming game with Marion Harding awarded Ross another shut-out for Queen Barb Reardon.

For the third straight year, Ross won the Buckeye Conference by defeating the Findlay Trojans. The Little Giants scored another shut-out over rivals Sandusky Streaks. This game concluded Ross' first unbeaten season in 17 years.



FOOTBALL 1974		
Ross 28	Toledo Rogers	0
Ross 50	Cleveland West	0
Ross 28	Toledo Bowsher	0
Ross 0	Lorain Admiral King	0
Ross 20	Mansfield	6
Ross 14	Elyria	0
Ross 26	Lorain Senior	20
Ross 40	Marion	0
Ross 12	Findlay	7
Ross 33	Sandusky	0



- 1 — Football players signify their Buckeye dominance.
- 2 — Dan Kzeilick leaps to block a pass.
- 3 — Coach Holliman instructs Mark Montgomery during a game.
- 4 — Steve Young gains yardage in a game against Marion.
- 5 — Larry Liggins tries to knock down a pass in the Marion game.





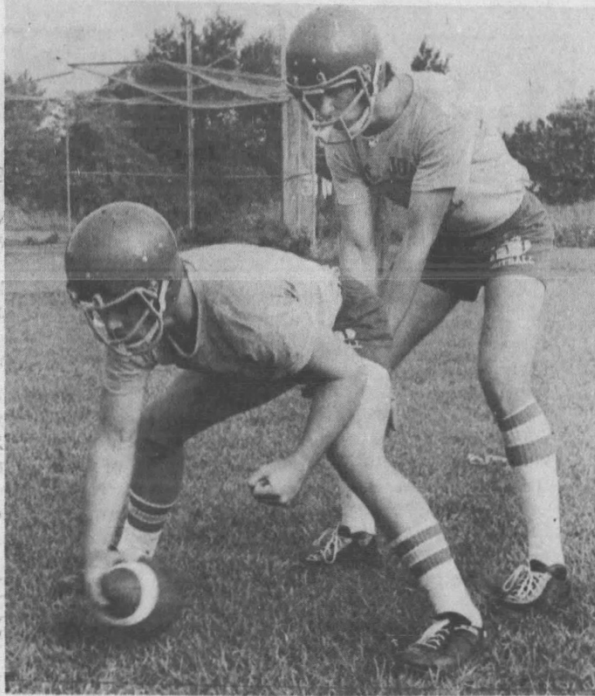
Ross Little Giant tri-captains for 1974

The Ross football captains for next season were chosen by a vote of the players recently. Left to right are Larry Liggins, Dale Stout, and John Williams. The three seniors-to-be will act as game captains and will help supervise summer conditioning drills for the rest of the Little Giant squad. Liggins was one of the top defensive

performers last season for Ross while Stout saw duty as a guard and a linebacker. Williams was one of the top rushers in the Buckeye Conference before a separated shoulder sidelined him late in the season. (News-Messenger photo by Bruce Crippen)

Ross season football tickets

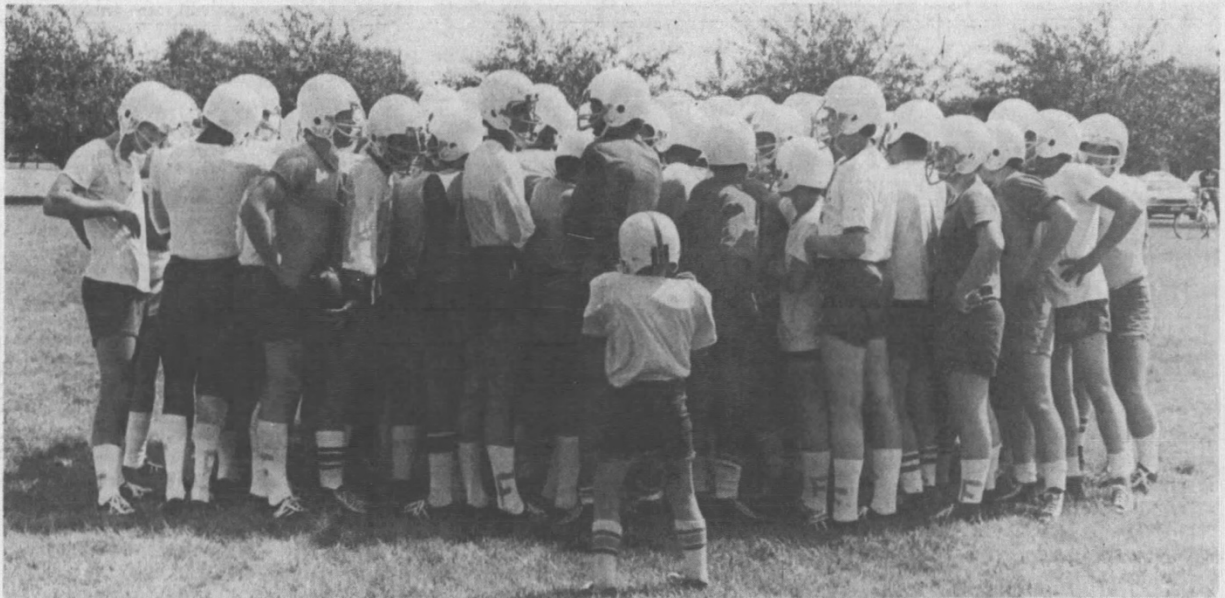
Ross High School season football ticket applications can be picked up at Tremper's, Ross assistant athletic director Gary Nossaman announced. Tickets are \$12 and are good for six home games.



Area high schools open football practice

High school football officially came to life again in the state of Ohio. Locally, 11 high schools opened the first day of two-day drills that will run for approximately two weeks. The first three days of the drills are termed "conditioning" drills with pads being worn on the fourth day and contact being allowed beginning next Monday. Above photos show Ross High School's Liggins twins, (left photo) Harry and Larry, practicing place kicking. Harry holds the ball while Larry is the kicker. Approximately 100 boys showed up for the Ross first day under new head coach Tom Hollman. In the right

photo, new St. Joe football mentor, Rick Wonderly, had quarterback Greg Kuns practicing taking snaps from center Gus Wasserman. Approximately 40 players showed up for the St. Joe drills. The bottom photo can be titled "one of these days." Bobby Wetzel, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wetzel of 1244 West State Street, waits on the outside of a Ross "group" huddle. The young Wetzel has been coming to Ross High School practices for two years and goes through conditioning drills with the Little Giant players.



Ross, St. Joe coaches pleased with scrimmages

Ross and St. Joe glided to wins in the first of three preseason "scrimmages" for each school. Ross eased its way to a 3-0 win over Defiance while St. Joe took care of Springfield Local, 5-3.

Although winning is not the important reason for the scrimmages, both teams showed they have the early season knack for the positive side of the board.

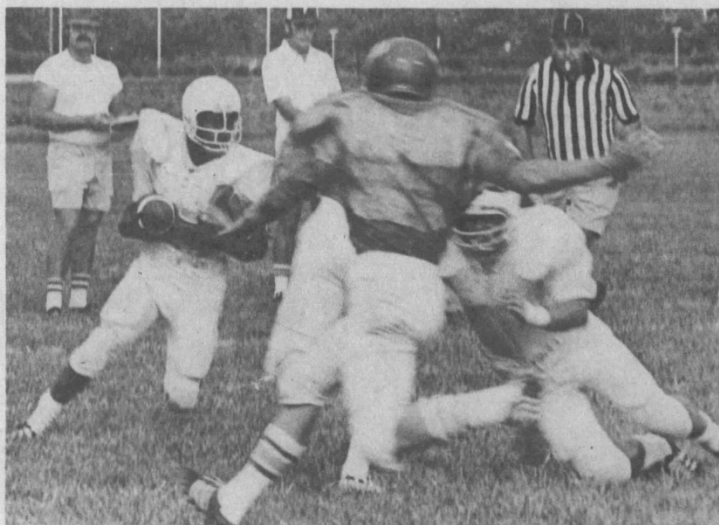
New head Ross football coach Tom Hollman was satisfied with the Little Giants with a few exceptions.

"The guys reacted very well," Hollman said, "to the new system on offense. There was some good hard hitting on defense.

"I was not happy with the ball handling," Hollman pointed out. "That is something that we will have to work on this week."

Ross' pass offense was not impressive but the running game, especially the sweeps, thrilled the Little Giant fans that attended the scrimmage. Hollman admitted that he had not drilled his team hard on the passing game as of yet.

The Little Giants are slated to scrimmage with Toledo Whitmer Wednesday morning at 9:30 before traveling to Dayton Northmont on Saturday.



JOHN WILLIAMS OF ROSS CUTS DOWNFIELD
... Action was in Ross-Defiance scrimmage Saturday morning

Rex Hughes is new Kent State coach

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TRI-CAPTAINS LEAD LITTLE GIANTS ON THE FIELD
... (Left to right) John Williams, Dale Stout, Larry Liggins

Findlay picked to win Conference

Findlay is the odds-on choice to win the 1974 Buckeye Conference football title. Ross won the '73 crown but is picked to finish no higher than second by only one coach in the eight-team conference.

Findlay has 18 returning letterman from last year's 7-3 record. The Trojans finished in a four-way tie for second in the Conference.

Elyria is the second place pick with Sandusky third and Ross, fourth. The

rest of the teams are strung out behind that foursome.

Buckeye Conference "coach of the year" Dave Jones leads Findlay in the quest for the title. Chief among his returnees is John Vielhaber.

Four new coaches will see their first action in the Buckeye. Tom Hollman at Ross, David Pierce at Mansfield, Jack Hecker at Marion, and Jim Colwell at Sandusky are the four new head coaches.

Lettermen scarce in Ross camp

New Ross Little Giant head football coach Tom Hollman faces the new season with a scarcity of lettermen. Only 10 players off last year's squad earned letters and offer some real experience to the new edition of the Little Giants.

All 10 of the lettermen are seniors.

Four of the 10 earned letters while playing defense. The Liggins twins, Harry and Larry, and Dave Minich top the foursome. All three were regulars while Harold Ramirez saw spot duty on the Little Giant defense a year ago.

Harry Liggins is an even six-foot tall and tips the scales at 168 pounds. Despite the rather small size, Liggins was one of the top defensive ends in the Buckeye Conference.

Larry Liggins is the same height as his brother but weighs two pounds more. Larry lettered at the defensive halfback slot.

Minnich is also a defensive back. He is six feet tall and is a 168 pounder. Ramirez is a defensive end and weighs 190.

On offense, the top returnee is John Williams. Injured in the seventh game last season, Williams racked up over 700

yards in rushing from his fullback slot. He is 5-9 and weighs 160.

Dan Krelick lettered at tight end for the '73 Little Giants. He is 6-1 and tips the scales at 185.

Al Beard, 6-0, 170, and Dale Stout, 5-9, 175, return to the guard slots. Both players offer Hollman and his staff experience at that position.

Other lettermen include fullbacks Ken Franks and Steve Young. Franks is 5-10 and weighs 185. Young is 5-10 and is 10 pounds lighter than Franks.

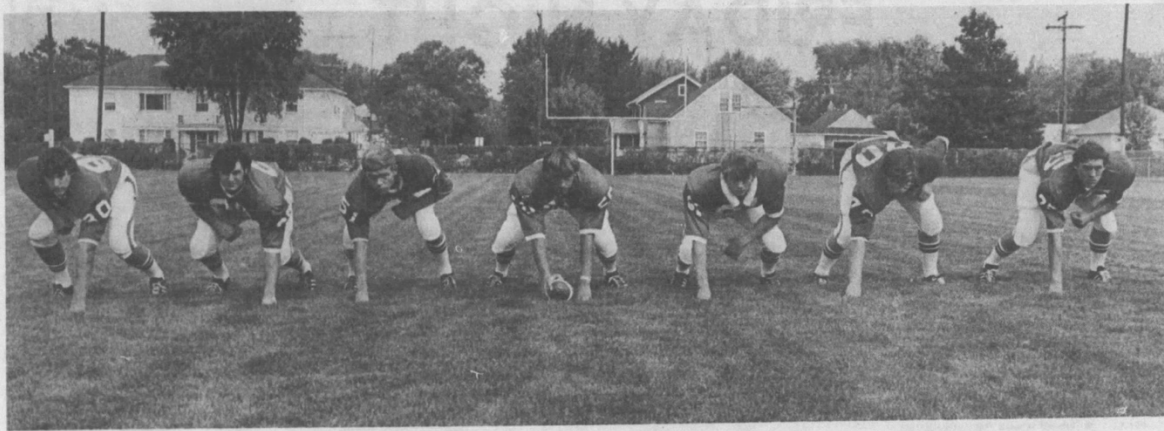
11 teams featured

The 6th News-Messenger Pigskin Preview once again gives detailed accounts of the 11 area high schools. Along with the stories, numerous pictures of the team and various members are shown.

Contributing stories to the "Preview" this year were staff writers Jon Donnan and Mike Kelly. The photography was by Bruce Crippen, Pete Groh, Donnan, and Kelly.

The cover was designed by Doug Harris of The News-Messenger.

Little change in Ross offense



ROSS COULD HAVE THIS OFFENSIVE LINE ONE TIME DURING THE COMING SEASON
... (Left to right) Dave Grabel, Harold Ramirez, Scott Stout, Jim House, Bob Frantz, Chris Celek, and Paul Michaels

One starter returns to offensive team

Fremont Ross Little Giants fans may feel they are gazing back into the past when the Little Giant offensive football team lines up this year. Despite having a new head coach in 27-year-old Tom Hollman, the Ross offensive formation will decidedly look familiar.

"Basically it is the same formation," Hollman pointed out. "The offense as a whole generally goes along with the thinking here in past years.

"We like to get outside but at the same time crack the fullback through the middle."

Hollman continued, "I think that the people will see that we will use more play-action passing."

The Ross coach clarified the remark about passing by adding "If we can throw 10-15 times a game, that should keep the defense honest. What we are aiming for naturally is for the passing game to complement the running game."

Overall the Ross offense will be inexperienced. Six of the 10 lettermen returning to the Little Giant fold this year did letter on offense but only tailback John Williams started a year ago.

In the backfield, Williams,

a fullback last season, but switched to tailback this year because of his speed, will be the primary ball carrier. The 160-pound senior is capable of breaking off a long run anytime in the contest.

Backing up Williams will be defensive star, Harry Liggins, 168-pound senior. Liggins is fast but will probably stick with defense most of the season.

Junior Jim Sherman could also see action at the tailback slot in Hollman's "I" formation. Sherman is a fastly improving 175-pounder.

At fullback, lettermen Ken Franks and Steve Young are the top two candidates for starting. Both saw action after a shoulder injury put Williams out after the seventh game last season.

Two other possibilities are junior Mike McGilson, 185, and sophomore Rick Kuzmer, 5-10 and 170 pounds.

Brad Bischoff has the best shot at the wingback spot. The 180-pound junior has good size and good speed for the spot. Other wingback possibilities are defensive stars Larry Liggins and Dave Minnich.

Pat Belch and Noe Almaguer are in a close

battle for the quarterback slot. Belch is a junior and is on the small side, weighing only 140-pounds. Almaguer, who along with Belch, saw a few minutes of action last year, is the bigger of the two at 170-pounds.

Belch is rated as being consistent but both he and Almaguer are very short on experience.

Junior Mark Montgomery, 200-pounds, will get the call at tight end with backup help from Dan Drielick or Dave Grabel. At split end, a pair of seniors will probably share

the spot. Dennis Szymanowski and Paul Michaels are both rated pretty even by the coaches.

Szymanowski is a 160-pounder while Michaels is 10-pounds heavier.

The tackles will have a foursome of players battling for the spot through the year. Harold Ramirez, 200-pounds, is the long letterman. Chris Celek, 210-pounds, is another senior who will see action at the position.

The guard slots are where Hollman feels that he has the most experience and the

strongest part of the offensive line. Lettermen Dale Stout and Al Beard will get the call.

Senior Bob Frantz, 170-pounds, and junior Bruce Levenson, 170-pounds, are also capable of taking over for either Beard or Stout during the season.

Junior John Hutchings, 6-0, 190-pounds, is the top candidate for the center slot. Jim House, a senior, 180-pounds, will be Hutchings' backup.

The center spot is also another strong point on the line Hollman says.

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THE ROSS VARSITY COACHES for the 1974 season. Front row (left to right): Harold Zienta, Wayne "Pete" Moore, head coach Tom Hollman, Greg Merrill,

Tim Leohr; back row: Dick Coleman, Rex Radeloff, Robert "Archie" Biggs, Ed Platzer.



DAN KREILICK (top photo) and Harry Liggins (bottom photo) will play primarily defense this season but both could see action offensively. Kreilick at tight end and Liggins at the tailback slot.



Ross '74 gridiron slate

Ross will play six home games this season, compared to seven last season. This year the Little Giants will spend the opening four weeks of the schedule in the friendly confines of Harmon Stadium.

Just as last year, Ross will open with Toledo Rogers, come back with Cleveland West, and then take on Toledo Bowsher on the third Friday night before beginning Buckeye Conference play with Admiral King on Sept. 27.

Homecoming will be October 25 when Marion visits Fremont while parent's night is slated for the last game on the slate, No. 8, with Sandusky.

After the first four games, Ross will hit the road for three weeks before returning home.



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Defense will be one of Ross strong points

(Continued from page 7)
Kreilick is Mark Hicks, a 6-3 180-pound junior.

The tackle slots will be manned by 195-pound junior Jim Hazzard and 230-pound Mike Clark. Hazzard is quick while Clark is bothered by a knee injury that could make his starting status questionable.

Backing up Hazzard and Clark are Drew Clayton, 6-4, 220, junior and Jim Smith, 245-pound sophomore.

Larry Liggins, senior, and a letterman, will handle one of the outside linebacker slots. He will be on the same side as brother Harry and teamed together, the opposition will have a tough time getting outside.

At the other outside linebacker will be junior Mike McGilton, 185. Other players being considered for the linebacker jobs are Brad Bischoff and Tim Johns.

The inside linebacker slots will be tentatively manned by Mark Montgomery and Dave Zilles. Montgomery will possibly be the only two-way

performer on the Little Giant squad this year. (He is the tight end on offense) The junior weighs in at 200 pounds.

Zilles is another junior and stands 5-10 while tipping the scales at 190. Both Zilles and Montgomery lack experience.

Bruce Levenson and Ken Franks will backup the inside linebacker slots.

The halfbacks will be letterman Dave Minnich, senior, 170, and junior Dave Liggins, 6-1, 170. Minnich is expected to be the defensive leader in the secondary. The senior is a good hitter and like Liggins, comes up well on sweeps.

Liggins lacks experience but has good speed and jumping ability.

At safety will be 180-pound junior, Jim Sherman, who seems to improve as the weeks go by. A possible break-in to the secondary will be senior Tony Simms.

Simms is fast and has gained a reputation for being a hard hitter.

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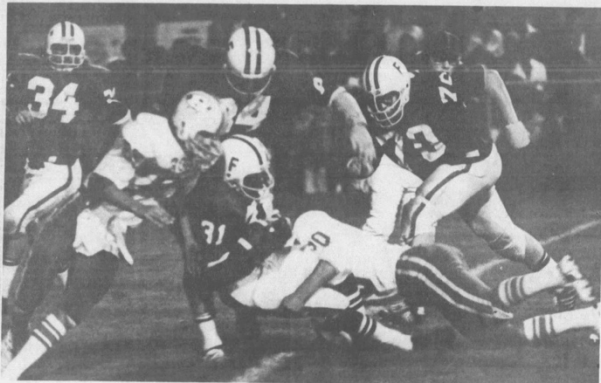
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Ross runs away from Rogers in first tilt



ROSS' JOHN WILLIAMS SCORES ONE OF THREE TOUCHDOWNS
... Little Giants Chris Colek (70), Brad Bischoff (34), and Dan Krelick (behind Williams) watch the action



TOE DANCING CAN COME IN HANDY IN A FOOTBALL GAME
... Ross' Dave Minnich is on the tip of his toes as a ball falls behind Rogers' receiver

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Yankee lead now 1 1/2; Tribe loses

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer
"We're playing good baseball but we just can't get any runs, that's all," Luis Tiant said after the Boston Red Sox were beaten 2-0 by the Milwaukee Brewers and dropped 1 1/2 games off the pace of the New York Yankees in the American League East.
Ken Berry and George Scott cracked run-scoring singles and Milwaukee's Jim Slaton and Tom Murphy combined on a four-hitter, carrying Milwaukee over Boston. For the Red Sox, it was the fourth time they have been shutout in their last five games.
Slaton, 11-14, was staked to a 1-0 lead when Don Money led off the game with a double off the left field wall and scored on Berry's single.
Tiant, 20-11, then stopped the Brewers until the eighth, when singles by Pedro Garcia, Don Money and Scott produced an insurance run. Since winning his 20th game of the season, Tiant has lost his

last three starts — by 3-0, 1-0 and 1-0.
YANKEES 6, TIGERS 2
Otto Velez, playing for the first time in more than three weeks, singled home two runs off Mickey Lolich in the first inning and New York went on to beat Detroit in a game ended by rain after 6 1/2 innings.
ORIOLES 5-1, INDIANS 0-0
Dave McNally fired a three-hitter and Enos Cabell hit his first homer of the season to lead Baltimore's first-game victory. The Orioles completed their shutout sweep as Mike Cuellar pitched a five-hitter.
ANGELS 4, WHITE SOX 2
Third baseman Bill Melton's throwing error helped California to four runs in the fourth inning as the Angels beat Chicago.
RANGERS 5, A's 4
Jeff Burroughs tied the score with a run-scoring single in the ninth inning, then drove in the winner with another single in the 11th as Texas beat Oakland.

