

## 1970s Fremont Ross All-Ohioans

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# Bates and Smith: Earn all-state honors

Terry Bates and Jim Smith, Ross High School football stars, have been named to the Associated Press' 1976 All-Ohio high school football team announced today.

Bates, a 5-11, 175-pound senior, made the first team as a running back. Bates set a Ross rushing record this past season by gaining 1,628 yards and scored 18 touchdowns in leading the Little Giants to the Buckeye Conference championship.

Smith, a 6-1 248-pound senior and three-year letter winner made the first team as a defensive tackle.

Bates and Smith, in addition to winning all-state honors, made the first team all-district team and the first team all-Buckeye Conference team.

Behind Smith and Bates, Ross's Mark Gysan, Ray Long, Tony Ruiz and Dan DeLeon were recognized on the all-state team by earning honorable mention.

Gysan and Ruiz starred on Ross as the offensive guards and inside linebackers, DeLeon as a defensive back and punter, and Long as a defensive end.

The all-state selections were made with the recommendations of a statewide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Heading the team was Cincinnati Moeller quarterback Tim Koegel, who was voted the back of the year. Koegel, a three-year starter for the state champions, completed 106 of 180 passes in 12 games.

Moeller's Jim Brown, a 270-pound offensive tackle, was named lineman of the year. Bill Riccio, who led Walsh Jesuit to 10 straight victories and nine of them shutouts, was given coach of the year honors.

The first team offensive squad includes ends Steve Bertz of Napoleon and Jeremiah Gunn of Groveport, tackles Brown of Moeller and Greg Ballish of Lorain Admiral King, center Bill Siewe of Kettering Alter, Koegel at quarterback, and running backs Bates, Doug Donley of Cambridge and Dorron Hunter of Cincinnati Princeton.

The first team defensive squad includes ends Ben Needham of Groveport and Fred Motley of Dayton Meadowdale, tackles Smith of Ross and Mike Trgovac of Austintown Fitch, middle guard Terry Bach of Centerville, linebackers Todd Bell of Middletown, Mark Reichard of Lakewood St. Edward, Dave Medich of Steubenville and Brendan Moynihan of Toledo St. John's, and deep backs Paul Thompson of Dayton Roth, Ray Ellis of Canton, McKinley and Norm Burrows of Portsmouth.



**TERRY BATES**



**JIM SMITH**

## Cavaliers beat Denver

RICHFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Cleveland Cavaliers Coach Bill Fitch says he has a problem few others in his profession have had to worry about—keeping his starters happy while the reserves steal the spotlight.

Tuesday night, it was the Cavaliers' "Bench Bunch," that again took the attention away from the starting five as Cleveland knocked off Denver 99-93 in a meeting of the two winningest teams of the young National Basketball Association season.

Bobby Smith, Clarence Walker, Jim Chones and Dick Snyder all began the evening watching the game along with 18,031 spectators at the Richfield Coliseum, but played key roles before it was over.

Smith scored 14 points on seven-of-nine shooting in the second period to help bring Cleveland back from a 10-point deficit; Walker was a whirlwind of action as he primed the Cavs' running game in the second and third periods; Chones tossed in 17 points, and Snyder played strong defense against Denver star David Thompson, who still led his team with 19 points.

## 1971

### Ted Kreilick First Team

Andy Sale Second Team

Tom Liggins Third Team

Chuck Celek Honorable Mention

Rob Lytle Honorable Mention

## 1972

### Bob Brudzinski First Team

Rob Lytle Second Team

Mike Biehler Third Team

Tom Pitts Honorable Mention

## 1973

Steve Celek Third Team

## 1974

### Larry Liggins First Team

Harry Liggins Third Team

Dave Minich Honorable Mention

Harold Ramirez, Honorable Mention

Al Beard, Honorable Mention

**1975**

**David Liggins First Team. UPI**

Mark Montgomery Second Team

**1976**

**Terry Bates First Team**

**Jim Smith First Team**

**Dan DeLeon Honorable Mention**

**1979**

Shawn Simms Second Team