

Class AA Sectional Tournament

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LITTLE GIANTS, TIFFIN COLUMBIAN REMATCHED TONIGHT

Ross Toys With Tiffin Calvert In Easy 67-46 Victory

TIFFIN — There will be revenge in the eyes of Tiffin Columbian players tonight when they take the floor for a rematch with Fremont Ross. The two teams won the right to compete

in a 67-46 victory.

The Columbian players have not forgotten it was Ross which handed them their first defeat with Friday night victories.

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in the final game of the Heidelberg College Sectional qualifier with Friday night victories. Columbian was impressive in stopping Fostoria, 70-58, while Ross toyed with Tiffin Calvert

in a 67-55 tally in favor of Ross. Columbian indicated last night it was sharp and ready to test the Ross ability.

Columbian broke open a relatively tight game in the fourth period with 24 points.

Despite a 21-point victory, Ross players shook their heads in disappointment as they filed down the court. They had to wait a round after Friday's victory. The battle with Calvert had been little more than a scrimmage and the turnovers highlighted to this estimation. Ross had 15 turnovers in the first half alone, but still managed to intermission with a 28-16 lead.

With six and one half minutes to play of the third period Calvert pulled to within 11 points 31-20 and 33-22, but they never came closer. Ross took command of the game and never let go. The lead to 19 as Tim Thomas sank a pair of free throws with 1:07 to play in the third period. From that point on Calvert was never closer than 10.

The largest Ross margin was 22 points with 1:06 to play in the game. At this point in the game Coach Richard Norman had started to empty his bench. There was no starter in the lineup. Norman cleared his bench in the last four minutes of play.

With a decided height advantage and superior shooting Ross found little need to press too hard against Calvert. The final rebound figures are one of the best kept secrets of the basketball game in many missed shots that bounded away from the boards.

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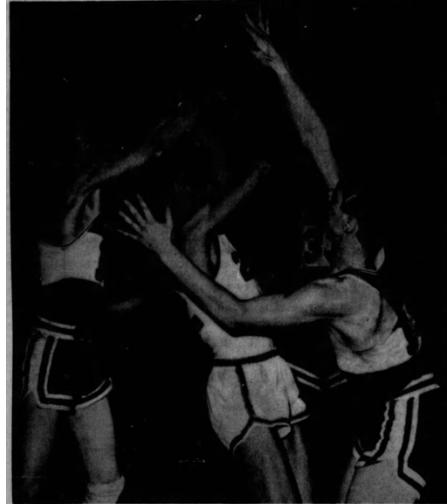
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The final line up for Little Giant showed 19 of 36 free throws, compared to Calvert's 16 of 29 which kept them from even further humiliation.

Terry Berk took the scoring honors as he slid the ball over the hoop with a variety of inside shots for 22 points. Berk hit eight field goals and six of eight free throws. Big rebounder for Ross was Wally Pankratz with 10 for the winners.

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In the shooting department Columbian hit 50 per cent from the field and 78 at the charity stripe.



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STREAKS MEET SECOND PACK OF BOBCATS TONIGHT

St. Joseph, Bettsville Survive Ross Action

Fremont St. Joseph basketballers handled one pack of Bobcats Friday night, but run amuck into another den full of them at the Ross high section tonight.

The Streaks pulled away early in the fourth period and then held off a late rally to down Green Springs 63-55 and set up tonight's contest with Bettsville, a team which last night beat Attica for the third time this season. The Bobcats dumped Attica 72-50 in the final seconds of the second contest.

Walt Benner and Terry Hagedorn Bettsville to its narrow win. Benner had two free throws with just four seconds remaining in the game.

St. Joseph turned on the steam

early in the fourth period and moved out to a 54-4 lead before Green Springs staged one more rally to narrow the gap to 51-50.

Chuck Gabel delivered a key three point play just after Green Springs had narrowed the gap to one point and a bucket by Hoffman and a series of free throws put the game out of the Bobcats' reach.

It took until the fourth quarter for the Streaks to get rolling with any consistency. A new face on the court, one belonging to a player who got to play only once, was a factor in driving.

Dan Benton, a sophomore playing in his first varsity game, did little that went down in the score book, but he scored two important buckets in the fourth quarter to set up points and handle on defense. His major contribution

came into the game knowing which way to move when he had the ball and when he didn't.

So, his contribution wasn't the total of figures that can be read in the score book, rather it was the momentum he gave the team.