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

"It pays to communicate."
That's not a slogan of any telephone company but an ample description of the invisible "phone lines" on the Ross Little Giant defensive unit. "Communication" paid off for the Little Giants in a season opening, 28-0, win over Toledo Rogers at Harmon Stadium Friday night.

The Ross "D" limited the Rams to 86 yards, unofficially, in the game, 79 of

them coming via the ground pounding route.
"They did everything that we had worked on all week," defensive coordinator Pete Moore explained as he talked about the defense. "They talked to each other and that helped to adjust to Rogers' offense. They did just what we had practiced."
While the defense stopped the charge of the Rams, a pair of quarterbacks, and a pair of running backs were rolling up the yards for Ross. But they were not smooth yards.

"I think it showed out there tonight," new head coach Tom Hollman smiled afterwards in the locker room. He was talking about the inconsistency of his offense. "I was pleased at some points but we made too many mistakes... especially the fumbles."
Hollman started the game with junior Jim Sherman at quarterback and ended the second half. Sherman left the game at the end of the first half when a bothersome "hip spur" took its effect. Both

signal callers had his big plays in the game.
It took Ross just three minutes and 30 seconds to score the first six-pointer of the young season. Taking over at the Rogers 35 on Dan Krelick's fumble recovery, it took the Little Giants just four plays to make the end zone.

Tailback John Williams ripped 15 yards on the first play and eventually scored on a 20 yard burst around left end two plays later. It was the first of three TDs for the Ross senior.
That took care of the scoring in the first half as fumbles plagued Rogers and the Little Giant defense plagued Rogers. A minute before the first half ended, Ross' Dave Liggins intercepted an Ed Goodrich pass at the Ross 10 and returned it 47 yards to the Rogers 43. On the very first play the threat ended as Belch fumbled and Rogers recovered.

Ross hit paydirt again with 2:39 to go in the third period on Williams' 12-yard run. The play climaxed a six-play, 57-yard drive. The key play in the drive was a 24-yard pass from Belch to Dennis Szymanski on a third and five at the Ross 48. Williams scored from 12 yards out, three plays later.

Williams, who rambled for 125 yards in 18 carries, scored again with 5:03 remaining in the game. After Ross took over the ball on their own 48, Williams rambled for 13, nine and nine, with the TD coming on the final run. Williams also picked up the extra points to finish the game with 20 points.

Tony Simms wrapped up the Ross scoring with a 45-yard run with only 1:01 to play. The run was the most electrifying of the night. The senior tailback took a pitchout to the left, cut downfield, was hit and nearly fell but regained his balance. After regaining his balance, he cut back toward the middle of the field, picked up blockers, and rolled into the

end zone. Steve Young's gallop for the extra points polished off the scoring for the night.

During the game, Hollman used Williams and Simms at the tailback spot and Young and Ken Franks at the fullback slot. All four picked up big chunks of yardage on several plays.

"I feel that we are strong enough at those positions that we can do that," Hollman pointed out.

But Hollman was pleased with his defense.
"They had the pressure put on them a couple of times," the new coach said, "but they didn't lose their composure... we wanted to give them a breather but we couldn't."

Moore cited the defensive tackles, junior Jim Hazard and sophomore Jim Smith along with the Liggins brothers, Harry and Larry, for the containment of the Rogers running game.

"They all did a good job and it's hard to name just a few," Moore added.

Dave Liggins intercepted two passes in the game, returning one for 47 yards and other 39. Both came on the Ross 10 with the latter theft resulting when Ross' line backer Mark Montgomery tipped the ball to Liggins. That killed Rogers' deepest penetration, the 22 of Ross.

Bob Truss was Rogers' leading carrier with 51 yards on eight carries.

Score by quarters		Statistics	
Ross	28	6	0
Toledo Rogers	0	0	0
FIRST DOWNS		R TR	
Ross	16-28	9	5
Toledo Rogers	0-0	4	12
PASSES ATTEMPTED		Completed	
Ross	20	2	3
Toledo Rogers	0	0	0
NET YARDS GAINED		Running	
Ross	282	86	7
Toledo Rogers	86	28	7
PUNTS		Punting	
Ross	4	3	7
Toledo Rogers	4	2	4
PENALTIES		Yards Penalties	
Ross	4	50	28
Toledo Rogers	2	31	23
AVERAGE		Scoring	
Ross	35.25	7	28
Toledo Rogers	10.75	0	0



LITTLE GIANT football coach Tom Hollman and Brad Bischoff watch the action on the field while on the sidelines Friday night. Ross won the season opener over Toledo Rogers, 28-0. It was Hollman's debut as the Little Giant coach. (Photo by Bruce Crippen)

National League		American League	
East	W L Pct GB	Philadelphia (Carlton 14-10)	at Chicago (Bosham 10-18)
Pittsburgh	74 63 .540 —	Los Angeles (Moser 16-10)	at Cincinnati (Kirkby 9-8)
St. Louis	73 65 .528 1/2	New York (Molack 13-10)	at St. Louis (Gibson 9-12), N
Philadelphia	68 70 .493 6 1/2	Milwaukee (Torres 13-8)	at Montreal (Cox 13-10)
New York	63 72 .467 10	Pittsburgh (Reuss 15-9), N	at San Francisco (Barr 11-8)
Montreal	61 74 .452 12	Atlanta (P. Niekro 15-11), N	
Chicago	55 80 .407 18		
West	W L Pct GB		
Los Angeles	82 51 .616 —		
Cincinnati	81 53 .603 1/2		

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Garvey's homer holds up for Dodger win

By ALEX SACHARE
AP Sports Writer
Los Angeles' Steve Garvey slammed a three-run homer in the first inning off Don Guillet, and Don Sutton and Mike Marshall made it stand up for a 3-1 Dodger victory, increasing Los Angeles' lead in the National League West to 3 1/2 games over the Reds.
The Reds left a whopping total of 15 men on base, scoring their only run of the game in the eighth inning on a leadoff homer by Dan Driessen. When Cesar Geronimo followed with a single, Dodger Manager Walter Alston called in Marshall for the 91st time and the relief ace notched his 20th save.
The Dodgers have now won 10 of 13 games against the Reds, and six of seven at Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium.

bases for the Cards, boosting his season total to 101 in his pursuit of Maury Wills' major league record of 104.

Pirates 2, Expos 1

Dock Ellis pitched hitless ball over the final seven innings and finished with the Pirates as the Pirates beat Montreal 2-1 for their fourth consecutive victory and 10th in 12 outings. The victory kept Pittsburgh 1 1/2 games ahead of St. Louis in the NL East race.

Giants 2, Braves 0

Run-scoring singles by Chris Speier and Tito Fuentes backed the four-hit pitching of John D'Aquisto as San Francisco halted Atlanta's four-game winning streak.

Astros 4, Padres 3

The San Diego Padres suffered their 10th consecutive loss as J.R. Richard and Ken Forsch

Wolverines next for Ross

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

"Ground sickness" may last a year.

Not a very practical statement and most certainly the term "ground sickness" may not be recorded in the books of the American Medical Association but Cleveland Lincoln West High School may have that strange sickness.

"Ground sickness" may be a lingering disease. One year ago this Friday night the Wolverines rolled into Fremont smoothly but limped out a 46-0 loser and the Little Giant defense of a year ago acted like an ecology group and cleaned up just about everything that Lincoln West tried to cover the ground with.

The Ross defense gave up only 14 yards rushing and 78

total yards in the game. In desperation the Wolverines took to the airways and had a little more success but not enough to get any sort of drive started.

The Wolverines will be back in Fremont again Friday night and all indications are that the Cleveland team will go to the air often against Ross.

The Wolverines are reeling from a 26-6 loss to Rocky River, a team that had not won the previous two years. But in that loss, the Wolverines passed 19 times.

"They like to try to pass," admitted Ross coach Tom Hollman who last week chalked up his first win at the Ross helm. "They have two quarterbacks they use and one can throw a little better than the other."

Hollman was referring to Miguel Serrano as the signal

caller that Lincoln West will use a good deal of the time in a passing situation. The other quarterback, Tony Podsedly will probably start the game. Both players are juniors.

Hollman pointed out that the Wolverines usually line up in a "power-I" formation and will run mostly from that particular setup. Occasionally, Lincoln West will shift to a slot formation.

"The fullback (Eric Hooper, sophomore, 210 pounds) will run quite a lot," Hollman said.

On defense the Wolverines work from a "50" setup. "Defensively they are big," Hollman explained, "but we hope to be able to take care of them with our quickness. They do have some good sized tackles that could cause us some problems."

Hollman talked a little about his Little Giants.

"Everyone is healthy with the exception of Sherman (Jim). He is still doubtful at quarterback but he could play safety. Belch (Pat) will probably start at quarterback and other than that there will be very few changes."

In the 28-0 win over Toledo Rogers last Friday, Hollman used a quartet of running backs behind Sherman and then Belch. On one set of running backs, Hollman had Ken Franks at fullback and John Williams at tailback. The other set consisted of Steve Young at fullback and Tony Simms at tailback.

"It was no experiment," he said when asked about the multiple running back setup. "I think that each one has a part in our offense and they all do a good job."

"As far as the whole team, the kids are aware of certain areas that had to be improved and they are working hard on them this week. I think our timing is getting better on offense and the defense has its goals to work toward."

What does he feel that he has to do to get by Lincoln West?

"We have to get to them right off the bat . . . we have to score quick."

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Lincoln West no match for Fremont Ross



Ross offense has its night

Fremont Ross exploded for over 300 yards in total offense in the 50-0 romp over Cleveland Lincoln West. The Ross ground attack churned out 243 yards while the passing attack netted 54. In the top photo, Ken Franks of Ross (23) breaks loose by use of a straight arm to the helmet of Lincoln West's Richard Blair in early action



Friday night. At the right, John Williams (31) of Ross starts to cut upfield as an unidentified Little Giant player starts to throw a block on the Wolverines' David Pinchbeck. Williams rambled for 153 yards on 14 carries in the game. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

Little Giants roll to 34 point second half

By ROY WILHELM
Managing Editor

It was only the beginning of the second half, but it was the end for Cleveland Lincoln West.

It was only a mental lapse, but it was a crushing blow that clearly demonstrated the superiority of the Ross High Little Giants.

It was simply a lack of action, but it sparked a period of furious activity.

'It simply was an unplayed second half kickoff that two Lincoln-West receivers watched roll until it was engulfed by the alert and eager Little Giants.

Rick Kusmer pounded on the free ball on the Lincoln-West 22 yard line with other members of the Ross kicking team swarming around the scene.

After recovering that loose ball on that second half kickoff, the Giants used just three running plays and a Cleveland penalty to move in for their third touchdown. The six-pointer was just the first of four touchdowns in the third quarter and it launched the Giants on their way to a 50-0 romp over the invading Wolverines. The breeze gave Ross a two straight, nonconference victories and two shutouts in the young season.

Until that fatal third period error, the Lincoln-West crew was making things tough for the hosts.

Ross, crippled by its own errors led only 16-0 at the half and had to thank a blocked punt for half of those counters.

And the Giants, who fumbled the ball away three

times in the first half, had something short of a monumental statistical advantage for those first two quarters. In that 24 minutes of playing time, Ross gained 147 yards to a respectable 82 for the visitors.

The Little Giants gained the advantage when Harry Liggins broke in from his end position, blocked a punt, picked up the loose ball and pranced into the end zone with 1:48 to go in the first period. They added to that in the second quarter when Ken Franks plunged over from two yards out to culminate a 66 yard drive that was highlighted by a beautiful 38-yard pass play combining quarterback Pat Belch and Split end Dennis Szymanski.

The few bright spots of the first half were dimmed by the Ross errors and the hard running of Cleveland fullback Eric Hooper.

"Naturally we're concerned about the errors," head coach Tom Hollman said after the contest, admitting that the Ross gridders might not have been "at the right emotional pitch" for the game. "If that's the case, we (the coaches) have to accept part of the blame."

That's part of the game."

But as quickly as the Giants recovered that second half kickoff, the onslaught was started and the worries were over.

The Giants rang up 26 points in a nine-minute span of that fourth quarter.

A ferocious defense limited Cleveland to nine net yards, intercepted a pass, forced a bad punt and blocked another kick.

Meanwhile, the offense raced downfield almost at will, gaining 115 yards in just

14 plays. John Williams, himself, gained 79 yards in just four carries, picking up 48 of those on a dash for the second touchdown of the period.

The third quarter spurt helped the senior tailback to a game total of 153 yards in 14 carries. His touchdown jaunt came with 8:09 to go in the period, just two minutes and 14 seconds after Steve Young tallied the first six-pointer of the period.

Just four plays after that second third-period

touchdown, the Giants' defense took charge again with Larry Liggins blocking a punt and Ross recovering on the 17 yard-line. Noe Almaguer connected with Ken Franks for a touchdown on the first play of Ross possession.

The rapid fireworks didn't stop there.

On the first play after Lincoln-West took over Mark Montgomery made an excellent grab of a pass intended for a white shirted Cleveland player and

returned the interception six yards to the 32. Seven plays later, Young was in the end zone again, plunging over from one yard out.

Ross continued its domination in the fourth period even though Hollman was pouring players in from all over the place. "We must have got at least 70 players into the game," the relaxed coach said in obvious pleasure.

Hollman was pleased with the chance to give plenty of players some action and he

was pleased with the defense.

"We were real quick and aggressive on defense. I was real glad that we got the shutout, especially since we played a lot of kids."

Judging by the noise in the lockerroom, the players were glad too and that made Hollman happy.

"We're gaining confidence. The kids are aware that the level of competition may not be up to what we will be playing, but they're happy with the victory and that's important."

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Ross harriers lose, 27-32

Lincoln West handed Fremont Ross its second cross country loss of the young season, 27-32, on the Thornwood Golf Course two-mile layout. Ross' runners finished second, third, and fourth, but Lincoln West runners held down the next six places to win the meet.

Al Kusiewicz and Dave Pihall were timed in identical 10:42 times but Kusiewicz was picked as the winner in the hotly contested race. Sam Staris was four seconds back in third place

while Gary Clark was fourth in 10:48. After that it was all Lincoln West.

Dane Ramirez trotted home in 11th for the next Ross runner to cross the finish line. Ramirez turned in an 11:28. Jim Elder was 12th and Jeff McCormick, 13th, for Ross.

Lincoln 27, Ross 32

Top 10 runners
1 - Al Kusiewicz (L) 10:42; 2 - Pihall (R) 10:42; 3 - Sam Staris (R) 10:46; 4 - Gary Clark (R) 10:48; 5 - Pat Madison (L) 10:50; 6 - Bob Slaver (L) 10:59; 7 - Ernie Klimek (L) 11:04; 8 - Bernie Marshall (L) 11:09; 9 - Doug Klimek (L) 11:19; 10 - Neil Clinton (L) 11:22

Ross stats

SCORE BY QUARTERS	Lincoln-West	Ross
1st	0-0	0-0
2nd	0-0	0-0
3rd	0-0	0-0
4th	0-0	0-0
TOTAL	0-0	0-0
STATISTICS		
FIRST DOWNS	10	10
Rushing	10	4
Passing	0	6
Penalty	0	0
PASSES ATTEMPTED	7	21
Completed	3	6
Intercepted	0	1
NEW YARDS GAINED	37	102
Rushing	24	28
Passing	14	74
FUMBLES	5	2
Lost	4	1
PENALTIES	5	6
Yards Penalized	50	41
PUNTS	0	5
Average	-	11

SCORING
Ross: Harry Liggins, eight yard run with recovered ball after blocking punt (John Williams, run), 1:46, first quarter.

Ross: Ken Franks, two-yard run (John Williams, run), 5:18, second quarter.

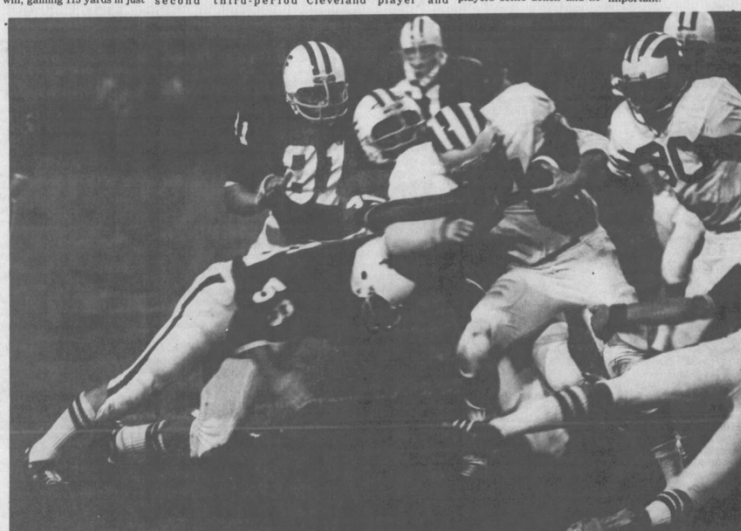
Ross: Steve Young, four yard run (run failed), 8:23, third quarter.

Ross: John Williams, 48-yard run (kick failed), 8:06, third quarter.

Ross: Ken Franks, 17-yard pass from Noe Almaguer (Ken Franks, run), 8:45, third quarter.

Ross: Steve Young, one yard run (run failed), 1:33, third quarter.

Ross: Dave Grubel, 39-yard pass from Noe Almaguer (Rick Kusmer, run), 2:18, fourth quarter.



CLEVELAND LINCOLN WEST'S CARL DOOLEY TRIES TO BREAK THROUGH LITTLE GIANT DEFENSE ... Al Beard (58) and Mike McCoy (81) help out two unidentified Ross tacklers wrestle the Wolverine fullback to the ground

Cincinnati Moeller edges Findlay, 21-20

FINDLAY--Cincinnati Moeller hung on to defeat the Findlay Trojans, 21-20, and

win its second game of the season. Moeller stopped a two-point conversion attempt in the last minute attempt by

in the second period. Findlay fought back to tie the game on Tom Hill's one-yard plunge and Tom Tsnow's 15-yard

point gave Moeller the winning point over the Buckeye Conference school.

Findlay started the game with a punt. Moeller's defense was able to get the ball away on an attempted pass.

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Bowsher: new test for Little Giants

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

The Ross football season is two games and 78 points old and Tom Hollman and his staff are still looking for a team to challenge its offense. That's sort of hard to say when your team is averaging 39 points a game.

Toledo Rogers and Cleveland Lincoln-West were something less than defensive giants. Rogers was blitzed for 28 points and Lincoln West, the remaining 50, 34 in the second half alone.

This week it's Toledo Bowsher and Ross may be in for a bit stiffer test.

"They are bigger physically than Rogers or West," Hollman said as he went over the scouting reports on the 0-1-1 Rebels. "They've only given up one touchdown so far."

That's true but the Rebels have also not scored against Buckeye Conference member, Marion Harding, and Toledo Start. But it's the Rebel defense that worries the first year Ross coach.

"They are going to be tough to run against and physically they will really 'stick' us. They have five or six guys back off last year's team and those guys know how to play the game," Hollman said while referring to the Rebel defense.

Being tough to run against may present problems to Ross. The Little Giant passing attack has been lacking even in the season's first two games. If Ross has to resort to the airways, it could mean big problems.

Bowsher will offer two different defenses for Ross. The first and basic one for the Rebels is the "50" defense and the

second is a version of Ross' "4-4." The latter defense will be utilized by Bowsher in passing situations.

Kingpins of the Rebel defense are linebackers Steve Hockin (6-2, 195) and Mark Brown (6-3, 195) along with mammoth tackle, Cliff Kaighin (6-4, 258). All are lettermen.

Ross defensive coordinator Pete Moore described the offense that the Little Giants will be trying to contain this Friday.

"They (Bowsher) run from a 'wishbone' formation, but

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they do not run the wishbone offense in its true form," Moore said. "Bowsher will have more set plays and not read the defensive end on the wishbone. In other words they will stick with the dive even if it is not there instead of pitching back."

Matt Brown, Rebel fullback, will be the chief Bowsher ground gaining weapon. The 6-3, 195-pound senior, is a powerful runner and does not go down easily.

"Brown will usually be running up the guts," Moore

pointed out. "He is the player that runs the counter up the middle for Bowsher. He picked up 11, 14, and 16 yards on that play the first three times he ran it against Start."

Bowsher utilizes two quarterbacks, Gregg Manworren, 6-0, 185, and Steve Lenk, 5-10, 153. Manworren, a senior, started the first two games but was relieved by Lenk in each one. Manworren is also a starting defensive halfback.

Lenk is possibly the better signal caller of the two because the team seems to function better when he is in the lineup. Both Manworren and Lenk are rated as fair passers.

Chief pass receiving threat is tight end Ron Kreft, a 6-1, 182-pound senior. Kraft will wear number 54, a center's number, but is a veteran at the tight end spot, having lettered at the position for the '73 Rebels.

Lonnie Konz will join Matt Brown as the other threat in the offensive backfield. Konz is a 5-10, 175-pound senior.

Bowsher has eight starters returning from last year's offensive team.

What it all boils down to is that Ross will be facing its stiffest test of the season and that may prove just how well the Ross offense can function under pressure.

ROSS notes . . . Junior quarterback Jim Sherman is still feeling the effects of a hip injury. He has been practicing this week but is a doubtful starter on either offense or defense.

The defensive team is healthy with the exception of outside linebacker Mike McGilton. The junior Little Giant has been ill two days this week and has missed practice. Everyone else is ready to go.

On offense, Bob France, Dale Stout, and Al Beard are all nursing minor injuries but will play Friday.

New faces in Ross lineups

New faces will dot the Ross offensive and defensive lineups tonight. Scott Stout and Bob Frantz will be at the starting offensive guard slots, replacing Dale Stout and Al Beard, both suffering from injuries.

Bruce Levenson and Ken Franks will share the inside linebacker spot of Mark Montgomery. Tom Anspach will replace Montgomery at tight end. Montgomery is lost to Ross for a week and a half because of a virus.

Jim Sherman got the green light to return to the

lineup and will start at defensive safety.

ROSS DEFENSE

Ends: Harry Liggins and Dan Kreilick

Tackles: Jim Smith and Jim Hazzard

Outside linebackers: Larry Liggins and Mike McGilton or Rick Kusmer

Inside linebackers: Dave Zilles and Bruce Levenson or Ken Franks

Defensive halfbacks: Dave Minnich and Dave Liggins

Safety: Jim Sherman

ROSS OFFENSE

Center: Jim House

Guards: Scott Stout and Bob Frantz

Tackles: Harold Rameriz and Chris Celek

Tight end: Tom Anspach

Split end: Dennis Szymanowski or Paul Michael

Wingback: Brad Bischoff

Fullback: Ken Franks

Tailback: John Williams

Quarterback: Pat Belch

Ross defense holds Bowsher to 79 yards 411 yards for Ross offense

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Ross gave up only 35 yards on the ground and 44 through the air to bury Toledo Bowsher, 28-0, in the last tuneup for the Buckeye Conference season. The Little Giants defense allowed Bowsher only five first downs in completely dominating the Rebels. It was the third straight shutout for the Ross defense.

Pat Belch were way too much for Bowsher. While the Ross ground attack was held to only 35 yards in the first half, Belch's passing put the Little Giants into scoring position for two six-pointers and a 14-0 halftime lead.

Ross scored on the first series of plays. Taking over the Ross 36, the Little Giants needed just five plays to hit pay dirt. Belch rolled to

his right and hit Brad Bischoff in the right flat and the junior wingback battled his way into the end zone. The pass barely got by a charging Rebel linebacker who narrowly missed an interception but instead went for 47 yards and a Ross TD.

The touchdown fling was the first of four completions for Belch during the game. He ended up with four for eight passing and 106 yards. Belch was intercepted once

as Rebel lineman Rob Weaver returned the ball 57 yards to the Ross 23 for the Rebels' deepest penetration of the night.

That threat ended early in the fourth period when Larry Liggins intercepted a Rebel aerial at the Ross 19-yard stripe.

Belch's second pass was a 35-yarder to Dennis Szymanski. The pass came on a third and 10 situation at the Ross 47 and carried to the Bowsher 28. Tailback John Williams had started the drive with an 18-yard gallop up to the 47 after Ross had taken over at the 29 on Rebel quarterback Steve Lenk's fumble.

Moments later, on a fourth and 16 at the Bowsher 21, Belch hit Bischoff again for 18 yards to the Bowsher three.

Two plays later fullback Ken Franks pranced into the end zone. Franks' run for the extra points made it 14-0 at the half.

Ross had one other chance to score in the first half but a fumble ended the drive at the Bowsher 13.

Ross coach Tom Holman pointed out why the Ross ground attack faltered in the first half.

"Bowsher was running the '4-4' defense against us and they were stunting their linebackers practically every play," he said. "It caused us some trouble but we got it cleared up in the second half."

That was an understatement.

Ross rolled up 250 yards on the ground in the second half with Williams picking up 109 to go with his 29 in the first half for 138 yards, the third straight time he has passed the one hundred yard mark in rushing this season.

The biggest weapon for Ross in the second half was ball control. The Little Giants scored on drives of 92 and 82 yards that not only padded the Ross lead but ate up nearly 17 minutes of the half.

Ross needed 11 plays to score on the 92-yard drive. Larry Liggins scored on a 20-yard run on a counter play to cap the drive. The last 10 yards of the run came on the power of Liggins as he bowled over one defender and carried another into the end zone.

The second long drive was the "Tony Simms Show." The Ross senior carried seven times for 64 yards of the 82 yards on the drive including the last six for the score. Simms had runs of 17 and 15 yards in the drive that was directed by backup Ross quarterback, Nov Almoguer.

The Simms score came with only 58 seconds to play in the final period.

Holman lauded his defense but did point out a fault in the nearly invincible unit. "We lost containment on the outside," he explained. "We concentrated on cutting off the inside game all week and we did that but they went outside on us."

The inside men, junior Jim Hazard and sophomore Jim Smith, bottled up the Bowsher offense all night.

Ross managed to harass the Rebel passing tandem of Lenk and Tom Matheny with defensive ends Harry Liggins and Dan Krelick doing most of the chasing.

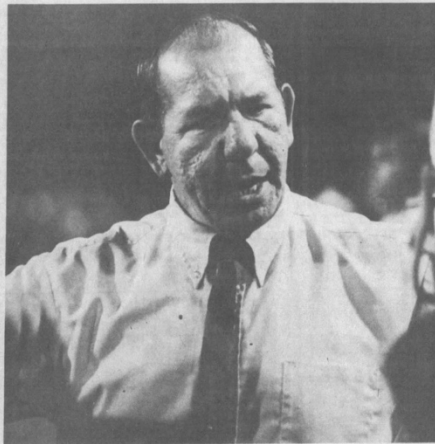
As for his passing game, Holman admitted that his team had worked hard on it this past week.

"We just want to blend it in with our running game," was his matter of fact answer.

Ross rolled up 411 total yards during the game. Williams had 138 yards while Simms picked up 64 and Steve Young had 59.



JOHN WILLIAMS OF ROSS STRAINS FOR EXTRA YARDAGE
... Horde of Bowsher tacklers trying to get at the elusive Ross tailback (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)



ROSS ASSISTANT "ARCHIE" BIGGS IN ACTION
... Gives instructions during Ross-Bowsher game (Photo by Joni Russell)



HARRY LIGGINS CRACKS BOWSHER QUARTERBACK
... Rebels' Tom Matheny just gets off 4th quarter pass

Ross statistics

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Toledo Bowsher 0 0 0 0-0
Ross 14 14 14 28-0

STATISTICS

	B	R
FIRST DOWNS	8	18
Running	5	15
Passing	3	3
Penalty	0	0
PASSES ATTEMPTED	10	4
Completed	7	4
Intercepted	1	0
NET YARDS GAINED	79	411
Running	25	290
Passing	44	106
FUMBLES	4	2
Ball Lost	2	2
PENALTIES	2	2
Yards Penalized	40	87
PUNTS	2	0
Average	24.0	25.5

SCORING

Ross: Brad Bischoff, 47-yard pass from Pat Belch (Run failed) 8:43, first quarter.
Ross: Ken Franks, one-yard run (Franks run) 10:46, second quarter.
Ross: Larry Liggins, 20-yard run (Belch run) 2:43, third quarter.
Ross: Tony Simms, six-yard run (Run failed) 36, fourth quarter.



PAT BELCH

Tennis tourney rescheduled

The Fremont Girls Invitational Tennis Tournament has been postponed due to the rainy weather Friday morning. The tourney had been scheduled to start yesterday afternoon.

The tournament will be played next Friday and Saturday with first round play beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday. The finals are slated to start at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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Indians manhandled

NEW YORK (AP)—The Cleveland Indians will be looking to give back some of Friday night's manhandling by New York when Jim Perry goes to the mound against the Yankees in Shea Stadium today.

The Yankees won the first game of a doubleheader 5-4 and took a 3-0 victory in the nightcap.

The doubleheader sweep was vital for the Yankees, who had just lost three in a row to the Orioles, blowing a 2½-game lead in the process.

Manager Bill Virdon, doing a perfect imitation of Mr. Cool in the midst of a sweltering race, wasn't terribly concerned about his team's ability to bounce back from the Baltimore battering.

"I don't think the ups and downs bother these guys," he said. "It's the personalities of the guys. Some clubs get uptight, and some don't."

And with the race at the nailbiting stage, is the

manager feeling the pressure?

"You never get used to it entirely," admitted Virdon.

"But, if you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen." The Yankees are still busy over the stove, thanks to the hot bats of Bobby Murcer and Elliott Maddox, and another superb pitching job by Larry Gura.

Murcer's bat produced eight hits, three of them by Bobby. The other five belonged to Maddox, who was using Murcer's wood.

"I'm out of bats," Maddox said. "I borrowed Bobby's but before he gave it to me, I had to promise to get two hits in each game."

Maddox had his quota in the opener but then added No. 3 with two out in the ninth against Gaylord Perry. Murcer was next and tagged a triple up the right-center alley, chasing Maddox home with the game-winning run.

The nightcap belonged to

Gura, who won his fifth straight decision and lowered his earned run average to a skimpy 1.55.

Gura was living in the international League until mid-August, wondering if he'd ever get a legitimate major league chance. He had gone through a flurried of looks with the Chicago Cubs and Texas Rangers, never getting a full-fledged opportunity to find out if he could be a major league pitcher.

"I never had a chance," he said. "That's all I wanted, but I never got one until I got here."

Now the Yankees owe their chance for the division title to the young left-hander, who had only two victories in the National League for the Cubs last season.

"That's right," remember Virdon, who managed Pittsburgh last year. "Both of them were against us."

Barber a 1-stroke leader

MASON, Ohio (AP)—Old pro Miller Barber has an enviable mark in pro golf. He's won at least one tournament in each of the last seven years. And he's ready to make a run at No. 8.

"You know," Barber said Friday after a second consecutive 68 had given him the 36-hole lead in the \$150,000 Kings Island Open Golf Tournament, "only one other man has done that."

"In those seven years (going back to 1967) only Jack Nicklaus and I have won at least one tournament every year. Nobody else has done it."

As for his chances in this one, Miller smiled.

"I'm just happy to be where I am right now."

Miller, 43, balding and somewhat bald, a one stroke

a scramble 72 and a 137, five-under-par.

"This rough is like a disease," said Ryan, who has yet to win in a decade on the pro tour. "If you're exposed to it long enough, you're gonna catch it."

Nicklaus—the man who designed this course and is the defending champion and overwhelming favorite in a relatively thin field—once got 11 strokes back of the leader and had to rally for another 71 that left him six shots behind at 142.

"At this stage of the tournament, six shots isn't much at all," said Nicklaus, the only one of the game's superstars entered in this late-season event. "You can make that up very quickly if you're playing right."

"I had a good chance to get

earlier this season, was alone in third with a 70-139.

Mike Hill, with a 68, and Curtis Sifford, with a 70, headed a group of eight at 140. The others at that figure—Australian Graham Marsh, Charley Owens, Jim Ferrell, Tom Kite, Bruce Ashworth and Gary Groh—all had second-round 71s in weather that ranged from heavy overcast to light showers.

"It hasn't been a bad season for me," said Barber, who has collected some \$61,000 in winnings, "but it's been a frustrating one. I've been in position to win maybe five times and it hasn't happened."

Now he has another chance. "I'm playing pretty good right now," admitted the Sherman, Tex., resident. "In

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King offense questionable

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

"Progress" rolls to bigger and better things, usually, in industry, and progress is a sign of improvement in a product, either mechanical or human.

And progress is a big thing and a big question mark for Lorain Admiral King football boss, Don Fritz. The seven-year mentor of the Admirals is in a quandry wondering about that word "progress." It could make or break his season.

At 2-0-1 this season, Admiral King has been less than an offensive giant. To some extent, the Admirals have been just the opposite on the defense.

There is a reason for the defensive excellence at the Lorain school.

"We have five lettermen back from last year," Fritz remarked, "and all of them are on the defensive team."

One of them, Fred Christie, is playing center on offense but other than him, there are no lettermen on the offensive team.

That offense that lacks the letters has generated only 28 points in three games this season. In the Buckeye Conference, the Admirals' offense ranks only above Marion; King has averaged only 177 total yards a game.

But still, Fritz feels that his offensive team is "coming around."

"In the second game of the season (a 21-0 win over Cleveland Heights) we seemed to put it together, but in the last game, we never got out of the hole. The defense just did not do a very good job and we usually got the ball deep in our own territory."

The Admirals won that game, 7-6, over perpetual loser, Lorain Southview. Admiral King scored in the

last two minutes of the game to avert an upset.

Fritz continued, "We knew offense was going to be our biggest problem before the season started. But right now I feel that the offense has progressed pretty well . . . the only problem is seeing if this is as far as they have progressed."

Fritz's problem offensively may stem from the fact that he and his staff put the "best kids" on the Admiral King squad on the defensive unit.

"That's the way we do it with every defensive position. The only exception is if the player is a quarterback and we like to have a good kid at that spot."

At that quarterback slot is Brian Wilt, currently fourth in the Buckeye Conference passing parade. Wilt's statistics do not tell the full story of his passing. The Admirals' signal caller has completed only 10 of 42 but Fritz contends that "10 or 12 of his passes have been dropped."

Fritz explained, "That is one problem we have had . . . finding someone that can catch the ball."

One person Fritz feels can do the job is junior Tyrone Lovett. "He did not play last year because he played basketball. He came out late this year and that slowed him down but now he is a starter and he can catch the ball."

Lovett is also third in punt returns in the BC with a 11.2 average on five returns.

Defensively, the Admirals rank fifth in team defense,

giving up 135 yards per game. Ross is second, allowing only 101 yards per game.

Kingpins on the strongest point of the Admirals team are defensive linebacker Joe Fraiss (6-2, 180) and Toby Norfuss (6-0, 180) along with defensive end Bryon Cato (6-2, 240). These three plus defensive end Joe Corrao (6-3, 215) and Guy Richards (6-1, 180) are the five main reasons for the strong King defense.

Against Ross, Fritz says, "For me, it is tough to tell how good a team is on film. We have not played any common opponents and the film we have on them is against Lincoln West and that was not a good film to watch if you have to play Ross."

Fritz continued, "We have to stop the running game. We don't want to force them to the air that much because I feel that Ross has always had a good passing attack. I'll tell you, if we can shut them out, it would be a big feather in our cap."

"I don't think it will be like that, though," Fritz added.

Fritz went back to what he wants to do offensively.

"We like to throw the ball," he freely admitted. "I don't mean that we will put the ball up all the time but when the opportunity presents itself, we like to go to the air."

"I just hope our offense can hold up against Ross—that's a hell of a defense they have."

Fritz and his progressing Admirals' offense will be the first team to test Ross in Buckeye Conference play. For Ross it will be the first test as they try to defend the Buckeye Conference crown.

Atlanta	85	72	541	12%
Houston	78	77	363	19%
San Fran	71	86	452	27%
San Diego	58	99	369	40%

Wednesday's Results
Montreal 7-3, Chicago 1-2
Philadelphia 6-6, New York 2-3

Cincinnati 4, Houston 1
St. Louis 1, Pittsburgh 12, 11
innings

San Diego 3, San Francisco 2
Atlanta 5, Los Angeles 3

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh (Pizarro 4-1) at
New York (Koonman 14-10), N

Houston (Siebert 1-0) at Cincinnati (Billingham 19-10), N

Los Angeles (Rau 13-10) or
Dewning 5-4) at San Diego
(Freidleben 9-13), N

Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
St. Louis at Chicago
Pittsburgh at New York, N

San Francisco at Cincinnati, N
Philadelphia at Montreal, N

Los Angeles at San Diego, N
Only games scheduled

Chicago	75	78	490	10%
Kan City	75	81	461	12
California	63	93	404	24

Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Texas, 2, ppd.,
rain

Cleveland 5, Milwaukee 3
Baltimore 5, Detroit 4
New York 1, Boston 0, 10 in-

nings
California 7, Kansas City 0
Minnesota 1, Oakland 0

Thursday's Games
Chicago (Kast 19-13) and
Johnson 8-4) at Texas (Bibb

19-18 and Hargan 12-8), 2, twi-

Boston (Drago 6-10) at De-

troit (Coleman 14-12), N

California (Tanana 12-19) at
Kansas City (Busby 21-14), N

Minnesota (Goltz 9-9) at Oak-

land (Abbott 5-6 or Hunter 24-12), N

Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
New York at Cleveland, N

Milwaukee at Baltimore, N

Boston at Detroit, N

Texas at Kansas City, N

Chicago at Oakland, N

Minnesota at California, N

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CLYDE — By scoring 1
team total of 16 in the sudden
death tie-breaker, St
Joseph's golf team won a
Sandusky Bay Conference

Admirals hold 8-2-2 edge

Two years ago Fremont
Ross was rolling smoothly
along with a 3-0 record and
then Lorain Admiral King
rolled into town. When the
Admirals sailed out, the Little
Giants were a beaten and
injured team.

The state ranked Ross team
fell, 19-14, in the opening
Buckeye Conference game
and in the process lost all-
starer, Rob Lytle with a knee
injury. And in that game, the
Admirals continued a
dominance over the Little
Giants that now reads 8-2-2.

Two years ago Admiral
King coach Don Fritz brought
his team into town echoing
much the same story as he is
this year: that Ross is the
greatest team he has seen in
quite some time.

All Fritz had his team do in
that upset win in '72 was
switch from a "40" defense to
a "50" and cut off the potent
Ross running tandem of Lytle
and Tom Pitts. One thing that
can be said about the
Admirals' coach is that he is
cagy and what he says may
not be what he means. The

psychological war of Fritz
against members of the Ross
team has been launched.

In the Ross camp, coach
Tom Hollman is in agreement
on one accord with Fritz.
Both coaches say that they
really don't know how tough
each team is, that it can only
be known in the game.

"Last year," Hollman
points out, "King was the only
team to stop Ross from
scoring on the first series of
plays (Ross won that game,
24-6) and they will be trying to
do that again."

Hollman went on to explain
that he does expect Fritz to
come at Ross with some new
offensive formations along
with the "50" defense as well
as a "4-3" and a "6-1" in short
yardage situations.

"We naturally anticipate
that they will throw quite a
lot. They run from a "pro set"
quite a bit and that formation
is geared toward passing.
King will bring the backs out
of the backfield and use them
as receivers and they will
screen on us a lot."

The game marks the first in
the seven-game Buckeye
Conference slate and it's a
new season for both schools.
"The teams will have a

little more incentive in the
Conference games. Week
after week it is tough and the
players know that they have
to be ready each week
because any of these teams
can beat you," Hollman said.
"The emotions will definitely
be at a high peak for this
game and the games
afterwards."

ROSS NOTES—Pat Belch,
Ross' starting quarterback
the past two weeks, is nursing
some bruised ribs and how
long he will be able to go
against King is doubtful.

Harry Liggins may get the
call to start at wingback.
Regular Brad Blachoff has
missed two days of practice
this week because of a virus.
Mark Montgomery will be
back at his inside linebacker
spot after missing a game
because of illness.

Dan Kreilick will go both
ways this week at tight end
and defensive end. Harry
Liggins, if he starts at
wingback will be the only
other two-way Ross
performer.

Dale Stout and Al Beard are
fully recovered from slight
knee strains and will start
against King.

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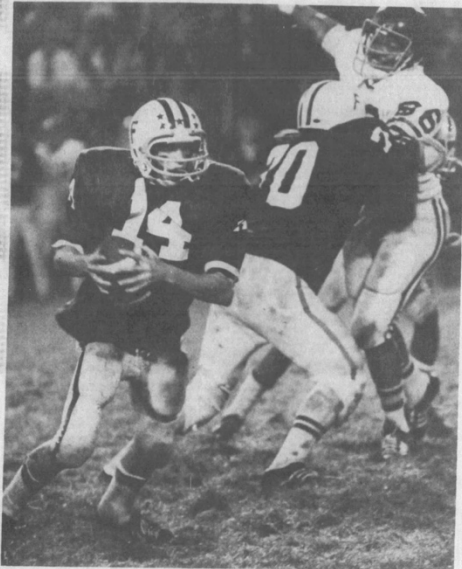
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Ross battles Admiral King to scoreless tie



ROSS QUARTERBACK PAT BELCH ROLLS OUT TO PASS
...Tackle Chris Celek (70) blocks charging Admiral King defensive lineman

Smith picks up 171 yards in Bear win

By BILL STEWART
N-M Staff Writer
GIBSONBURG — Although it took them most of the first half to get untracked, the Gibsonburg Golden Bears eventually established their superiority and rolled to a 28-12 win over visiting Elmwood here Friday night in a Suburban Lakes League battle.

Led by fullback Randy Smith's 171 yards rushing, the Bears broke a scoreless tie in the closing seconds of the first half on a six-yard dash by quarterback Steve Shreffler and carried an 8-0 lead into the locker room at half.