Once he came in and improved some, the entire team began to look alive.

The Streaks began moving instead of standing, shooting instead of looking and controlling the defense instead of being controlled by the Bobcats.

Head coach Bob Smith praised the boost given by Benton, saying that he "brought, got us a couple buckets and stole the ball in key situations."

After moving out to a 13-4 lead, the Streaks fell behind 20-16 early in the second quarter, but Bob Smith came through with two important buckets at

Spring, Gabel got two points and the Streaks never trailed again. Green Springs did tie the score 35-35 and 46-46 late in the third period, but never led again.

No one individual stood out for the Streaks, although John Irish scored 13 points, ten in the first half, and played a strong rebounding game.

Ritchie and Jim Hoffman also scored in double figures for the winners, Ritchie picking up ten points and Hoffman getting 12.

The Streaks had two problems that plagued them throughout the evening. The Green Springs full court press played a major role in the Bobcats' surge in the late portion of the first quarter and produced some easy buckets at other times in the game.

The second problem was a large number of fouls. Smith and Irish both fouled out of the game.

Kledzik picked up three fouls apiece.

The Streaks committed 27 personal fouls in the contest and the Bobcats scored 27 of their 52 points from the foul line.

In the second contest, Bettsville and Attica battled tooth and nail all the way. The biggest margin in the contest came when Attica led 15-10 late in the first period.

Paced by high scoring Walt Benner and little Terry Hagedorn, the Bettsville brand of Bobcats had a 15-10 lead at the half-time deficit to win by two.

Benner, who finished with 29 points, scored 21 points in the second half, 15 in the fourth quarter. The 6'3" senior center had pulled down 15 rebounds in the contest.

Hagedorn, a 5'7" senior guard, did a remarkable job on the boards for his size and scored 10 points in the second half.

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Ross Stumbles Before Columbian Accuracy From Field, Foul Line

Tiffin Team Wins Sectional Final Berth With Second Half Strength

TIFFIN — Friday night they shook their heads in disgust despite a 21-point victory. Saturday the Ross Little Giants drooped their heads in defeat, victims of a 64-60 Sectional tournament defeat to Tiffin Columbian. It was a rematch of a regular season game which had been won by the team from Fremont.

Saturday night was a different story as the Columbian five showed determination, hustle and a shooting eye that wouldn't quit. The Tiffin chances were hurt by the officials' whistles which repeatedly blew down Ross efforts and added to the dismay of trying to get an attack moving.

The Little Giants had led in the ball game until late in the half. They then rallied to regain the lead at halftime, 26-24. Columbian came out of the locker room to renew its pressure of late in the second half. Ross hung into the battle but found itself in the unenviable situation of having to play catch-up basketball the rest of the way.

Win At Foul Line

With the whistles sending them to the foul line Columbian players capitalized by hitting 18 of 23 free throws. These free throws gave the Tornadoes their needed margin, despite being out hit from the field by Ross, 26 goals to 23. Ross had only 13 free throw opportunities and put eight of these through the hoop for points.

The dead-eye foul shooting and the accuracy of Randy Young from the outside and John Hill with a driving jump shot were the demise of the Little Giants. Young and Ross' Tim Thomas put on a display of outside shooting seldom equalled. With both teams effectively boxing out the short shots with strong defenses the only route to the basket was the long, high one.

Young found a spot on the floor near the side to his liking and hit high arching shots to the tune of 17 points. Thomas, also hitting from the outside and

keeping Ross in contention, tallied 23. Terry Bork was an effective scorer with 14 points on seven field goals. Problem was the Little Giants were having trouble working the ball in to Bork.

Hill finished as high point man of the game with 25.

Pankratz Is Lost

Ross chances suffered an extreme blow when Wally Pankratz fouled out with 3:13 to play in the third period. Up until that time he had tallied eight points and was the strength of the Ross rebounding. Tiffin Columbian was getting good floor position and holding an edge in rebounding, even with Pankratz in action. His departure made it even more difficult for Ross to control the boards.