Two touchdown runs by Smith and a fumble recovery in the end zone by Denny Sanchez finished out the Bear scoring as three touchdowns, two of them by the winners, were scored in the final two and a half minutes of the game.

The underdog Royals, featuring the "Farabee jang," started out as if they had been prepared for an upset. The Royals were parked by quarterback Joe Farabee and fullback Randy Farabee, who scored the two Elmwood touchdowns on long drives in the second half. The

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attempt by Randy Farabee was short with five minutes left in the opening quarter.

The drive was sparked by a couple of fine runs by the Farabees.

The Gibsonburg offense could only muster one first down through the first 20 minutes of the game, but the touchdown run by Shreffler climaxed a 65-yard drive on 10 plays, with the touchdown coming with only 32 seconds to play. The drive was highlighted by a 17-yard run by Smith to the Elmwood 11-yardline.

The drive began when Gibsonburg's Scott Hammer intercepted a pass, just one play after Elmwood got into Gibsonburg territory by benefit of a pass interference penalty.

Gibsonburg took the second half kickoff and worked on

out from their own seven-yard line to the 32, when coach Bob Ritley decided on a quick kick with the third down and long yardage.

The 60-yard kick moved the ball all the way to the Elmwood 15, and seemed like a good move until Randy Farabee, on a fourth down and inches, broke the line of scrimmage and galloped 77 yards for a touchdown, which made it 15-6 with over seven minutes to play.

Gibsonburg mounted a drive from their own 19-yard line, aided by a personal foul penalty, with Smith, going in from the five with two and a half minutes to play to make it 22-6, following the kick.

Sanchez picked up the Elmwood fumble on the next series and ran it in for a 28-6 score.

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor
Coach Don Fritz and Lorain Admiral King got a feather in their caps and Ross got its unbeaten string snapped in the Buckeye Conference liftdiff for both schools.

Admiral King and Ross plodded their way to a scoreless tie in front of a rain-soaked Harmon Stadium crowd. Ross had to stop two Admirals' drives inside their own 15 to come out of the game with the tie.

Ross is now 3-0 for the season and still proudly sports a defense that has not been scored upon. And for Admiral King, it was the third shutout of the season.

Earlier in the week, Fritz, a seven-year veteran at the Admiral King helm, said that if his team could stop the potent Ross offense and hold the Little Giants scoreless, it would put that elusive "bird clothing" in his cap. A win for him would have probably gotten him enough feathers to make a war bonnet.

Ross dug into the soggy turf twice in the last 10½ minutes of the game to thwart Admiral King scoring forays. The Admirals' Greg Ballish fell on a Pat Belch fumble at the Ross 26 to set up the first TD saving effort by Ross.

Stan Branson bolted eight yards on the first play to the Ross 18 and speedster Duane Davis blasted to the 13. Two carries by Davis put the ball at the seven but on a third and four situation Ross linebacker Mike McGilton broke through a blocker to throw Davis for a seven-yard loss. The Admirals' quarterback, Jeff Grunda was stopped on the next play to give the ball to Ross.

Two plays later, Ross' John Williams bobbled a pitchout and the Admirals came up with the ball again at the Ross 15.

Davis picked up one on the first play but lost a yard on the next play as the interior of the Ross defense, tackles Jim Smith and Jim Hazard, and inside linebackers Dave Zilles and Mark Montgomery stopped Davis cold.

Davis tried a halfback pass for the second time this season on the next play and threw the ball out-of-bounds to set up a 33-yard field goal attempt by George Vada. The ball was short and Ross took over at its own 20.

Facing a third and 21 at the 20, Belch handed off to Steve Young on a draw play and the Little Giant senior rambled for 25 yards to the 45 to give Ross a first down.

Williams charged to the Admiral King 45 and Ken Franks balled his way to the Admiral's 37 to give the Little Giants a first and 10 with 1:15 to play. Four plays later the Ross drive stalled on the 45.

King was forced to punt with eight seconds to play but Ross was unable to get a play off before the game ended.

"They (Admiral King) were physically strong out there tonight," Ross coach Tom Holman said as he sorted out his thoughts about the tie. "They were strong but I still feel that we blew them out on some of our plays."

"I don't know how many fumbles we had but I know they came at the beginning and at the end and they hurt."

The Little Giants coughed up the ball five times and lost it all five times. Three of the fumbles came in Admiral King Territory. All three killed drives by the Little Giant offense.

The first fumble came at the end of a Belch pass to Larry Liggins on Ross' first offensive series in the game. The play covered 34 yards to the Admirals' 18 where Liggins lost his grip on the rain-spattered pigskin and Admiral King came up with the ball.

On the second play from the Ross 18, Grunda fumbled and Dan Krieltick recovered for Ross to give the Little Giants a shot at the end zone. Belch was thrown for an eight-yard loss after Franks had picked up one. A penalty set the ball back five more yards and an incomplete pass and a one-yard loss gave the ball back to the Admirals.

After that it was a game of "back and forth." Neither team really able to mount an offensive threat—the defenses controlled the action.

Ross did penetrate to the 27 of Admiral King on a 29-yard scamper by Williams but lost the ball two plays later on another fumble.

The game remained that way until the Admirals threw a scare (two scares, actually) into the Ross crowd in that last quarter.

Holman looked back on the game and praised Admirals' middle guard, Tony Scull.

"He gave us more trouble than we had anticipated. He was creating problems for us all night."

"But really," Holman said as he theorized about the tie, "We were not at the top or at the bottom and we have nothing to show for it."

Holman thought again and then said, "We showed a lot of character—the defense holding them in that last quarter and the offense bringing it out of the hole. They never gave up—we were still trying to score with or second to go."

Ross' defense allowed 187 yards while Ross picked up 187. Williams picked up 11 yards in 28 carries.



LARRY LIGGINS (top photo) of Ross hauls down first quarter pass. Liggins made it to the Admiral King 18 before losing the wet pigskin to the Admirals. In the bottom photo, Duane Davis of Admiral King is wrapped up by the Ross defense. Harry Liggins (10), Larry Sherman (15) move in on Davis. Harry Liggins, Ross' defensive end was credited with throwing King runners for more than 20 yards in losses during the game. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

Ross stats

SCORE BY QUARTERS		Admiral King		Ross	
		0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
STATISTICS		AK	R	AK	R
FIRST DOWN		12	12	12	12
Rushing		3	9	3	9
Passing		2	2	2	2
Penalty		1	1	1	1
PASSES ATTEMPTED		2	4	2	4
Completed		1	1	1	1
Intercepted		1	1	1	1
NET YARDS GAINED		99	187	99	187
Rushing		68	151	68	151
Passing		11	36	11	36
FUMBLES		3	5	3	5
Ball Lost		2	5	2	5
PENALTIES		3	3	3	3
Yards Penalized		20	21	20	21
PUNTS		7	4	7	4
AVERAGE		30.3	28.0	30.3	28.0

Last minute miscues cost 1-2-1 Mansfield

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

"The only thing that beat us is the scoreboard!" echoed Mansfield Senior coach Dave Pierce.

That logical statement by the first year coach is just that, logical, when it comes to his team's fortunes. Only 1-2-1 and 0-1 in the Buckeye Conference, Pierce's squad has lost both games in the last minute of action and Pierce knows why.

"We have mental lapses," Pierce said as he intimated that the Tygers have beaten themselves this year more so than the opponents. "That is

caused by a lack of maturity. Last year this time we were 3-1 and we did not have as good a team as we have this year. We feel we should be 4-0 right now."

Mansfield left Fremont that night with a 3-2 record, having been belted, 48-0, by the '73 BC champs.

The old Ross bugaboo, fumbles, has hindered the Mansfield team. In the first three games, Mansfield turned the ball over to the opposition 17 times. In those games, Ashland edged the Tygers, 15-14, while Mansfield Madison tied them, 0-0, and in the other game, the Tygers

with stood their own miscues to win 19-0 over Malabar.

The mistakes have not stopped at the offensive team.

"Defensively our backfield has hurt us. Last week (a 20-14 loss to Lorain) we had them down on their own 20 with less than a minute and a half to play... well, a pass interference call and a 45-yarder down the sidelines for the touchdown and we lose," Pierce sadly recounted.

Last season, Pierce was the defensive coordinator so little has changed for the Tygers. The Tygers will be trying to

stop Ross with its "50" defense.

What does Pierce feel he has to stop?

"Ross' outside game," H says. "We have to take away that basic running play of theirs. They do have a good tailback and if we take away that power sweep, we should be able to do alright."

Offensively, the Tyger feature returning quarterback Berr; Lawrence, the Buckeye Conference's second leading passer. Lawrence, a 5-9, 150 pound senior, has gone to the air 50 times this season and completed 21 for 283 yards but no TDs. He has been intercepted four times.

Pierce contends that Lawrence's passing percentage is not a clue to how good he is. "We have been having trouble with our receivers... they've been dropping a lot of them."

Lawrence is a double threat. Ross coach Tom Hollman rates him as a good scrambler and attesting to that fact, the Mansfield signal caller has scored 23 of Mansfield's 47 points.

Joining Lawrence in the backfield is speedy Tom Taylor at tailback and fullback Rod Jefferson. At wingback will be Ed Williams. One thing the backfield has is speed to burn.

Taylor had a hyper-extension of his knee in last Friday's game and is listed as a doubtful starter for the game. The 5-11, 167-pound senior runs the 100-yard dash in 10-flat and is a danger anytime he gets the ball.

"We like to run the tailback a lot," admitted Pierce. "In past games we have been running him about 30 times a game. Taylor is averaging 4.2 yard per carry."

But passing is one thing the Tygers like to do. Williams, a 5-11, senior speedster, has hauled down seven passes this season, good for 79 yards.

In the event that Taylor is unable to go, sophomore Cliff Belmar (6-2, 190) will see action. Belmar is fast but does not have the "moves" that Taylor possesses.

"Our offense is more disciplined this year," Pierce pointed out. "We have fewer plays but we feel that we can execute better the fewer plays we have."

Pierce continued about his team. "Our main problem besides the mistakes this year is our depth. An injury to our key players and we are in trouble."

Pierce pointed out that his team will be going at the same type of offense two weeks in a row. "Lorain played the same type defense Ross plays... I think we will do alright against it because we have had another week to work against it."

"That defense of Ross has posted four goose eggs. If we could be the first ones to break that streak, it would be great. One thing that they do is dare you to run at them... they come at you with eight guys."

"If we can find a couple of weaknesses, we'll do alright."

Offense under fire

All good things must come to an end sometime and Ross' high scoring offensive machine ran into a brick wall last Friday night against Lorain Admiral King. Averaging 35.3 points per game and 317 total yards, going into the game, the Little Giants did not score a point and picked up 202 total yards.

But at the same time, the Ross defense kept running smoothly by again posting a shutout and holding the

Admirals to less than a 100 yards.

Another stiff test faces the Little Giants this Friday in Mansfield. The Tygers are carrying a 1-2-1 record with the two losses coming in the last minute of play in each game.

The pressure is on the Ross offense this week. Going up against a defense that is rated fourth overall (141 yards total offense per game), the Little Giants will have their work cut out for them.

"They're very quick and aggressive," Ross coach Tom Hollman said as he talked about the Tygers. "They have a lot of guys that have played together a long time."

Playing together is a bit of an understatement by the first year Ross coach.

At one time this year the Tygers had nine, two-way performers. By Friday night that figure should be cut down to six.

Ross will face a type of defense that has become common in the Buckeye Conference in the past years, a "50" defense. The Little Giants have had fairly good success against it in the first three games but ran into difficulty against Admiral King's "50" and "4-4" defenses.

Against the Admirals, the Ross offensive line fell apart in the face of the Admirals' pass rush. Hollman pointed out the fact that the rush was dictated by the situation and the time and probably made it more successful than it should have been.

One thing is sure the Tygers will be coming at Ross hot and heavy when Ross faces a passing situation.

Like Mansfield, Ross faces some improving. "We have to eliminate our mistakes plus improve the pass blocking," Hollman said and then added, "I don't plan any changes for the game because these kids have been working hard to eliminate the mistakes."

Hollman talked a little about the Tyger offense.

"They run from a 'slot-I' mostly. They like to run an 'isolation' offense where the fullback will go into the line and isolate on the linebacker. The back will follow and cut off the fullback's block."

"They also run a wingback reverse off that play. They throw a lot of passes off the option and Lawrence (Berry) is a good thrower and a scrambler."

Hollman continued, "Ross and Mansfield will be evenly matched in the size department. Their tackles go about 190 and the guards are the same size as ours."

"However, we will be facing the fastest backfield that we have faced yet. They can break the long one on you."

And that is something Ross' defense would not take kindly to.

Football standings

BUCKEYE CONFERENCE				
Team	Conf.	Overall	PF	PA
W L T W L T				
Elyria	1 0 0	4 0 0	82	14
Findlay	1 0 0	1 0 0	101	33
Lorain Senior	1 0 0	3 1 0	48	21
Ross	0 0 1	3 0 1	106	0
Admiral King	0 0 1	2 0 2	28	6
Sandusky	0 1 0	2 2 0	29	35
Mansfield	0 1 0	1 2 1	36	35
Marion	0 1 0	1 2 1	14	35
Friday's games				
Ross at Mansfield Senior				
Elyria at Admiral King				
Lorain at Sandusky				
Marion Harding at Findlay				
SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE				
Team	Conf.	Overall	PF	PA
W L T W L T				
St. Joe	2 0 0	3 1 0	89	35
Clyde	2 0 0	3 1 0	30	24
Perkins	2 0 0	2 1 1	32	33
Tiffin Calvert	0 1 0	2 2 0	38	46
Margaretta	0 2 0	0 4 0	12	83
Huron	0 2 0	0 4 0	42	108
Friday games				
Tiffin Calvert at Clyde				
Margaretta at Perkins				
Saturday games				
St. Joe at Sandusky				
St. Mary's				
Elyria West at Huron				
SUBURBAN LAKES				
Team	Conf.	Overall	PF	PA
W L T W L T				
Oak Harbor	2 0 0	4 0 0	108	14
Gibsonburg	2 0 0	3 1 0	70	44
Eastwood	2 0 0	3 1 0	90	70
Genoa	1 0 0	2 1 0	111	29
Woodmore	1 1 0	2 2 0	78	69
Friday games				
Oak Harbor at Perkins				
Gibsonburg at Sandusky				
Eastwood at Huron				
Genoa at Woodmore				
GREAT LAKES LEAGUE				
Team	League	Overall	PF	PA
W L T W L T				
Oregon Clay	1 0 1	3 0 1	76	28
Bowling Green	1 0 1	2 1 1	70	34
Port Clinton	1 1 0	2 1 1	74	53
Sylvania	1 1 0	1 3 0	40	53
Bedford	0 1 0	2 1 0	48	52
Fostoria	0 1 0	1 3 0	46	126
Friday games				
Bowling Green at Port Clinton				
Toledo St. John's at Sylvania				
Oregon Clay at Bedford (Mich.)				
Lima Shawnee at Fostoria				
NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE				
Team	League	Overall	PF	PA
W L T W L T				
Shelby	2 0 0	4 0 0	144	18
Norwalk	2 0 0	4 0 0	90	14
Columbian	1 1 0	3 1 0	88	32
Willard	1 1 0	2 2 0	39	55
Bellevue	1 1 0	1 1 2	60	61
Galion	0 2 0	1 3 0	21	61
Bucyrus	1 1 0	1 3 0	24	72
U. Sandusky	0 2 0	0 4 0	43	51
Friday games				
Bellevue at Norwalk				
Willard at Bucyrus				
Upper Sandusky at Shelby				
Tiffin Columbian at Galion				

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ROSS' STEVE YOUNG HEADED FOR REFEREE AND TOUCHDOWN
... Little Giant fullback scored insurance touchdown late in fourth quarter on seven-yard run



JIM SHERMAN OF ROSS BREAKS UP MANSFIELD PASS
... Sherman (15) got in front of Tygers' Bruce Baehrens in third quarter play (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)

Blocked punt leads to Little Giants' 4th win

By BOB MARKER

N-M Sports Editor
MANSFIELD — Ross turned the old saying "the third time is the charm" into a very truthful experience against hard luck Mansfield Senior. The Little Giants downed the Tygers, 20-6, after falling behind, 6-0, midway through the third quarter.

Tony Simms blocked a Brian Garverick punt and Larry Liggins fell on the ball in the end zone for the go ahead and winning touchdown with 35 seconds to play in the third canto. The blocked punt came on the third attempted punt of the series by the Tygers.

Facing a third and 23 deep in Tyger territory, Mansfield sent Garverick back to punt, but the snap from center Paul Petrella sailed over his head and rolled all the way to the five, before the Mansfield punter could cover the ball. On the next punt from the Tyger end zone, Ross was called for roughing the kicker.

After 15 yards was walked off against Ross, the Tygers still faced a fourth and long yardage and once again Garverick was in punt formation. This time, the third attempt, Simms crashed in from the right side, blocked the punt and Larry Liggins was the man in the right spot for the winning TD.

Ross and Mansfield battled through a scoreless first half as two Ross drives stalled inside the Tyger 10 when the Little Giants ball handlers coughed up the pigskin both times to end the scoring threats.

Mansfield, behind the bull-like thrusts of sophomore running back Cliff Belmar, charged to the Ross 11 late in the second quarter. Belmar's 36 yard jaunt to the Ross 22 was the key play and on the play, only a saving tackle by Ross defensive halfback Dave Liggins saved a Tyger TD.

The Tygers had started the drive at their own six after recovering a Ross fumble.

Mansfield ripped Ross' defense for 90 yards on the ground in the first half, only 11 under what Ross had been giving up in total offense per game in the first four weeks of the season.

"They were countering the hell out of us," Ross defensive coach Pete Moore pointed out in the locker room. "He (Mansfield coach Dave Pierce) said he thought he had spotted a couple of weaknesses in our defense and one of those must have been inside."

"They had only run a counter play two or three times before and they caught us on it."

But even though the counter worked against the Little Giants, by the time the game was over with, Mansfield had rolled up only 117 yards in total offense, 54 coming on the ground. With three snaps over the punter's head, the Ross team sacked Mansfield for 91 yards in losses to bring down the total rushing yardage of the Tygers.

The Liggins twins, Harry and Larry, along with defensive end Dan Kreilick sacked quarterback Berry Lawrence for a minus-33 yards in the final period alone.

Ross' 18-quarter scoreless string came to an end at the 7:02 mark of the third period when Lawrence danced into the end zone from five yards out to put Ross behind for the first time this season. Once again the Little Giants had turned over the ball via the fumbling act at their own 22.

It took the Tygers three plays to score with the key play,

besides Lawrence's scoring scamper, a 13-yard pass from Lawrence to Bruce Baehrens. The Tyger end went out of bounds on the five to set up the score.

After that the game went to Ross.

On the first series after falling behind for the first time this season, Ross marched to the tying TD. Ken Franks carried

the ball to the Tyger 22 on the third play. The lumbering Ross fullback rambled 39 on his game leading 73 yards on the play.

Seven plays later, tailback John Williams nosed into the end zone on a fourth and one to tie the game.

Then came the series of unsuccessful punt attempts by Mansfield.

Ross drove 54 yards on 11 plays in the final period for the insurance tally. All of the yardage came on the ground with Steve Young scoring from seven yards out to climax the drive.

Most of the yardage on the final drive came up the middle as Ross backs followed the blocks of center Jim House and a trio of guards, Al Beard, Dale Stout, and Bob Frantz.

After the game, Ross coach Tom Hollman called the game a good effort of offense and defense, especially in the last half.

"I don't think Mansfield stopped us in the second half, rather I think we stopped ourselves. The defense did alright and the offense moved the ball when it had to."

Belmar ended up the night as the leading rusher with 92 yards for the Tygers. With Franks' 73 leading the Ross ground gainers, Young had 67, Williams 55, and Simms, 35.

Ross is now 4-0-1 and 1-0-1 in the Buckeye conference.



LITTLE GIANT HEAD COACH TOM HOLLMAN IS SURROUNDED BY PLAYERS

... Ross and coach celebrated 20-6 win over Mansfield with midfield huddle

Canadians back to normal

MOSCOW (AP) — Things are back to normal in Moscow: the Canadians are unhappy.

Every Team Canada hockey player polled informally Friday said he wouldn't return to Moscow

even for a holiday. They say they are unhappy with the accommodations, frustrated by the bureaucracy and fed up with the officiating.

"Who needs this?" asked Paul Henderson, hero of Canada's come-from-behind victory over the Soviets in a similar series two years ago.

Dennis Murphy, president of the World Hockey

Ross stats

SCORE BY QUARTERS					
	0	1	2	3	4
Ross	0	0	0	14	20
Mansfield	0	0	0	6	6

FIRST DOWNS	R	M
Rushing	10	7
Passing	9	2
Penalty	0	0
PASSES ATTEMPTED	4	10
Completed	1	4
Intercepted	0	0

NET YARDS GAINED	R	M
Rushing	231	117
Passing	220	34
FUMBLES	11	43
Lost	5	5
Penalties	3	3
Yards Penalized	2	1
PUNTS	30	45
Average	3	5

SCORING	
Mansfield Berry Lawrence, five-yard run (Ivan failed) 7:52, third quarter	
Ross John Williams, one-yard run (Kick failed) 3:38, third quarter	
Ross Larry Liggins, recovered blocked punt in end zone (Pass failed) 8:35, third quarter	
Ross Steve Young, seven-yard run (Young run) 3:46, fourth quarter	

STANDINGS	
Ross	4-0-1
Mansfield	1-3-0

PLAYERS	
Ross	20
Mansfield	6

COACHES	
Ross	Tom Hollman
Mansfield	Dave Pierce

OFFICIALS	
Ross	Paul Henderson
Mansfield	Dennis Murphy

REMARKS	
Ross	20-6
Mansfield	6-20

PLAYERS	
Ross	20
Mansfield	6

COACHES	
Ross	Tom Hollman
Mansfield	Dave Pierce

OFFICIALS	
Ross	Paul Henderson
Mansfield	Dennis Murphy

REMARKS	
Ross	20-6
Mansfield	6-20

PLAYERS	
Ross	20
Mansfield	6

COACHES	
Ross	Tom Hollman
Mansfield	Dave Pierce

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Unbeaten Elyria waiting for Ross

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

There's nothing like trying an experiment in football and not getting hurt by it . . . especially when it doesn't work.

Elyria Pioneer coach Bill Barton tried one and didn't get away with it. Ironically, the experiment involved football's key offensive spot: quarterback.

"We thought we would give our senior quarterback (Bob Myers) a shot at the job," Barton said. "But after three games, it was apparent that he would not be satisfactory."

Whether he (Myers) was satisfactory can be argued simply by the statistics. Elyria did not lose while Myers was at the helm but while at the signal calling spot, Barton said that he "couldn't throw and couldn't run."

So what did Barton and his staff do to get more stability at the QB post? It's simple, he took the best back he had and made him a quarterback.

It didn't matter that the new signal caller was the Pioneer's leading rusher last season from a tailback slot or that he played at the wingback position through the first three games this year . . . it basically felt that he could do the job.

So that is how 5-6, mighty mite, Earl Davis ended up in the Elyria hot seat; the quarterback slot. And since the switch, Elyria has won twice more and sits atop the Buckeye Conference standings.

"He can throw but he's not great," admitted Barton, who is now in his 20th season at Elyria. "Mainly we got him in there because he can run — not like we had before (the switch) when we had very little running power from the quarterback."

Quite naturally the Pioneer attack now puts more accent on running the quarterback and with Davis' quickness, the Pioneer backfield is by far the strongest point on the offensive ledger.

It is that strength which Ross, now 4-0-1 for the season and 1-0-1 in the Buckeye

Conference, must contain Friday night when they travel to the home of the Pioneers.

Teaming up with Davis is the BC's second leading rusher, Warren Fitzpatrick. The speedy Elyria tailback is averaging 6.3 yards per carry. At fullback is possibly the best blocker in the Conference at that spot. Rick Underman, 6-2, 210, is starting his second year at the spot and leads Fitzpatrick on many of his trips downfield.

On the line the big hulk of Jeff Lear presents the left side of the Ross defense a massive problem. The senior right tackle of Elyria tips the scales at 250 pounds and stands 6-4. Needless to say, the Pioneers run over Lear's spot with redoubtable frequency.

Defensively, Elyria is third overall although Barton says the Pioneer defense "isn't what it has been in the past." Still that squad made up of the "most ferocious players I have" has been surrendering only 127 yards a game.

"We haven't been giving up too many points (5.4 per game) but we have been giving up a lot of yardage to people," Barton contended.

There is only one returning letterman back from last year's Elyria defensive team. That player, Marvin Burgess, anchors the "front four" of the Pioneer "4-3" defense. Burgess is a 6-0, 190 pound senior.

Barton talked about Ross and said "That defense they (Ross) play is one that we don't like. It creates a lot of blocking problems for us. The only other team in the Conference that plays it is Admiral King and we had trouble with them."

That game was last week and the Pioneers won, 10-7.

What does Barton think about this game with Ross?

"If either one of us entertain the thought of winning the Conference, this is a must win game."

Enough said about the importance of the game.

Belch burns Pioneers with two TD passes

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

ELYRIA—Pat Belch threw two clutch fourth down touchdown passes as Ross defeated Elyria, 14-0, in a key Buckeye Conference football game. The Little Giants scored the first time they had the ball after a bizarre series of penalties.

Belch tossed an eight-yard strike to Larry Liggins who was all alone in the end zone for the first Ross six-pointer with 1:49 to play in the first period and then the Little Giants came back to get the clincher with 2:33 to play in the third quarter. Dennis Szymonowski was on the receiving end of the seven-yard pitch.

Ross unleashed a ground attack that chewed up the middle of the Elyria line and mixed three completed passes into the attack to keep the Pioneers off balance. It was two completions that keyed the first Ross TD.

It was the Belch to Liggins pass that capped the madcap first Ross drive of 41 yards. Before the drive had ended, Ross had two touchdown runs by John Williams called back and Elyria had been flagged down twice for pass interference to give Ross renewed life.

A Belch to Larry Liggins pass for 10 yards set Ross up at the Pioneer 18 and runs by fullback Ken Franks of 10 yards and Williams' short bursts put the ball deep into Elyria territory. Williams had runs of 18 and eight yards whistled back but each time on a key third down play, the Pioneer defenders were flagged for infractions that gave Ross first downs before Belch's first TD toss.

Hollman continued, "The defense controlled the outside game . . . I think our overall speed took away their outside game."

Young was Ross' leading rusher with 47 yards on 14 carries and Williams, a marked man all night, picked up 39 yards in 19 carries. Franks had 30 in six carries.

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on 23 carries, mostly on sweeps with an occasional counter up the middle.

It was the Ross defense, led by halfback Dave Liggins, and brothers Harry and Larry, along with the interior threesome of Jim Smith, Jim Hazzard, and Mike Clark, that turned back the deepest penetration of the Pioneers. Elyria took over the ball early in the final stanza at the Ross 18 after Ross was victimized by an old nemesis, a fumble.

Fitzpatrick galloped to the six on the first play but four plays later Hazzard, Smith, Dave Liggins, and Jim Sherman of Ross hit quarterback Earl Davis at the three to stop the drive.

Elyria got as far as the Ross 19 in the second quarter before giving up the ball on downs. The Pioneers had drives from their own 10 after taking a punt from Ross. The ill-fated drive ate up nearly nine and one-half minutes of the game before Fitzpatrick was stopped by Franks and Dave Minnich on a fourth and one at the 19.

"This was a good one," Ross coach Tom Hollman smiled after the game. "We came into this game with our eyes wide open . . . we knew we were up against a good football team."

Hollman admitted that he was "concerned" over the two touchdowns being called back because he said something like that usually hurts you.

Belch drew the praise of the Ross mentor. "He has confidence and he showed it out there tonight. Our whole offense looked more polished then ever tonight. The line really did a fine job."

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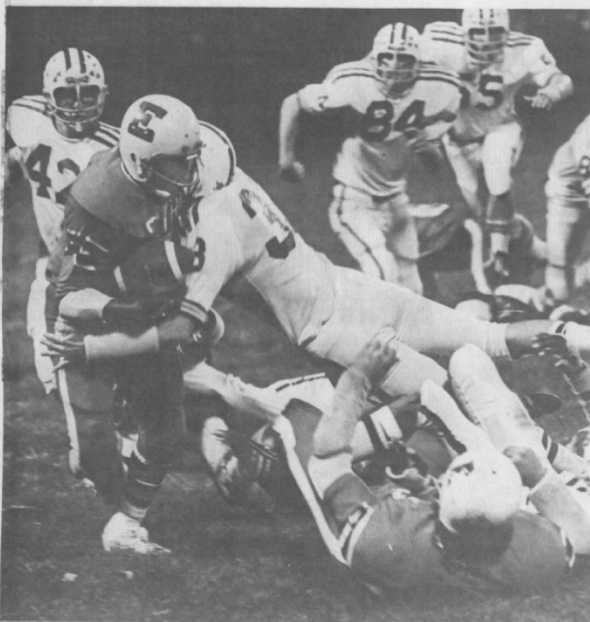
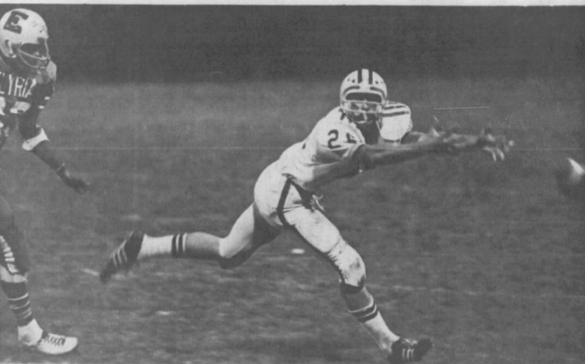
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PAT BELCH, above, Ross quarterback, pitches back to tailback John Williams who is not visible in the picture. Steve Young (22) leads play while Dale Stout (behind Belch) and Harold Ramirez (63) carry out blocking assignments.

In bottom picture, Michaels of Ross just misses a Belch pass in the second quarter. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)



DAVE MINNICH OF ROSS MEETS ELYRIA RUNNER HEAD-ON IN THE ROSS WIN. Coming up to help are Little Giants Mike McGilton (42), and Dan Krelick (84); Paul Sunagel is the Elyria ball carrier

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Paul Brown returns to club namesake

CLEVELAND (AP)—It's happened once a year for the last four years. Paul Brown comes to Cleveland with the Cincinnati Bengals and gets beat.

The Cleveland Browns are Paul Brown's namesake and he was coach of the Browns during many successful campaigns. There is little doubt that Brown would just love to beat Cleveland here

in the American Conference Central Division. The Bengals are 3-1 and hold the lead in the Central Division.

Maybe the Bengals are jinxed when they come to the lakeside stadium. "I don't think we ever played well up there," said tackle Ron Carpenter. "They always give us fits. It's a big rivalry, a big

reason the Bengals have trouble here is because they're one of the expansion clubs in the National Football League.

"It doesn't surprise me," Brown said of the Bengals' inability to come up with a win in Cleveland. "It's what you'd expect from an expansion team. Remember the trouble we used to have winning anywhere on the

Ross stats

SCORE BY QUARTERS		ROSS		ELYRIA	
		1	2	3	4
		0	0	0	0
STATISTICS					
FIRST DOWNS		12	9		
Running		8	9		
Passing		2	0		
Penalty		2	1		
PASSES ATTEMPTED		7	2		
Completed		3	1		
Intercepted		0	0		
NET YARDS GAINED		138	99		
Running		132	91		
Passing		36	8		
FUMBLES		3	3		
Ball Lost		1	1		
PENALTIES		5	5		
Yards Penalties		57	61		
POUNTS		1	2		
Average		36.0	33.0		

ROSS: Larry Liggins, eight-yard pass from Pat Belch; John Williams run 1-43, first quarter.
ROSS: Dennis Szymonowski, seven-yard pass from Belch (Run failed) 2:32, third quarter.

12 boats threaten records

BC's top two defenses clash

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

The top two defensive teams in the Buckeye Conference lock horns Friday night in Lorain. The ever tough Lorain Steelmen (4-2) will match up with the unbeaten but once tied Fremont Ross Little Giants.

Ross ranks as the top defensive team overall with an average yield of only 99 yards per game and 98 yards for Conference games. The Steelmen are rated number two defensively with yields of 155 in the Conference and 130 overall. Ross has given up only six points this year while the Steelmen have allowed only 36.

The Little Giants are 2-0-1 in the BC while Lorain, a 7-6 loser at the hands of Findlay last Friday, is 2-1.

The only question that remains about the upcoming Friday night game is how well the offenses will do against the standout "4-4" defenses both teams use.

Both offensively and defensively, the two teams will be "mirroring" each other. From the same style of defense, the Ross and Lorain offenses are decidedly alike in the use of the basic "I" formations and passing formations.

And like Ross, there are two main runners for the Steelmen.

Directions to the stadium in Lorain follow:

Take route six to route two east; go through Huron and Vermillion and past the Ford plant on the outskirts of Lorain. Pick up route 611 in Lorain to Oberlin Avenue. Turn right on Oberlin. The stadium is two blocks down with parking available immediately after you pass the stadium.

The Steelmen will feature a twin-barreled attack of quarterback Willie Rodriguez and tailback Virgil Williams. Both account for the better percentage of the Lorain offensive game.

You've got it," echoed Steelman coach Doug Thompson, when the names of two players were mentioned. "They are the boys. Williams is a good runner both inside and out and Rodriguez is getting better as the season goes on."

Williams is the third leading rusher in the BC with a 4.7 average on 134 carries. Rodriguez is third in passing with 335 yards on 20 completions.

Ross' answer to Lorain's Williams is tailback John Williams, second in the BC in rushing with 648 yards and a 5.5 average. And if the Ross ground gaining leader is boxed up, the Tom Hollman coached Little Giants can go to the fullback tandem of Ken Franks and Steve Young. The Ross fullbacks are 13th and 15th in the Conference in rushing with 247 and 235 yard totals, respectively.

For passing Ross relies on Pat Belch, who last week despite hitting only three of seven, showed that the Little Giants can generate a good passing offense.

Known in past years as a good defensive team, the Steelmen have been coming on offensively. "Yeah," agrees Thompson, "we feel that the offense has improved tremendously the last couple of years. This year with Williams we have good running ability . . . he is strong and can run anywhere on the field."

Thompson continued talking about his offense. "We aren't throwing as much as we did last year but we still like to go to the air anytime the situation calls for it.

"Really, though," Thompson pointed out, "our reason for the improvement is we are more balanced. Our running and passing has blended together very well."

Has there been any surprise in the BC race this year, Thompson was asked.

"Not really," he said. "Findlay and Ross were picked to be at the top and that is how things are. I think Ross's win over Elyria proves that they belong up there. I think, and I feel the other coaches feel this way, too, that the Conference race is still wide open . . . anyone can win it. It just depends on how the injuries go."

As far as injuries, Thompson said his Steelmen are fit and ready to take on Ross.

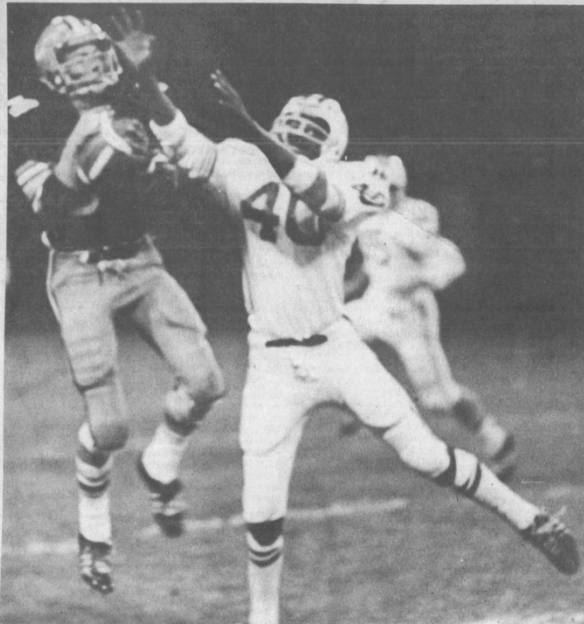
As far as the game Friday, Thompson said, "I think it will be a typical Buckeye Conference game . . . mistakes will probably play a big deal in the eventual winner."

ROSS NOTES . . . Ross' defensive twins, Harry and Larry Liggins, both injured in the late stages of the Elyria game, are expected to be ready for tomorrow night's game.

Ross coach Hollman says that the game with Lorain will pit Ross against one of the better backs in the BC in Virgil Williams. "This is going to be another big one for us," Hollman said. "Lorain handled Findlay pretty good even though they lost."

Belch's two TD tosses last week upped his scoring pass count to four, one behind Findlay's John Vielhaber, who is out for the season with a broken collarbone.

John Williams is now second in rushing in the BC after leading the first five weeks of the season. Decidedly a "marked man" by the defensive teams of the opponents, Williams has been held to less than 100 yards in the last two Ross wins. He trails Warren Fitzpatrick of Elyria, 669-648.



DAVE LIGGINS OF ROSS (40) DEFENDS ON THIS LORAIN PASS
... The Little Giant defender was not successful as Lorain's Fred Pagan caught the ball for 27-yard gain



IT'S TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE FOR THIS LORAIN DEFENDER
... John Williams (31) and a Ross blocker are in the clutches of a Lorain defensive lineman

Steelmen stubborn but Ross wins, 26-20

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

LORAIN—Ross needed a little something extra to get by the Lorain Steelmen at George Daniels Stadium Friday night. The Little Giants had their season allowance of points tripled on them but managed to pull together to whip the Steelmen, 26-20, in a key Buckeye Conference game.

The win put the Little Giants at 3-0-1 in the BC and 6-0-1 for the season. Lorain dropped to 2-2 and 4-3. Steve Young provided the go ahead touchdown early in the final period on a 35-yard run that was smothered with what a football coach strives for in his players, extra

effort. The Ross fullback broke through the line, seemed to be stopped by a Lorain linebacker but broke away and bolted the final 25 yards unmolested to give the Little Giants their first lead of the night, 18-14.

"I don't know how I got away from him," Young said after the game. "I just kept running."

The play was both productive and disastrous for the Little Giants. Not only did they get the winning six-pointer from Young but the Ross team lost the services of John Williams, the BC's second leading rusher going into the game.

Williams, who underwent surgery during the winter to correct a separated shoulder, had the same shoulder pop out of place while throwing a block that helped spring Young. The Ross senior will most likely be lost for the season.

With a minute and one-half left in the game, Larry Liggins took a handoff on a counter over the middle and raced 26 yards for the insurance TD that wrapped up the win.

"That was a good 24 minutes of football," a happy Ross coach Tom Hollman breathed after the win. He then added, "Of course, that first 24 minutes was a good thing too ... for the fans at least."

That first half of play was anything but happy for Ross. Lorain took the opening kickoff and scored in just 19 plays as fullback Stan Niece bullied over from the one. Virgil Williams, who picked up 101 yards in the first half from his tailback slot, helped key the drive.

Williams put the Little Giants down, 14-6, a little ways into the second quarter of play on a 10-yard scamper around Ross's left end. The Little Giants had tied the game with 1:46 to play in the first quarter on Young's one-yard plunge.

The Little Giants were thwarted on a scoring

attempt at the end of the first half on Kevin Hill's theft of a Pat Belch pass deep in the Lorain end zone.

Everything was to change for Ross in the final 24 minutes. Hollman explained one of the reasons his defense came back from possibly its worst half of football this season to cut off the Steelmen offense.

"We had trouble with our linebackers," Hollman admitted. "We possibly had the defense thinking too much. Lorain had shown a lot of tendencies in previous games but they changed that tonight. They threw a couple of plays at us that we did not expect."

The defense rose to the perfect occasion midway in

the third period. Lorain was driving after Fred Pagan had returned Ross' kickoff after the go ahead TD to the Ross 43. With 8:07 left in the stanza, the Steelmen faced a fourth and two situation at the Ross 34. Niece drew the assignment over his right tackle but the Steelmen runner was met headon by Dan Krelick, Jim Hazard, and Jim Sherman of Ross for no gain, giving the ball to Ross.

The Little Giants drove to the insurance score with Liggins taking it over while Ross was faced with a fourth and six problem immediately after taking over on the key series.

The Little Giants' second TD also came on a fourth

down pass from Belch to Dennis Szymanski from 24 yards out in the third period. "The defense did the job when it had to," Hollman smiled, "and the offense looked real good on those drives in the second half. They showed the could move the ball."

"Our fullbacks did a great job and that run of Young's was a tremendous effort," Lorain, trailing 26-14, picked up its final TD on a 15-yard fumble return by Mark Maxwell with only 10 seconds left to play.

Virgil Williams, after the big first half, ended the night

with 118 yards on 19 carries. Ross's Williams had 72 in 16 totes while Young had 64 in nine carries and Ken Franks, the starting Ross fullback, 63 in 12 carries. Larry Liggins

carred twice for 61 yards. McGilton had 17 in six carries.

"Yeah, it was a great game from the fans' viewpoint tonight," Hollman summed

up, but it was probably one that was not so good from his viewpoint.

He'd like to see the remaining games great from his viewpoint.

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Bengals play in Oakland

By HOWARD SINER
AP Sports Writer

The Cincinnati Bengals and the Oakland Raiders, a pair of reliable powerhouses, clash Sunday in the midst of a topsy-turvy National Football League season that has been dominated by surprises. Cincinnati, leading the American Football Conference Central Division, and Oakland, heading the AFC Western Division, each has pounded out four victories in the first five games.

"We're going up against one of the finest teams in the National Football League, there's no question about that," said Paul Brown, Cincinnati coach and general manager, about the game in Oakland.

In the AFC Eastern Division, the New England Patriots, 5-0, one of the NFL's three unbeaten teams, could have a rough time in Buffalo against the 4-1 Bills, who seek to tie for the lead.

But the St. Louis Cards, 5-0, figure to have little trouble in Houston against the Oilers, 1-4, and the Minnesota Vikings, 5-0, appear to hold the clear edge against the visiting Detroit Lions, 1-4.

In other NFL games Sunday, it's San Francisco at Los Angeles, Philadelphia at Dallas, Cleveland at Pittsburgh, Kansas City at

Miami, New York at Washington, San Diego at Denver, New Orleans at Atlanta and Baltimore at New York. The nationally televised game Monday will be Green Bay at Chicago.