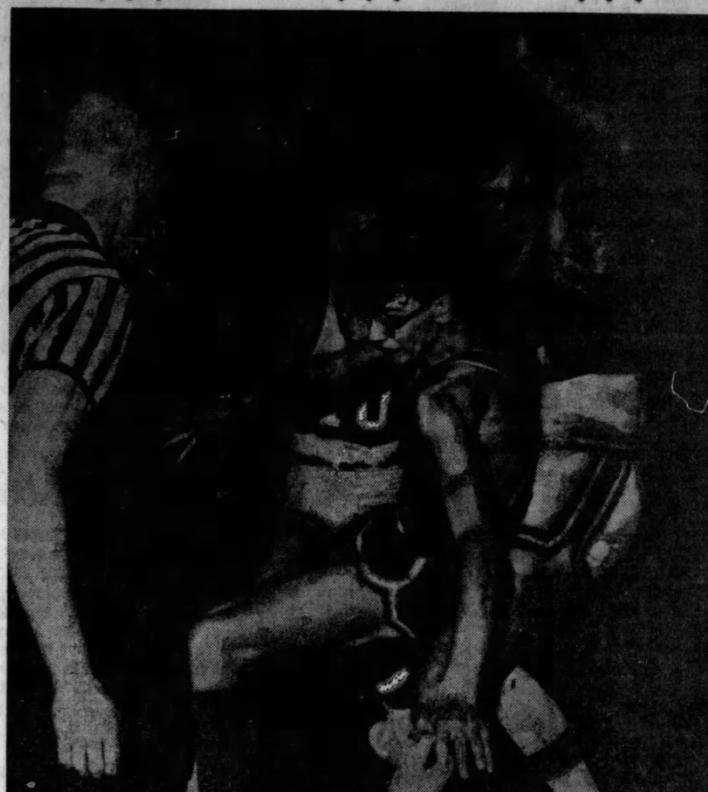
The score was tied four times in the third quarter, but Columbian then began to pull away. It appeared school was out for Ross when the Tiffin team had a seven point lead, 55-48, with 3:15 to play. Ross fought back with Thomas getting hot in the last three minutes for six points in one minute as Ross pulled to within two points at 56-54 and 58-56.

In the final 55 seconds of play Tiffin cashed in three one-and-one foul shooting situations for six points. Columbian scored nine points in the last 3:15 of the game without scoring a field goal. Columbian tallied 18 points in the final period with the aid of only three field goals.

From the field the Ross statistics had Columbian hitting 57 per cent of their shots. The Ross figure was just over 40 per cent.

Columbian now tangles with Lexington in the Sectional finals at Marion Coliseum. It was the first time after four years that Ross will fail to make the district tournament.

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Ross G F T Columbian G F T
Thomas 9 5 23 Pennington 0 0 0
Bork 7 0 17 Bork 8 5 25
Wolfe 2 2 6 Young 7 3 17
Pankratz 4 0 8 Dillard 4 6 14
Auxter 2 0 4 Keffler 3 0 0
TOTAL 26 8 60 TOTAL 23 10 64
Ross 14 12 16 18-60
Columbian 9 15 22 18-64



News-Messenger Photos
COLUMBIAN'S RANDY YOUNG HEADS FOR THE FLOOR IN SECTIONAL
Collision With Ross' Ted Wolfe (right) Under Tiffin Basket

Old Fort Is Next Hurdle For St. Mary's; York Nips Monroeville, To Face St. Joe

Old Fort, a team that on successive nights proved an ability to score and ability to play strong defense, will be the next test for Sandusky St. Mary's. This was the weekend result of Sectional basketball tournament play which will conclude with two games this coming weekend at Heidelberg College, Tiffin.

Old Fort stopped Bloomville, 63-51, Saturday, to win the du-

two winners advance to the Tiffin-Galion district tournament at Mansfield Madison.

Old Fort held the high-scoring Bloomville to 51 points, the night after proving scoring potential with 96 points in defeating Hopewell-Loudon.

The scoring and rebounding pair of Doug Picciuto and Wayne Hoover were pace-setters Saturday for Old Fort. Picciuto tallied 10 points and gathered in

the end of the first period, but cut a point from the margin in each of the final three periods. Four Eagles were in double figures in the effort to dump York.

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Old Fort	G	F	T	Bloomville	G	F	T
Picciuto	6	7	19	Hoover	1	0	1
Murray	6	0	12	Meyers	1	0	1
Mayers	3	0	6	Tusling	3	1	4
W. Hoover	7	3	17	Tallman	1	0	1
Dickross	2	2	8	Allen	9	3	2
Blue	0	2	6	Gillen	0	6	6
Cleveland	0	0	0	Miller	3	0	3
				Price	1	1	2
				Gettys	1	0	1
TOTAL	25	13	63	Tallman	20	11	56
Old Fort				Bloomville	17	19	53
					7	10	16
					18	18	51