The Raiders have averaged 23.6 points a game this season while holding the opposition to just 12.4 points. Lefty quarterback Ken Stabler of Oakland has fired nine touchdowns in 10 passes—three of them to Cliff Branch, a former bench-warmer who suddenly has a total of 19 receptions for 329 yards.

Cincinnati's red-hot Ken Anderson has connected on 66 of 108 passes for 924 yards and seven touchdowns. He looks for Isaac Curtis, who has four touchdowns after making 10 catches for 241 yards.

New England—the biggest surprise of 1974—has not

yielded any points in its last six quarters, or any touchdowns in its last nine. Buffalo's Joe Ferguson has thrown for 640 yards and six touchdowns, providing a newly dangerous passing attack to help O.J. Simpson, who has gained 447 yards despite a variety of minor ailments.

Undefeated St. Louis, riding high in the National Football Conference East, has equaled its longest winning streak in 15 years by outscoring its luckless opponents 118 to 57 so far.

Houston, which is 0-12-1 against NFC clubs, was crushed 51-10 by Minnesota last week.

The Vikings, aiming for a return engagement in the Super Bowl, have beaten their NFC Central Division foes 13 consecutive times since 1967.

Foreman cut fake says Ali

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP)—Muhammad Ali claims George Foreman faked a cut in a sparring round to give himself more time to train for their heavyweight title fight.

Reached at his hotel room in Kimbasha, Zaire, Ali said Foreman never was cut and may have used movie makeup.

"It was phony. There was no cut," the former Foreman work out and

There were no stitches. He just wanted more time."

Ali and Foreman are to meet Oct. 30. The Foreman injury set the fight date back nearly a month.

The delay has given both fighters more time to prepare and both are in good shape, Ali said.

But Ali says he watched Foreman work out and

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VIRGIL WILLIAMS OF LORAIN ESCAPES ROSS TACKLERS
... Lorain back rushed for 118 yards (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

Marion is Ross Homecoming foe

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

"Win this one to set up the big one" could be the motto at the Fremont Ross football camp this week. "This one" is with Marion Harding Friday in Ross' Homecoming and is labeled a "must" game for the Little Giants.

Ross can not afford to be looking past Marion to Findlay (the big one) and coach Tom Hollman has been reminding his squad of that fact. "We have to get by Marion to get at Findlay," he says.

"I'm not taking Marion lightly . . . they beat Sandusky 9-0 and showed that they could move the ball on Admiral King and Findlay. They have made some mistakes that have hurt."

Statistically, the Prexies are not one of the more formidable teams in the Buckeye Conference. In fact, the Marion crew, under first year coach Jack Hecker, is dead last, overall, from both sides of the line.

Sporting a 2-4-1 mark for the season with a 1-3 ledger in the Conference race, the Prexies have surrendered 286 yards a game while managing to pick up only 135. But even with the figures stacked against them, the Prexies rate as one of the

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"more physical" teams that Ross will face.

"Make no mistake about it," Hollman said, "They like to hit and we expect to get hit hard by them."

Part of that hard hitting, however, has cost the first year edition of the Hecker-men. Personal foul penalties have been common place for the squad, mostly coming on "late hits."

"I guess you would just have to call it 'over aggressiveness,'" Hecker said Wednesday afternoon during a phone conversation. "Our kids want to hit and they get after people."

Hecker, who came to the

Marion school after being an assistant coach at Army under Tom Cahill for the last seven years, talked briefly about the upcoming game with Ross.

"I'm concerned about getting our kids 'up' for this game. They played well against Admiral King (6-0 loss) last week but we had that long drive of 50-60 yards only to lose it at the 15 on a fumble, and, well, it really was a letdown for them," Hecker said.

"Ross' speed concerns us. They have speed on offense and defense."

Hecker has made many changes at Marion,

tantamount among them has been the theory of putting the best players on defense and building the offense after that.

One of the changes that many Ross fans will notice is the switch of the Prexies' fullback of a year ago, Darrell Middleton, to defensive tackle. The 225-pound junior is rated as a topnotch player at that spot by the Ross coaching staff.

One change in the Marion offense took place two weeks ago when starting quarterback Rich Rees fractured his collar bone. His place has been taken by sophomore Dave Freese.

The top ground gainer for the Prexies is tiny Tom Owens, a 135-pound senior. Owens currently ranks ninth in the BC with 326 yards on 112 carries for a 2.9 average.

Ross will not have an easy tussle with the Prexies. It will actually be a war of nerves for the Little Giants who will have to fight the temptation of looking ahead to the BIG one . . . the MUST one will come before that.

ROSS NOTES—The injury to John Williams last Friday night at Lorain is not as serious as first thought. The Ross tailback who ranks third in the BC in rushing suffered a dislocation and not a separation to his right shoulder. He will be dressed and could see spot action in the Homecoming game with the Prexies.

Mike McGilton will probably start at tailback for Ross with his defensive linebacker slot going to either Tim Johns or Rick Kusmer.

Standings

BUCKEYE CONFERENCE				
	Conf.	Overall	PF	PA
Findlay	4 0 0	6 1 0	157	51
Ross	3 0 1	6 0 1	166	26
Elyria	2 2 0	5 2 0	106	62
Lorain Sr.	2 2 0	4 3 0	90	62
Adm. King	1 2 1	3 2 2	47	37
Sandusky	1 3 0	3 4 0	64	72
Manfield Sr.	1 3 0	2 3 1	89	82
Marion	1 3 0	2 4 1	29	69

Friday's games

Marion at Ross

Lorain Sr. at Admiral King

Manfield at Sandusky

Findlay at Elyria

SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE

	Conf.	Overall	PF	PA
Clyde	4 0 0	5 2 0	98	45
St. Joe	4 1 0	5 2 0	143	64
St. Mary's	2 2 0	3 4 0	141	74
Huron	2 2 0	3 4 0	92	127
Perkins	2 3 0	2 4 1	60	93
Margaretta	1 3 0	1 6 0	18	141
Tiffin Calvert	0 4 0	2 5 0	32	141

Friday's games

Margaretta at Tiffin Calvert

Perkins at Huron

Saturday games

Clyde at St. Joe

St. Wendelin at St. Mary's (NC)

SUBURBAN LAKES LEAGUE

	Conf.	Overall	PF	PA
Oak Harbor	5 0 0	7 0 0	213	47
Gena	4 1 0	6 1 0	223	49
Eastwood	4 1 0	5 2 0	157	104
Woodmore	4 1 0	5 2 0	164	106
Gibsonburg	2 3 0	3 4 0	113	124
Lakota	1 4 0	1 6 0	46	243
Elmwood	0 5 0	1 6 0	100	197
Osgood	0 5 0	0 7 0	40	196

Friday's games

Gibsonburg at Gena

Elmwood at Lakota

Oak Harbor at Woodmore

Osgood at Eastwood

GREAT LAKES LEAGUE

	League	Overall	PF	PA
Oregon Clay	3 0 1	6 0 1	150	48
B. Green	3 0 1	5 1 1	137	40
Sylvania	2 2 0	3 4 0	95	95
Port Clinton	2 3 0	3 3 1	94	113
Bedford	1 3 0	3 3 0	67	104
Fostoria	0 4 0	1 5 0	71	187

Friday's games

Rossford at Port Clinton

Sylvania at Bowling Green

Fostoria at Oregon Clay

Bedford at Toledo Whittier

NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE

	League	Overall	PF	PA
Shelby	5 0 0	7 0 0	218	32
Norwalk	5 0 0	7 0 0	171	36
Tiffin Cal.	4 1 0	6 1 0	139	69
Bellevue	2 3 0	2 3 2	96	101
Bucyrus	2 3 0	2 5 0	55	139
Willard	1 4 0	2 5 0	61	126
U. Sandusky	1 4 0	1 6 0	67	124
Galion	0 5 0	1 6 0	21	140

Friday's games

Bellevue at Bucyrus

Willard at Galion

Upper Sandusky at Norwalk

Tiffin Columbian at Shelby

Official's test

set for Nov. 25

The second of three testing dates for interscholastic sports officials is Nov. 25, 1974. Those men and women interested in officiating basketball (girls and boys), wrestling, swimming, boys gymnastics and ice hockey must apply by Nov. 4, 1975.

Applications can be obtained by writing to the OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Place, P.O. Box 3748, Columbus, Ohio 43214, or calling 614-267-2502.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and must be high school graduates or no longer enrolled in high school. With the rapidly increasing program in girls interscholastic athletics, there is a need for women to become licensed officials in basketball and swimming.

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LARRY LIGGINS

Ross' triple vision threats

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Opponents see triple when they clash with Fremont Ross High School's miserly football defense this season.

The Liggins brothers all start for the school's defense that has posted five shutouts in a 6-0-1 campaign.

Senior twins Larry and Harry Liggins rank one-two among Ross' leading tacklers. And their brother, Dave, a junior, is No. 4 in that department.

Larry is a 6-foot-1, 175-pound outside linebacker. Harry has the same dimensions and plays defensive end. Dave is a 5-11, 170-pounder who performs at defensive halfback.

Their brother, Tom, serves as the No. 1 fullback for the University of Cincinnati.

Fremont Coach Tom Hollman said, "the twins have the potential to play bigtime college football as defensive backs. And Dave already is one of our better defensive backs."

Around Ohio: High school football creeps into Riverfront Stadium, the home of the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals, next month. Cincinnati LaSalle will face St. Xavier and Bacon will play Moeller in a doubleheader Nov. 1. Moeller will take on Elder Nov. 8. Elder returns to battle Western Hills Thanksgiving Day.

Plain City Alder's victory streak has hit 18. Alder back

Gary Vowell has rushed for more than 100 yards in all of those games and has nearly 4,000 yards rushing in four seasons.

Wheelerburg, No. 1 in Class A, has 22 straight victories. Joe Croft, with 826 yards, is closing in on Ted Bell's sophomore rushing record at Youngstown Mooney.

Linemen pounced on fumbles for three touchdowns, two of them by Doug Marsh in Akron East's 28-0 verdict over Akron Central-Hower. Akron Hoban is off to a 1-6 start and its coach, Dan McGrew, has lost 35 pounds.

East Liverpool and Salem, meeting for the 55th time, settle the Columbiana County championship Saturday night. Warren Western Reserve, with 20 victories in a row, never has lost since joining the Northeastern Ohio Conference.

Vinton County won its first

Tri-Valley Conference game in four years, turning back Stewart Federal Hocking 12-8 last week.

Scott Brown had to make two attempts at a winning field goal in Chillicothe's 9-8 upset of Newark. A penalty nullified a 32-yard goal. Then, on the next play, Brown booted a 37-yard three-pointer.

Jim Rozsa kicked his fifth field goal of the season, but Steubenville Catholic still lost 12-9 to Steubenville. Bill Stone of Toronto scored four touchdowns against Wellsville.

Massillon Perry was shut out for the first time in 80 games, a 0-0 standoff with Massillon Jackson. The last blanking came in 1966 against Canton Lehman 22-0. Lynn Oberlin of Montpelier picked up 149 yards last week for a 3,129-yard career total. Washington Court House held Columbus Wehrle to no first downs and minus 62 yards total offense last week.

Fremont teams rank 2nd in co

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—New Philadelphia has scrambled back into a Class AAA regional lead this week in the Ohio High School Athletic Association computerized football ratings.

New Philadelphia, with seven successive victories, earned 75.16 points to replace Canton McKinley, also 7-0-0, as the Region 3 pacesetter.

Despite a victory over Dayton Roth, McKinley fell to

solely on victories and losses and a team's schedule strength. The OHSAA uses them to determine its semifinalists for the postseason playoffs.

Otherwise, it was status quo in Class AAA. Warren Harding, Upper Arlington and Cincinnati Elder remained No. 1 in their respective regions.

The Class AA ratings had the biggest shakeup, with new leaders in three of the four

The only change in Class A sent Newark Catholic to the top, joining Windham, Montpelier and Middletown Fenwick.

Fremont Ross ranks second in region two of the Class AAA ratings behind Upper Arlington. The Little Giants, third last week, have compiled 82.39 points, nearly 14 behind Upper Arlington's 96.20.

Also in region 10, Bellevue ranks 50th.



DAVE LIGGINS (40) of Ross (top photo) cut the "pins" from under Marion Harding receiver Sam Koonce after the Prexie split end had caught a pass. Koonce managed to catch all four passes that Marion quarterback David Freese completed. In the bottom photo, Steve Young

(22) of Ross slips to the outside as Marion players pursue him. Young picked up 60 yards from the fullback spot while teammate Ken Franks ran for 88 from the same position. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)



Ross stats

SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Marion	0 0 0 0-0
Ross	8 12 0 12-20

STATISTICS		M	R
FIRST DOWNS		4	20
Rushing		2	20
Passing		2	1
Penalty		0	1
PASSES ATTEMPTED		13	4
Completed		4	2
Intercepted		1	0
NET YARDS GAINED		70	227
Rushing		40	212
Passing		30	24
FUMBLES		5	3
Ball Lost		5	1
PENALTIES		8	5
Yards Penalized		74	28
PUNTS		6	1
Average		27.8	36.9

SCORING
Ross: Dennis Szymanski, seven-yard pass from Pat Belch (Pass failed) 3:13, first quarter.
Ross: Larry Liggins, safety off blocked punt, 36, first quarter.
Ross: Steve Young, four-yard run (Run failed) 8:24, second quarter.
Ross: Mike McGilton, nine-yard run (Pass failed) 9:34, second quarter.
Ross: McGilton, two-yard run (Belch run) 13:34, third quarter.
Ross: John Williams, one-yard run (Run failed) 9:36, fourth quarter.
Ross: Rick Kusner, one-yard run (Run failed) 1:27, fourth quarter.

Findlay ducats sold out

Marion falls, 40-0 Ross takes over top spot in BC

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Ross vaulted to the top spot in the Buckeye Conference football race on the strength of a 40-0 romp over Marion while Elyria was upsetting Findlay, 13-10, Friday.

Ross now owns a 4-0-1 record in the BC while Findlay is 4-1. The two teams collide next Friday night at the home of the Trojans.

The Little Giants scored freely against the hapless Prexies. Ross dominated the entire game, controlling the ball nearly 33 of the 48 minutes while running off 72 plays to only 39 for Marion Harding.

Mike McGilton, normally a starting linebacker for the Little Giants, started at the fullback slot in place of injured John Williams and responded with 108 yards on 22 carries while scoring on runs of nine and two yards.

"It felt different," the junior, 185 pounder said after the game. The different feeling left the Prexies reeling.

And added to the McGilton running, the Ross tandem of Ken Franks and Steve Young at fullback, riddled the middle of the Prexie defense. Young picked up 60 yards on a dozen carries and Franks turned in his best night of the season with 88 in 14 totes of the pigskin.

In all, the Little Giants picked up 313 yards on the ground.

"It just shows how much our offense has progressed," Ross coach Tom Holliman said. "We felt that we could run inside and we did. All we wanted to do was blend our running and passing but we did not have to pass as much as we thought we would. If you don't have to throw... well don't throw," he added.

Ross had the game so much in control that Holliman dipped into his bench and sent some 60-65 kids into the game. "I think this game showed that we have some depth. We alternated three or four guards and tackles and all of them did a pretty good job."

While the offense was clicking, the defense was turning in another performance that has become common this season, a shutout, the sixth of the season.

The stingy "D" gave up only 40 yards over the ground route with 30 more

coming through the airways for a total of only 70 for the game. Marion was in Ross territory only three times during the 48 minutes of play and each time the Little Giant defense came up with the key plays to kill the Prexies' hope.

The control game of Ross took over right after the opening kickoff. The Little Giants took the ball 75 yards to a TD in 17 plays, the first 68 yards coming on the ground and the last seven on a fourth down pass from quarterback Pat Belch to Dennis Szymanski. That made it 6-0 and Ross was off to the races as the drive consumed nearly nine minutes.

A few seconds later, Larry Liggins broke through to block a Greg Ferrell punt out of the end zone for a safety and an 8-0 lead.

Young scored from four yards out at the 8:34 mark of the second period and McGilton scored on his nine-yarder with 3:04 to play in the half for a 20-0 Ross lead.

Holliman started to substitute at that point.

McGilton scored again at the 6:27 mark of the third status and Williams, who carried the ball twice for 13 yards while testing his shoulder, slid in from one-yard out to make it 34-0 with 9:59 to play. Septomore fullback Rick Kusner banged in from the two to cap the scoring for Ross with 1:27 left to play.

The Findlay loss may have taken a little of the shine off next week's meeting between the two schools but the win for Ross was impressive in the light of the possible looking past Marion to the Little game in the BC.

Holliman pointed out that he and his team were not looking ahead. "We weren't worried about next week's game... we knew we had to win this one. We knew what we had to do and we did it."

But Holliman added, "I think Elyria's win shows how balanced the Conference is... we've had our backs to the wall because of the tie and we will go into the Findlay game feeling the same way. All I can say about it is that it will be a fine ball game."

And with that, Holliman and his staff turned their thoughts toward next Friday night and Findlay.

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Aging duo favored

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Bobby Unser and David Pearson, two aging but proficient pros, were favored today in the second race of the 1974 International Race of Champions series.

The two veterans—Unser is 40 and Pearson 39 and greying—start in the back row at 1:30 p.m. (PDT) as 12 world class drivers begin a

including both road course and oval experts, are competing for \$200,000 in prize money.

The series, in its second year, is made up of four races, two on ovals and two on road circuits. The drivers compete in identical, except for color, Chevrolet Camaro sports coupes.

Unser, the 1968

of this year's IROC races on an oval track in Michigan last month.

After today's second heat, the group will go to it again in the third race Sunday, with the starting order being the reverse of how they finish in today's heat.

After the two races at Riverside, all of them will go to Daytona Beach, Fla., for

Ross healthy

Everything goes in Findlay game

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

The game of the year is just a day away for Ross and first year head coach Tom Hollman. The game matches Ross and the Findlay Trojans and as Hollman aptly puts it "It is a game where you will hold nothing back."

And for this one for the Buckeye Conference title plus possibly a state playoff berth for Ross, neither Bill Jones of Findlay or Hollman plan to hold anything back.

The Little Giants are on top of the conference standings with a 4-0-1 mark while the Trojans are 4-1. A win for Ross would give the crown to the Little Giants.

Ross may have a slight edge on Findlay in the injury department. Going into the Friday night contest at the home of the Trojans, the Little Giants will have everyone healthy for the first time this season. Findlay, on the other end of the spectrum, is hampered by injuries, at least that is the report out of Findlay.

Football history is dotted down through the years of "miraculous" recoveries of injured players and this game could be no different.

Jones has said that last year's Little Giant "killer," John Vielhaber, will not play because of a broken collar bone suffered four weeks ago, but then comes back in the next breath and admits that he does have "medical" approval to play the star quarterback. Whether Vielhaber will start will be a big "if" that Ross will face when the game begins.

"I'm not crying over our injuries," Jones said recently, "we should be competitive no matter what."

Hollman, on the other hand, will welcome the return of tailback John Williams, the Buckeye Conference's third leading rusher with over 740 yards in 136 carries. Hampered with a dislocated right shoulder, Williams will be ready to start against the Trojans.

Also returning to the Ross lineup will be defensive tackle Jim Smith who was nursing an injured ankle last week. Other than those injuries to starters, Ross will be ready to go with a clean bill of health.

"We've been working hard all this week," Hollman pointed out when asked how his team was doing in preparation of the clash. "We had some good practices. The kids know the importance of the game and I don't think we will have much trouble getting them ready to go mentally."

As for Findlay, Hollman pointed out that the Trojans will be counting heavily on the defense.

"Their defense is very quick. The two linebackers, Duncan (Scott) and Bury (Jeff) are really good. They will give us trouble all night."

Last week against Elyria, the Findlay defense gave up two touchdowns in a game for only the second time this

season and the way the Pioneers scored those two TD is what bothered Jones.

"We had 37 missed tackles in that game," he explained, "in the second half. I've never seen that many missed tackles in a game in my nine years of coaching."

What Ross' defense will face is the running of fullback Tom Hill and the passing of Dave Wilson or possibly Vielhaber.

"We expect them to run Hill quite a lot," Hollman said. "But really, they are the most pass oriented team in the conference. They have the capabilities to break the long one on a pass but mostly they have been favoring the passes in the 10-15 yard range."

Chief receiver for the Trojans is split end Mike Peifer who has hauled down two TD tosses and 16 receptions in all for 311 yards, tops in the Buckeye Conference. Hill, a senior, is playing football for the first time since junior high school and is the seventh leading rusher in the BC with 419 yards on 110 carries. He also leads the conference in scoring with nine touchdowns.

Defensively, the Trojans use a five-man front with a monster man. In the conference, the Trojans rank fourth but the "middle of the pack" standings does not cause Hollman to lose any respect for the Trojan "D."

"They're tough," he says flatly. "They may give up a few yards but they don't give up many points."

What's it going to take to win the game for Ross?

"We are going to have to mix it up offensively and defensively," Hollman said, "and they are going to have to stop our running game."

ROSS NOTES—Speaking of the running game and the offense, Ross now possesses the top offense and defense in the BC. According to BC statistics, the Little Giants have built up 1,958 yards on the ground while adding 378 through the air for an average yield of 292 yards a game.

Findlay is right behind Ross with an average of 289 yards per contest.

On defense, the crack Ross outfit has given up only 532 yards rushing and 325 in the air for a yield of 107 yards a game.

Offensive and defensive linemen get little glory for their play and as the old saying goes, "the backs are just as good as the line." On that Ross offensive line a goodly portion of this season have been Al Beard and Dale Stout at the guards along with Bob Frantz; tackles Harold Ramirez and Chris Celek along with Jerry Ruland; the center is Jim House; and the tight end is Dan Kreilick.

On the defensive side of the line, tackles Jim Hazzard and Jim Smith along with Mike Clark have made it tough on opponents all season.

The defensive ends are Harry Liggins and Kreilick. Dave Zilles and Mark Montgomery are the inside linebackers on that group for Ross.

Ross trims Findlay to win Buckeye crown

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

FINDLAY—Fremont Ross struggled to its third straight Buckeye Conference crown by edging Findlay, 12-7, in a hard fought game at Dornell Field.

The Little Giants used two first half touchdowns by Steve Young and then read the toe of punter Mark Hicks in the second half to pull out the win. The win pushed the Little Giants up to a 5-0-1 conference mark and 8-0-1 overall. With one game remaining, at home against Sandusky, the Little Giants sport a game and one-half lead over the rest of the BC.

But the win was not an easy one and it also proved costly. The Little Giants lost tailback Ken Franks and tailback John Williams in the contest. Both are expected to be out for the season with Franks suffering ligament damage to his right knee and Williams suffering a possible broken ankle.

Before Williams left the game he had piled up 109 yards on 22 carries to lead Ross.

The game was actually two games in one. Ross won the first game and Findlay the second. Only Ross scored more points in its game to haul out the win.

"We may not have been conservative enough in that second half," Ross coach Tom Hollman theorized. "But that pass that was intercepted was there. We had the halfback beat but the ball was a little long and the safety made a good recovery."

The Findlay interception on the Ross 39 set up the third period score by the fired up Trojans. With Doug Schey and Tom Hill doing the brunt of the ball carrying, the Trojans moved the ball downfield by mixing up the Ross defense. Schey would go outside while Hill bulled his way through the middle of the Little Giant defense.

It was Schey who bolted around right end from four yards out after taking a pitch from quarterback Dave Wilson for the six-pointer. Greg Mathias' kick out the Ross lead to 12-7 with 5:08 to play in the third period.

But that was the only score that Findlay managed in the second 34 minutes despite outgaining Ross 141-20. The Trojan defense, revived after being battered by Ross in the first half, did not allow Ross a first down in the second half.

In the first half, the game that Ross won, it was the Trojan

defense that took the battering and it was the Ross defense and offense that turned in the big plays.

On the second play from scrimmage in the game, Ross quarterback Pat Belch hit Dennis Szymanski with a pass for 49 yards to the Findlay 20. Williams slanted to the 19 and Franks bolted to the 13 but lost the ball and Findlay's Mike Theis fell on the ball at the Trojan 14.

Ross got the ball right back as Hill fumbled and defensive end Dan Krelick recovered to put the Little Giant offense back into business. But Ross could not score in four plays and handed the ball back to the Trojans.

After the Trojans could not muster an attack, the Little Giants took over at the Findlay 46. It took just nine plays to score from that point with the key play a pass from Belch to Brad Bischoff to the Trojan 14.

Williams rushed for six and four on two carries for a first down at the four and a penalty moved it to the two for Ross. Three plays later Ross was at the one and facing a fourth and one situation. Franks had gotten the ball to the one but had sustained the injury on the play.

Young sliced over the right side of the line off a block by tackle Harold Ramirez to give Ross first blood at 3:38 of the first stanza. The pass failed for the extra points.

"If we would have gotten those extra points on either touchdowns, we would have put the pressure on them," Hollman said. "We had them on that one play but the penalty killed that one. You know with that kicker they have, it's an automatic seven points for them."

The missed extra points after Young's second TD came on the second try for the extra points on a pass from Belch to Bischoff. Ross was called for illegal motion on the first try

and illegal procedure on the second play. Eventually a pass on a quarterback eligible play failed.

The Little Giants mounted a 13-play, 76 yard march at the start of the second quarter. Young darted 29 yards on a draw play on the first play. With Williams and Young carrying the ball, Ross moved downfield until Young bounced across the goal line behind blocks from Krelick and Chris Colek.

Ross threatened to score again in the first half when they moved deep into the Trojans' territory on the strength of Williams 31 yard gallop to the 20. Four plays later from the 14, Belch's pass fell short and Findlay took over on downs.

Ross rolled up 230 yards in the first 24 minutes while holding Findlay to 100. Findlay have moved into Ross ground to the 24 before three straight pass plays failed with Larry Higgins knocking down the final pass for its deepest penetration.

Hicks became the Ross hero in the second half by booming punts deep into Trojan territory and getting the Little Giants out of trouble.

Hicks boomed a 57-yarder to the Trojan 22 midway through the third stanza. With Ross' offense bogged down and the defense holding off Findlay, Hicks punted three more times with the last one, a coffin corner punt to the Trojan six-inch line with five minutes to play.

Findlay could not move and a six-yard punt by Andy Schramm went out at the nine to put Ross into business. Ross could not score on four running plays and turned the ball over to Findlay at the four.

With 57 seconds to play, Schey rambled 19 yards to the 21. Wilson hit Karl Elliot for 25 yards to the 46 but three straight pass plays and one running play failed and Ross had the BC title.

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TOM HILL OF FINDLAY IS STOPPED BY ROSS DEFENSE
... Mike Clark has good hold while Larry Higgins (21), Harry Higgins (19) and Dave Minnich (31) move in to help

The 'pack' has its night

By JON DONNAN
N-M Sports Writer

FINDLAY—Although threatened, Ross' vaunted defense, known around Fremont as the "Pack," had little thought of relinquishing the Buckeye Conference title and handed first-year coach Tom Hollman a 12-7 championship Friday before an estimated 10,700 fans.

Led by Larry and Harry Higgins, the skinniest pair of Buckeye Conference ruffians who pound for pound are also probably the meanest, the Ross defense without a second half onslaught by Findlay to win the Little Giants' second consecutive outright conference crown.

Harry Higgins, who sealed the Little Giants' victory with a vicious backside tackle of Findlay's signalcaller spoke for by saying, "I just want to pay them back for last year," when Findlay won 28-20.

On a roll out to his left, Trojans quarterback Dave Wilson, subbing for injured Trojan star John Viethner who saw no action but dressed with his team, was

dropped on the last play of the game for an eight yard loss by Harry Higgins, who remembered, "I knew he made a wrong move when he stepped back."

Ross Assistant Pete Moore noted that backside pursuit by Harry Higgins, Jim Smith and other Little Giant defenders was instrumental in holding Findlay's offense to a single score. "We wanted to string out their sweeps, just like we did and get that pursuit."

Denied ball possession in the first half and field position in the second, the Trojans relied heavily on their dive plays and power sweeps. "They're quick defensively and hurt us at times with their backside people," said losing coach Bill Jones, in his second year as Findlay's head coach.

"Our counter's were not running well," he said because "we couldn't get their inside tackles blocked."

"With our backs up against our goal line that in the second half, they could afford to be a little more reckless on defense," said Jones. Ross' basic 4-4 defense presented no new twists to Findlay's

offensive unit who has seen a 4-4 twice before in the season. "We had a pretty good idea of what we could do offensively," said Jones, but we didn't have the ball much in the first half. And we didn't have good field position in the second half."

Ross' offense took charge of the first two frames of play and entered the lockers a 12-4 leader after quarterback Pat Belch and linebacker Pat Belch and linebacker John Williams battered them on the ground.

"We knew we had to eliminate the fumbles from our game," said winning coach Hollman, who got quite a scare after a Ross fumble interrupted a scoring threat on Findlay's 13 yard line in the first minutes of play. The Trojans, however, fumbled the ball back on the next play and Ross' fumbling problems came to an end.

"When you get those close ones like that, the specialty teams can win it for you," said Hollman in praise of the punting of Mark Hicks, whose toe kept the Trojans deep in their territory throughout the second half.

Hicks, who took over

punting duties midway in the season, said, "Coach Hollman told me to put it down as close to the end zone as I could. I didn't know where it was going to go, but I knew it was going down to the corner." The punter lofted four punts in the second half and bounced his final boot out of bounds on the Findlay six-inch line.

With four minutes remaining Findlay was forced to punt out of their end zone and the "Pack" rattled the Trojan punter into a hasty kick which carried off the right of his foot and went out of bounds on the Findlay nine yard line.

Ross' offense, which had sputtered to a halt in the third quarter got to the three yard line and went no further, pointing up the only consistent Little Giant weakness: the lack of a reliable kicker to convert PAT's and field goals.

Ross failed to score and fell back on its defense which stymied Findlay on the hosts' 41 yard line for Ross' starts. The victory marks Ross' seventh BC championship.

Den Krelick lends hand as ball goes flying from Dave Wilson's grasp

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Ross bids for unbeaten season against Sandusky

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Sandusky and Ross will meet Friday night in the 53rd renewal of one of the hottest high school football rivalries in the state of Ohio. Ross, the Buckeye Conference champion for the third year in a row, has won 18 of the previous games with 28 going to the Blue Streaks while six have ended in a deadlock.

The game was a sellout before the season began.

The Little Giants have won the last three games with the Blue Streaks with last year's 24-8 win topping off a 9-1 season. And Ross will be aiming for its first unbeaten season in quite a few years in the season finale.

Besides the unbeaten season, also at stake is a defensive record for the Little Giants. The record for shutouts for Ross in a season is six, the amount that Ross has to its credit this year. The shutout record has been tied six times, including this season.

Sandusky, like Ross, is under a new head coach. Jim Colwell, a defensive coordinator for the Blue Streaks the past several seasons, has guided the Sandusky team to a 4-5 record, a mark that is well off previous Sandusky marks.

"I think we have put everything together in only two games this season," Colwell said in a phone conversation, Wednesday. "Mistakes have been killing us. We were on the two against Lorain Senior and fumbled (16-8 loss) and against Findlay, we went for a two-point conversion and we dropped the pass in the end zone." Sandusky lost that game, 14-6.

"We have only been completely out of one game, Marion, and we only lost that one 9-0 but we had four passes intercepted."

The Blue Streaks have a losing record but they have not been beaten badly in any game. The worst loss was the Marion loss.

"That's what makes it so bad," Colwell said as he talked about the Blue Streak record. "If we had really been beaten badly, I think we would not feel as badly as we do while losing the close ones."

As for Ross, Colwell said, "Ross is still shooting for that unbeaten season and it is really a big game for them."

"As for us, we always want to beat Fremont. I think we will be ready for them."

Colwell continued, "We got to take a good look at Ross in the Findlay game and we were impressed with the defense. It's really fast and those Liggins (Harry, Larry and Dave) brothers do a tremendous job. We were impressed with the people up front, especially that 77 (Mike Clark) . . . he threw people around in there."

"Offensively we feel that the quarterback (Pat Belch) is good right now and can be outstanding next season. We know he can pass and we are going to have to watch him."

The Streaks feature an offense that has sputtered all season. Sandusky has scored only 86 points all season from its offense that features many formations. Recently, the Blue Streaks have run frequently out of a "T" formation with power football. That type of offense will probably be used against the Little Giants.

Bruce Niehm, a fullback and linebacker for the Blue Streaks along with 260-pound Curt Biddle are the standouts for Sandusky. Biddle is also a place kicker and will have to be reckoned with by the Little Giants.

Ross wallops Sandusky to finish unbeaten

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Ross closed out its 1974 football season by dominating Sandusky, 33-0, to finish unbeaten for the first time since 1957. That '57 edition of the Little Giants finished 9-1, the same as the Tom Holman led Ross squad this year. At the same time the Little Giant defense set a new shutout record.

The Liggins twins, Harry and Larry, closed out their Little Giant career with outstanding personal performances and the 27 seniors that were playing in their last game for Ross lent a hand to the domination of arch rival Sandusky.

Ross scored on its first possession of the ball, tackled

on 14 more in the second period and then struck for 13 points in 33 seconds of the third period to demoralize the Blue Streaks. Larry Liggins scored three times for Ross in the relatively easy win.

"I never wanted to see this game come," the Liggins twin who wears No. 21 said after the game in a dressing room that was alive with drenched coaches and happy

brothers. The Liggins brothers, (the twins that is) played in their last game and Larry's comment nearly matched his brother's.

"I hate to see it go," Harry said as he towelled himself dry. "I felt pretty good out there... the whole team felt good."

Larry talked briefly about

his game. "I wanted it to be a good one. We figured it would be tough out there but we did what we wanted to do."

Doing what he wanted to do, Larry scored on a two-yard pass from Pat Belch in the second period to put Ross up 18-0. Harry hit Belch, who had circled out of the backfield, for the extra points for a 20-0 Ross lead at the half.

With Noe Almaguer at the Ross signal calling helm in the third period, Larry took a perfectly thrown pass on a third and five at the Sandusky 43 at the Blue Streak 20 and rammed into the end zone to complete the "bomb" for Ross. Just 33 seconds later at the six minute mark of the third period, Larry stepped in

front of a Dale Schlittler pass and jogged 25 yards for the fifth and final Ross six-pointer.

After the final TD, Ross fans got a thrill as Guy Cunningham booted the extra point for the 33rd and final point of the game and season for Ross.

Mike McGilton, who started at tailback in place of John Williams, out because of a broken ankle suffered in the Findlay game, bounced into the end zone from three yards for the first score of the game. That TD came at the 5:54 mark of the opening period.

Harry Liggins tallied the second Ross six-pointer on a 10-yard burst up the middle off a block by Jim House with 6:26 to play in the first half. After that TD it was actually clear sailing for the Little Giants.

The Little Giant defense, more formally known as the "Pack," held the Blue Streaks to 53 total yards and allowed Sandusky to penetrate Ross territory only once in the game. That came on the last possession by Sandusky and eventually ended back on the Sandusky 48 when Harry Liggins and Jim Hazard ceremoniously sacked quarterback John McKenna for a 14-yard loss. The drive had reached down to the Ross 23.

The shutout for the "Pack"

was the seventh of the year, breaking the old mark of six set and tied on several different occasions down through the years. Ross allowed 33 points this season, seven off the record of 26 set in 1955.

"Harry and Larry did a hell of a job out there tonight," defensive coach Pete Moore said after the record setting effort. "They were all over the place."

Moore continued with his praise by adding, "All the seniors wanted to play out there tonight and they did."

As for Holman, who was honored during the game by a

sign with "Holman's hero's, No. 1" being tacked around Harmon Field during the game, the win topped off a near perfect season in his first year at the Ross helm. Only a midseason tie with Admiral King marred the 10-game slate.

"I think we set the stage early tonight and we kept it. The kids really wanted this game and they played very well," he said.

Holman had his Little Giants attacking the left side

of the Sandusky line during the first half with only one play going the opposite way.

"No, we did not aim to go that way all the time but we were making the yardage there and we stayed with it," Holman explained. "Biddle (Curt, Sandusky's 200-pound defensive left tackle) is fairly quick on the right side of the line and we did not go at him when we found out that we could go to the right."

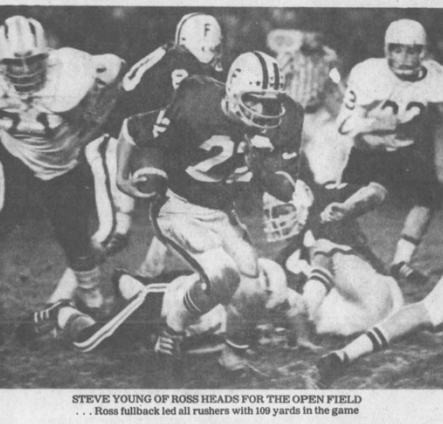
Offensively, the Little Giants rolled up 329 total

yards, 243 coming on the ground. The "Pack" threw Sandusky for 81 yards in losses while allowing only 36 net yards rushing.

Steve Young was the leading rusher for Ross with 109 yards on 16 carries. It was the first time this season that the Ross senior went over the 100-yard mark. Belch completed two passes in as many attempts and raised his Buckeye Conference leading TD pass figure to eight.



MARK MONTGOMERY (88) OF ROSS AFTER STREAK QUARTERBACK... John McKenna looks for receiver downfield in third quarter action



STEVE YOUNG OF ROSS HEADS FOR THE OPEN FIELD... Ross fullback led all rushers with 109 yards in the game



A defensive coach's football game

Pete Moore, defensive coordinator for the Ross Little Giants, goes through the motions of directing his team on the field. Moore, who handles the Ross defense, guided the "Pack" to seven shutouts in 10 games this season, a new Little Giant record. For the year, the Buckeye Conference champions allowed only 33 points, a 3.3 average. Last night, in the 33-0 win over Sandusky, the "Pack" gave up only 53 net yards in one of its best efforts of the season. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)



Ross senior list

Senior members of the Ross High School, Buckeye champions who participated in their last football game as a Little Giant:

John Williams, Harry Liggins, Larry Liggins, Dale Stout, Mark Held, Tony Simms, Dave Minich, Ken Franks, Steve Young, Noe Almaguer, Dan Kreilick, Paul Michaels.

Dave Grabel, Tim Johns, Dennis Szymanski, Harold Ramirez, Guy Cunningham, Chris Celek, Howard Lee, Charles Conger, Mark Albright, Bill Leske, Steve Carmack, Al Beard, Bob Frantz, Scott Stout and Jim House.

Student Trainer — Mark Gipe.
Managers: George Rabbin, Don Stull, Mike Thompson and Terry Coomer.

Suns nick Jazz, Pistons keep going

By The Associated Press

Jazz Coach Scott Robertson was hearing some sweet sounds near the end, but when the game was finally over it was the same old tune.

With 1:06 left in Friday night's game against the Phoenix Suns, the New Orleans Jazz had a 102-101 lead. If Robertson's club could hold on, it would be the first win ever for the expansion team after a frustrating string of 10

National Basketball Association losses.

Make that 11. Keith Erickson sank a pair of free throws to put Phoenix ahead 102-102, then star guard Charlie Scott tossed in a jump shot with 16 seconds to go.

Elsewhere in the NBA, the Detroit Pistons edged the Boston Celtics 105-104, the Philadelphia 76ers topped the Portland Trail Blazers 105-89 and the New York Knicks defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 117-105.

Pro basketball standings

By The Associated Press

NBA Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Buffalo	5	2	.714	0
New York	4	4	.500	1 1/2
Boston	2	5	.286	3 1/2
Philadelphia	3	5	.300	1 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Washington	5	2	.706	0
Cleveland	4	4	.500	2
Houston	6	4	.600	2
Atlanta	4	4	.500	2 1/2
New Orleans	0	11	.000	8 1/2

Western Conference Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	7	4	.636	0

In American Basketball Association action, the Spirits of St. Louis downed the Denver Nuggets 132-121 and the New York Nets edged the Memphis Sounds 104-102.

Phoenix' starting backcourt combined for 58 points, with Scott getting 36 and Dick Van Arsdale 22. Pete Maravich topped New Orleans with 25.

The Detroit Pistons got 32 points from Dave Bing and 27 points and 20 rebounds from Bob Lanier to claim their fourth victory in a row.

Steve Mix erupted for 36 points for the 76ers, who jumped out in front of Portland and never trailed.

Standings

BUCKEYE CONFERENCE				
Conf.	Overall	W	L	T
Ross	6-0	9-1	231	33
Findlay	3-2	7-2	187	82
Elyria	4-2	6-2	183	88
Lorain Sr.	4-2	6-2	140	76
Adm. King	2-4	4-2	62	68
Sandusky	2-3	4-4	86	127
Manfield	2-3	3-1	122	142
Marion	1-6	2-7	44	180

*Conference Champ

Friday's results

Ross 33, Sandusky 0

Findlay 11, Admiral King 6

Elyria 13, Lorain Sr. 8 (Tie)

Manfield 21, Marion 9

SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE

Conf.	Overall	W	L	T
St. Joe	1	0	0	0
Clyde	1	0	0	0
Buron	1	0	0	0
St. Mary's	2	0	0	0
Perkins	2	0	0	0
Calvert	1	0	0	0
Margaretta	1	0	0	0

*Tied for Conference title

Friday's results

St. Joe 26, Ottawa Hills 6

Nurwalk 42, Clyde 8

Huron 33, Bellevue 16

Saturday's games

Margaretta at Edison

Lorain Clinton at Perkins

Calvert at St. Mary's

SUBURBAN LAKES LEAGUE

League	Overall	W	L	T
O. Harbor	6	1	0	0
Eastwood	5	1	0	0
Glenora	5	1	0	0
Woodrose	4	0	0	0
Gibsonburg	3	1	0	0
Elmhurst	2	0	0	0
Lakota	1	0	0	0
Chicago	0	0	0	0

*Tied for League title

Friday's results

Patrick Henry 12, Gibsonburg 7

Oak Harbor 51, Port Clinton 8

GREAT LAKES LEAGUE

League	Overall	W	L	T
Clay	4	0	0	0
B. Green	4	0	0	0
Sylvania	2	0	0	0
Bedford	2	0	0	0
Port Clinton	2	0	0	0
Pastoria	0	0	0	0

Browns threatened by Plunkett's arm

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Browns travel to Foxboro, Mass., this weekend for a contest with the New England Patriots with thoughts of making the best out of a very bad 1974 National Football League season.

The Browns' 36-35 loss to the San Diego Chargers last weekend ended a streak of four straight wins.



HARRY LIGGINS



AL BEARD



DAVE MINNICH



PAT BELCH



DAN KREILICK



HAROLD RAMIREZ

Ross leads All-BC selections

Fremont Ross placed 11 players on the 1974 All-Buckeye Conference football teams. The Little Giants, paced by the Liggins brothers, placed four on the first team offense and three on the first defensive team in a vote by the eight Conference coaches. Tom Hollman, head coach of Ross, was tabbed as the "coach of the year."

Larry Liggins was named as the Conference's "back of the year" while making the defensive team at a linebacker slot. Twin brother, Harry, was second in the voting for the "lineman of the year" but was the top vote getter at defensive end.

John Schramm, a 6-2, 220 pound offensive guard and linebacker from Findlay, was the Conference's top lineman for the year.

Larry Liggins alternated at linebacker and wingback on Ross' offense. He was the leading tackler on Ross' crack defensive unit and during the course of the season, blocked two punts and intercepted three passes, returning one for a touchdown.

The 6-1, 175 pounder scored 42 points while carrying an 8.2 rushing average and hauling down passes for an average gain of 12.5 yards per catch.

Schramm was the leading blocker for Findlay and made the switch from tackle last season to guard this year.

Hollman completed his first year at the helm of the Little Giants by guiding them to their first unbeaten season in 17 years with a 9-0-1 record. Hollman's crew picked up its third straight BC title with a 6-0-1 mark, the only blemish being a scoreless tie with Admiral King.

The graduate of Ohio Northern came to Fremont from Greenville High School and has a career high school coaching record of 35-2-3, a winning percentage of .875.

Pat Belch, Ross quarterback, was one of two juniors to make the offensive first team. Belch tied for the QB spot with Mansfield's Barry Lawrence. The other junior on the first "dream team" was Lorain's Virgil Williams, a stocky 5-11, 180 pounder who led the Conference in rushing this year with 1,283 yards on 245 carries.

Dan Kreilick of Ross was the selection at tight end on the first unit. Right next to the 6-1, 180 pound Little Giant senior, is Little Giant tackle, Harold Ramirez, a 6-0, 200 pounder. Al Beard rounded out the Ross quartet on the first unit by being picked as one of the guards. Beard is a senior, standing 6-0 and tipping the scales at 175 pounds.

The Liggins twins were joined on the first team defense by defensive safety, Dave Minnich, a senior at 6-0, 175.

Second team honors went to Ross' John Williams and Steve Young in the offensive backfield and to Jim Hazzard at defensive tackle and Dave Liggins at defensive halfback.

The coaches gave a special mention to John Vielhaber of Findlay, a quarterback, who was second team All-Buckeye Conference last season, but who was injured in the second BC contest this season.

The punter of the year went to Mansfield's Brian Garverick with a 40.8 average while the place kicker of the year went to Findlay's Greg Mathias with 21 of 23 PATs and one of two field goals.

Receiving honorable mention for Ross on offense were split end Dennis Szymanowski, tackle Chris Celek, guards Dale Stout and Bob Frantz, center Jim House, and fullback Ken Franks.

Honorable mention on defense went to Kreilick, tackle Jim Smith, linebacker Mark Montgomery, linebacker Mike McGilton, and safety Jim Sherman.



JOHN WILLIAMS



DAVE LIGGINS

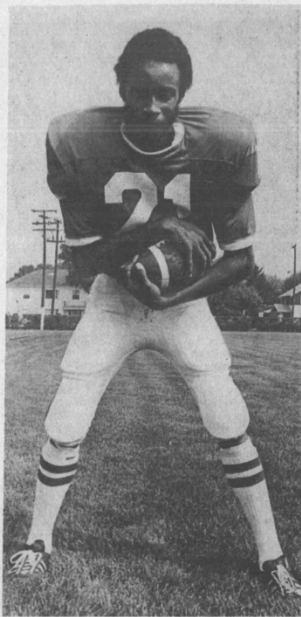


JIM HAZZARD

Autopsy planned

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (AP) — An autopsy is planned to determine the cause of death of Carlos Jackson, assistant football coach at Bowling Green State University for the past seven years.

The 44-year-old Jackson, brother of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Grant Jackson, collapsed at Anderson Arena Thursday and was pronounced dead on arrival at Wood County Hospital.



LARRY LIGGINS



TOM HOLLMAN



STEVE YOUNG

1974 BUCKEYE CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM OFFENSE					
POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	HT.	WT.	GR.
S.E.	Sam Koonce	Mar. Harding	5'8"	136	12
T.E.	Dan Kreilick	Ross	6'1"	180	12
Tackle	Harold Ramirez	Ross	6'1"	200	12
Tackle	Jeff Lear	Elyria	6'4"	250	12
Guard	Al Beard	Ross	6'0"	175	12
Guard	John Schramm	Findlay	6'2"	220	12
Center	Bryan Welch	Lorain Sr.	6'1"	170	12
QB (tie)	Barry Lawrence	Mansfield	5'10"	180	12
	Pat Belch	Ross	5'10"	140	11
Back	Virgil Williams	Lorain Sr.	5'11"	180	11
Back	Warren Fitzpatrick	Elyria	5'8"	175	12
Back (tie)	Doug Schey	Findlay	5'10"	175	12
	Rich Underman	Elyria	6'2"	210	12
FIRST TEAM DEFENSE					
End	Harry Liggins	Ross	6'2"	175	12
End (tie)	Joe Corran	Adm. King	6'3"	215	12
	Kevin Woodruff	Findlay	6'1"	185	12
Tackle	Stan Niece	Lorain Sr.	6'1"	190	12
Tackle	Byron Cato	Adm. King	6'2"	240	12
MG	Ernie Jones	Sandusky	5'10"	165	12
LB	Larry Liggins	Ross	6'2"	175	12
LB	Willie Ortiz	Lorain Sr.	5'9"	145	12
LB	Scott Duncan	Findlay	6'2"	195	12
DB	Bob Stallings	Mar. Harding	5'10"	150	12
DB	Dave Minich	Ross	6'0"	175	12
DB (tie)	Brad Archambeau	Lorain Sr.	6'1"	150	12
	Tom Brown	Findlay	6'0"	170	12
SECOND TEAM OFFENSE					
S.E.	Mike Pfeiffer	Findlay	6'0"	170	12
T.E.	Mike Bruce	Elyria	6'1"	200	12
Tackle	Don Waddington	Sandusky	6'2"	250	12
Tackle	Brian Garverick	Mansfield	6'0"	180	11
Guard	Doug Yurovich	Lorain Sr.	5'11"	175	12
Guard	Gary Hoover	Elyria	6'1"	190	12
Center	Bill Baron	Findlay	5'11"	190	12
QB	Willie Rodriguez	Lorain Sr.	6'0"	160	12
Back	Bruce Niehm	Sandusky	6'0"	190	12
Back	John Williams	Ross	6'0"	160	12
Back	Steve Young	Ross	5'10"	175	12
SECOND TEAM DEFENSE					
End	Jordan Fitzpatrick	Lorain Sr.	6'1"	198	11
End	Steve Wimbler	Mansfield	6'0"	180	12
Tackle	Jim Hazzard	Ross	6'0"	200	11
Tackle	Marv Burgess	Elyria	6'0"	190	12
MG	Tony Scull	Admiral King	5'11"	175	11
LB	Bruce Niehm	Sandusky	6'0"	190	12
LB	Joe Faras	Admiral King	6'2"	190	12
LB	Jeff Bury	Findlay	6'0"	215	12
DB	Dale Schuttler	Sandusky	5'10"	180	11
DB	Ed Williams	Mansfield	5'11"	170	12
DB (tie)	Dave Liggins	Ross	6'1"	170	11
	Shervin Miesak	Admiral King	5'9"	155	12

Punter of the year: Brian Garverick, Mansfield
Place kicker of the year: Greg Mathias, Findlay
Special mention: John Vielhaber, Findlay (quarterback injured the second game of conference season)
Coach of the year: Tom Hollman, Ross
Back of the year: Larry Liggins, Ross
Lineman of the year: John Schramm, Findlay

THINKING OF AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING?

Larry Liggins voted to UPI first team defense

Larry Liggins, Ross High's stellar defensive cornerback, was named to the UPI's Class AAA first team today. The 6-1 senior was a part of the Little Giants Buckeye Conference champions who recorded a 9-0-1 record.

Larry Liggins was the only Little Giant to be voted to the first team but other Ross players, including his brother Harry, were placed on the high school dream team.

Harry, also 6-1 and a senior, was voted to the third team for his work as a defensive end.

Ross' Dave Minich was given Honorable Mention in the backfield while Harold Ramirez and Al Beard were voted an Honorable Mention position as linemen.

Coach of the year was Warren Harding's Ed Glass. Harding's superb running back John Ziegler, a 6-1, 185 pound senior, was voted Back of the Year and Cincinatti Moeller's Jay Case was named Lineman of the Year.

Around the Buckeye Conference, several players were put on the UPI team.

Jeff Lear, a senior, Elyria, was a second team tackle. In the backfield,

these athletes were given an Honorable Mention: Tom Brown, Findlay; Rick Underman, Elyria; and Virgil Williams, Lorain.

On the line, these players were voted Honorable Mention status: Joe Farais, Admiral King; Sam Koonce, Marion Harding; and Stan Niece, Lorain.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

End: Ken Brown, Cin. Elder, 5-11, 175, sr. and Mark Angelo, Lakewood St. Edward, 6-2, 190, sr.

Tackles: John Arbeznic, Cleve. St. Ignatius, 6-4, 220, sr., and Tim Burke, Wapakoneta, 6-4, 235, sr.

Guards: John Schramm, Findlay, 6-3, 220, sr., and Bob Golic, Cleve. St. Joe, 6-2, 240, sr.

Center: Mark Heidel, Cin. Moeller, 6-1, 210, sr.

QB: Tim Morris, Willoughby South, 6-3, 190, sr.

Running backs: John Ziegler, Warren Harding, 6-1, 185, sr., Kris Haines, Sidney, 6-0, 175, sr., and Jim Browner, Warren Western Reserve, 6-2, 205, sr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Ends: Bill Norris, Clayton Northmont, 6-2, 205, sr., and Brian DeCree, Warren Western Reserve, 6-1, 180, sr.

Tackles: Jay Case, Cin. Moeller, 6-4, 220, sr., and Bryon Cato, Lorain Admiral King, 6-3, 240, sr.

Middle Guard: Scott Cook, Mansfield Madison, 6-3, 244, sr.

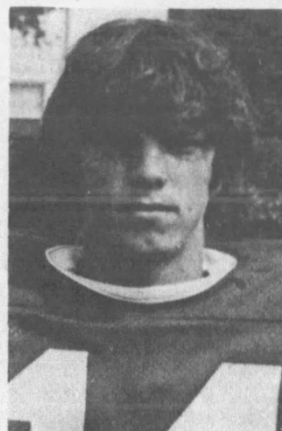
Linebackers: Tom Cousineau, Lakewood St. Edward, 6-3, 220, sr., and Bob Orkis, Gahanna Lincoln, 6-2, 195, sr.

Cornerbacks: Larry Liggins, Ross, 6-1, 175, sr., and John Dantonio, Zanesville, 6-4, 190, sr.

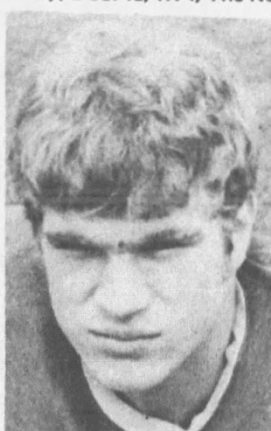
Safeties: Rock Supan, Parma Padua, 6-1, 185, sr., and John Hillard, Princeton, 5-10, 175, sr.



LARRY LIGGINS



PAT BELCH



DAN KREILICK



HARRY LIGGINS

Ross honors unbeaten grid squad

"Seniors, you will be missed, but you will be replaced."

Those words were the last few words that echoed around the halls of the Fremont Ross High School cafeteria Wednesday night and they were uttered by Tom Hollman, Ross head football coach. It was a final message to the 27 seniors and an encouragement to the other members of the undefeated Little Giants football team.

The Liggins brothers, Harry and Larry, along with Pat Belch, Harold Rameriz, Dan Kreilick, and sophomore Mark Gysan received special awards in addition to numerals and letters that were passed out to the 95 members of the football squad.

Harry Liggins was presented with the team's "most valuable player" trophy while twin brother, Larry, was presented the trophy for the "best defensive back". Larry was also honored for his selection as the "back of the year" in the Buckeye Conference.

Belch, only a junior, was named the Little Giants' "best offensive back" with Ramirez, a senior, being tabbed as the "best offensive lineman." Kreilick, known as "Duck" by his teammates, was named the team's "best defensive lineman."

Gysan was presented a trophy as being the "outstanding sophomore" for the '74 season.

Special trophies were also presented to the quartet of captains that led the Little Giants to a 9-0-1 season and a third straight Buckeye Conference title. John Williams, Dale Stout, and the Liggins twins carried away those trophies.

Each member of the Little Giants team received a special trophy and a patch signifying the Buckeye Conference championship season.

A total of 42 letter awards were passed out to members of the varsity squad with the letter awards broken up into 32 first year awards and 10 second year awards. Two sophomores, Rick Kusmer and Jim Smith received first year letter awards.

Special plaques were presented by the captains to the varsity coaches in commemoration of the unbeaten season.

Joe Lotycz, who Hollman referred to as his "number one assistant", was given a special award by the Ross Boosters Club. Lotycz, Ross' equipment manager, was cited by Booster president Glen "Salty" Haas for his loyal service over the years at Ross High School. Haas presented Lotycz with an honorary letterman's jacket.

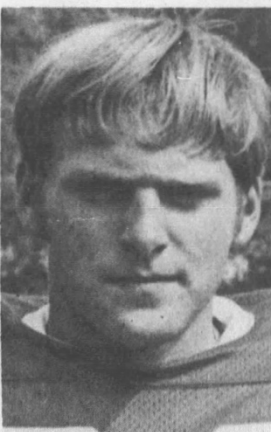
In other ceremonies, the cheerleaders were presented to the jam packed cafeteria crowd and were presented with their awards.



JOHN WILLIAMS



HAROLD RAMIREZ



DALE STOUT



MARK GYSAN

Harry Liggins' TD seals win

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor
COLUMBUS — "Man, it was so big I could have swallowed it," laughed Harry Liggins.

Liggins was standing in the middle of the artificial turf at Ohio Stadium after his eight yard return of a fumble had sealed the North's 27-19 win over the South in the 30th annual North-South All-Star Football game.

The former Ross football star who, along with twin brother Larry, is bound for Kent State University this fall, was talking about the bounce that the football had taken enabling him to scoop it up and tightrope his way into the end zone with about eight minutes left to play in the game.

Larry, who played extensively in the second half at cornerback, was all smiles over the touchdown that his look-alike brother had tallied but quipped "He could have slowed down and pitched it back to me!"

Harry's tally was the third touchdown that the North had scored off South mistakes. In the first period, Warren Western Reserve's Jim Browner recovered a blocked punt for a TD while in the second quarter, Norwalk's Jon McCarty scored on a pass from Ron Calcagni after a Kelton Dansler interception.

The North recovered a fumble to set up another TD.

The Liggins twins both said that it was an honor for them to play in the game and expressed the feeling that the show

they made in the game may have raised their stock in KSU.

For Ross coach Tom Hollman, the win was the culmination of a hard two weeks of work. An assistant under head coach Ed Glass of Youngstown Hubbard, Hollman called all the defensive signals for the North.

After the game, Hollman was exhausted. He was leaning on a stairway railing in the North dressing room and while echoing that it was an honor to coach in the game, he credited the players with making the game fun.

"It's hard to talk about it right now," he said. "What's remarkable about this team is that we have kids from 24 different schools here and they worked well together . . . but two weeks is too long to prepare for just one game."

North had started quick on the Browner TD but fell behind 13-7 on a touchdown by South Jeff Feicht of Fairmont West and field goals of 27 and 48 yards by Middletown's Fenwick's Matt Clemens.

Jonathan Moore of Canton McKinley tied the game for the North with a two-yard run midway through the second quarter.

McCarty's TD gave the North the lead with less than a minute to go in the first half.

Harry Liggins' TD gave the North some breathing room and proved to be the winner when the South drove 72 yards in the final minutes to score on a Dave Abrams (Troy) pass to Greg Searcy of Cincinnati Wyoming.



ROSS' HARRY LIGGINS
... North's defensive halfback starter

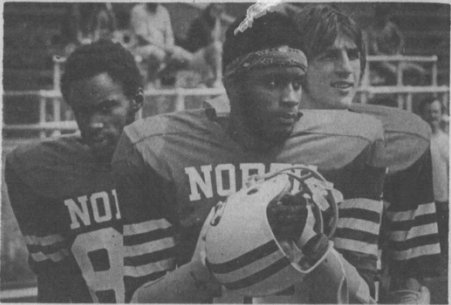


LARRY LIGGINS (46) breaks up a pass intended for a South receiver early in the third quarter of North's win over the South.



ROSS HEAD coach Tom Hollman, above picture, an assistant coach for the North team, talks over defensive signals with Warren Harding's Kelton

Dansler. In the bottom photo, Larry Liggins, front, and Harry Liggins, left rear, prepare to go into the game.



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Foyt wins at Pocono

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — A.J. Foyt learned his lesson. The conservative approach gains him nothing. "I hung back at Indianapolis, waiting to make my move, and what happens: the rain washes out the last 25 laps and I'm stuck in third," Foyt said after winning Sunday's rain-shortened 500-mile race at Pocono International Raceway.

Foyt didn't do any hanging back during the Pocono race, which was red-flagged after 425 miles, and the veteran Texan and his V8-powered Coyote declared the winner.

"I kept my eyes on the sky when I could," Foyt said. "I saw the rain cloud coming there at the end, so I turned up the power all the way to go for broke."

"We were gambling on the weather. I didn't want to get caught with my pants down like at Indianapolis."

Foyt stretched a slim lead over runner-up Wally Dallenbach into a 300-yard advantage before the skies opened on the record crowd of more than 100,000.

"Racing is a big gamble and a lot of luck," Foyt said. "You have to be in the right spot and have the luck like I did today."

Skies were kinder to Dallenbach on Sunday than they were for the Indianapolis 500 last month. Dallenbach was leading there comfortably, but his engine broke — only 10 minutes before the rain

Scott's hit nips Cleveland

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A double which George Scott says he shouldn't have had helped the Milwaukee Brewers to edge Cleveland 4-3 Sunday and move to within 2½ games of the American League's East Division lead.

"I hit the ball fairly good, but not that good," Scott said after his loopier barely escaped a diving fielding effort by Indians leftfielder Rick Manning.

Scott expressed sympathy for losing pitcher Don Hood (1-4), who had allowed only four hits and had

Merchants lose two

The Fremont Merchants lost a pair of weekend games to drop its record to 3-3. The Merchants had opened the season with three straight wins.

Saturday, Toledo Whitmer handed the local team an 8-0 setback at Anderson field. Whitmer's Steve Spencer hurled a four-hitter at Fremont.

On Sunday, Oak Harbor

SUNDAY
Oak Harbor 6, Fremont 5
Fremont 100 100 813-5 8 3
Oak Harbor 011 011 811-4 10 2
BATTERIES: Casey, Dave
Balienger (9), and Jerry White,
Rocky Gahn (7); Ward, King (6),
and Laderach
WP: King; LP: Casey
DOUBLES: Roger Berger,
Gibbs, Fremont; Kevin
Gackstetter (2), Laderach (2),
Oak Harbor
HOME RUNS: Kim Stout,
Fremont; Noble, Oak Harbor
SEASON RECORDS: Fremont
3-3

retired 14 consecutive batters before Scott doubled in the final inning.

"Hood pitched a hell of a game," he said. "He moved the ball around and kept ahead of the hitters."

"Scott got that hit off the end of the bat. I heard it crack," Hood said dejectedly. "It really was a single. With Cleveland's Tom Buskey then in relief, Sixto Lezcano sacrificed Scott to third, Darrell Porter was walked intentionally, and Bobby Mitchell's sacrifice fly brought Scott home with the winning tally."

The Brewers, who snapped Cleveland's six-game winning streak Saturday with Mitchell's four RBIs, have won 14 of their last 20 games.

A two-base error by Indian third baseman Buddy Bell allowed Don Money to score for Milwaukee in the first inning Sunday. He threw away Bill Sharp's bunt and Sharp reached third, then scored on Scott's sacrifice fly.

Singles in the third by Cleveland's John Ellis and Duane Kuiper off pitcher Pete Broberg, followed by Manning's double and Boog Powell's infield out, tied it 2-2 in the third.

Milwaukee pulled ahead in the fourth. Lezcano reached on an infield hit and got to third on a wild pick-off throw by Hood that escaped Boog Powell. Then he scored on a Mitchell single.

"It was a case of bad breaks," Hood said. The issue of Scott's double might have been unnecessary had Broberg thrown to home instead of to