

1927 Class A Tournament

BLUE AND WHITE FANS CLINGING TO FAINT HOPE

Old Rivals Clash Again Saturday; Sandusky Sport Writer's Fine Tribute to Fremont

Sandusky high school and its loyal supporters is the age old (friendly enemy) of Fremont high. The sectional pride arises on both sides when the two teams meet in football, track or in the cage. Now that Fremont has drawn Sandusky for its first bit of opposition on the floor of the Tiffin gym when the class A tourney opens next Saturday, the old home town feeling has again developed and there is lots of speculation on the result of the first clash along the road that leads to a state championship for some team, name yet unknown. Fremont supporters are of the opinion that the old Purple and White will wave from the mast head, and Sandusky rooters, while not so cock-sure of the result, are hoping against hope that their team will tip over the onion basket and put Fremont out of the race. It is no more than natural for Sandusky to feel this way. It is a habit of old and it also smacks of that most delightful of all qualities, home town support.

Just to show folks a good sound bit of reasoning on the part of one of the most staunch of Sandusky rooters, the following article, in part is taken from the sport page of the Sandusky Register:

"Sandusky's chance in winning its first tourney game depends on whether the Blue and White is capable of showing more than it has during the season. If it plays as fast as it did against Glenville and accurately at the same time, Fremont will have tough sledding. Bunk Ross' five, however, plays a consistent game, far better than the average game that Sandusky plays.

"Fremont's tourney chances are not so slim, either. Oberlin may have Gaines and Hamlin. Lorain can boast of a first semester combination built around Kelsner and O'Toole, but no team in this part of the state has or has had this season, any four basketball players in its lineup whose combined merit would rank with that of Bowers, Binkley, Althoff and Miller, Fremont's four horsemen.

Ansfield and Bueyrus may be tourney favorites with the prestige of a successful season backing up their claims, but Fremont should be listed third and rather close third at that.

Slight Hope

Sandusky's entrance in this event involves more than mild hopes for tourney honors. A score of rivalry settled unsatisfactorily during the season, will be resumed when the Blue and White clashes with Fremont high in the first round of the event. By defeating Fremont the local team will derive measurable satisfaction, even if it is defeated in the semi-finals.

Fremont, however, should feel confident that its team can handle the Millermen in the first round. Sandusky has no poor basketball team and when in form it is a mighty dangerous opponent. But the Fremonters in winning the L. B. S. pennant proved that there is no better team, no more consistent a team in the Little Big Seven. Whatever local hopes may be with regard to the outcome of the game, it must be remembered that Fremont beat Sandusky during the season. If that is not convincing enough, if Blue and White fans are

A Famous Wife



Estelle Taylor.

Ever since Estelle Taylor became Mrs. Jack Dempsey her film prestige has increased rapidly. At first critics began to notice her because she was the wife of the then heavyweight champion of the world, later they came to recognize her ability. Miss Taylor is under contract to United Artists and if present plans are carried out she will be featured in her next picture.

confident that Miller's team is a better combination than it was when Fremont handed it a two point defeat, then let them remember that Sandusky has not improved enough to down Oberlin, Fremont did."

REINBOLT FIVE IN CLOSE WIN

The Reinbolt Plumbers, city league team, went over to Monroeville last evening and took a fall out of the pin five that represents that village. The majority, it was six pins, was quite small, but it was sufficient nevertheless. The Plumbers dropped the first game, but after they got the "groove" they buckled down to their work, took the next two games and also eased out with the majority of pins. The scores:

Plumbers 2440					
D. Wolf	147	150	195	492	
F. Roth	167	160	203	530	
C. Reinbolt	137	152	140	429	
F. Mesler	150	155	166	471	
G. Meffert	165	150	203	518	

Totals 766 767 901 2440					
Monroeville 2434					
R. Stolz	150	140	123	413	
E. Meyers	164	124	203	491	
W. Rupp	180	154	179	513	
W. Herner	179	190	158	527	
C. Powley	190	174	136	500	

Totals 533 782 795 2434					
-------------------------	--	--	--	--	--

Messenger want ads serve as salesmen, selling what ever you have to offer to thousands of readers. They are efficient and inexpensive.

FREMONT HIGH'S BIG TEST SCHEDULED FOR 7 P. M. SATURDAY IN TIFFIN TOURNAMENT

**Must Trim Sandusky to Stay in Whirl; Stiff Opposition Offered on
All Sides of the Fence; Ross' Horsemen Ready
To Ride Rough Shod**

BY J. A. M.

Friday night at seven o'clock the Fremont high school basketball team will face the hardest test of the season when they take the floor at Tiffin in their first tournament game against the Blue and White of Sandusky. It is general conceded that the Purple and White should win this game, even by Sandusky supporters and enthusiasts who see little hope for their team.

Bellevue is picked by one Sandusky sports writer as a formidable five and one which may cause considerable trouble for the other entries. At Tiffin the feeling is that Columbian will have little trouble in disposing of the Pellevuians whom they meet in the first round of play. Sanduskians are expecting Norwalk to upset the dope and defeat Fostoria, but those who have seen the Fostoria outfit in action say there is little fear of the team before the Maple City lads.

Bucyrus is expected to have little trouble taking their opening contest in which Gallon will furnish the opposition. To enter the finals, Bucyrus will have to defeat the winner of the Norwalk-Fostoria game, a task which it is thought will extend them to the limit. The winner of the Bellevue-Tiffin game will have to face the Mansfield crew Friday evening following

the Fremont game.

Semi-Finals

The winner of the semi-finals in the first bracket, which includes Norwalk, Fostoria, Gallon and Bucyrus will face a tough test Saturday when they will be forced to play two games with but an hour of rest between them, while their opponents, whoever it may be will play at three in the afternoon and then be permitted to rest until eight in the evening.

The Tiffin tournament is causing much discussion among followers of the game in Fremont, probably due to the fact that local team is considered as having an excellent chance of reaching the finals. Mansfield is considered as the only stumbling block in the way of the Rossmen, but little is known here of the ability of the Prison City team so it will be impossible to make a comparison of the players who will be found in the line-ups.

Fremonters are satisfied that in Bowers, Althoff, Binkley, Miller and Anderson, Coach Ross has an aggregation that will not be defeated without a fight. Wonderly, Bunker Miller and Wadsworth will probably be the reserves who will be on the eligible list at the tournament. Either of them will give a good account of themselves if called upon.

PURPLE-WHITE CAME THROUGH INITIAL ROUND

Backed by Great Throng of
Rooters, Ross' Rangers
Sweep on to Win

By James A. (Jimmie) Murphy
Fremont 24, Sandusky 18.

Winning its first tournament game, the contest with Sandusky, Fremont high entered the semi-finals of the Tiffin event this afternoon against Mansfield high, a team that outweighed them by many pounds, but which has not the basketball knowledge that Coach Ross has instilled in his team. Mansfield became the opponent for Fremont by defeating Tiffin in the last game of the Friday sessions, 25 and 24.

Getting back to that Sandusky game, Fremont always in the lead after the first two minutes of play, was never out of the danger zone, for the Blue and White kept fighting, although seemingly realizing that they were playing a team of superior ability. The game started like a whirlwind with J. Binkley dropping the sphere for two points right after the start of the game. Althoff came across with a free one when fouled, and repeated, when Luttenton was called by the referee, tying the score. Binkley was given a couple of free ones and made them both count. J. Binkley tied it with a fielder and Grathwohl dropped a free toss. Althoff made a fielder and when the quarter ended Fremont was leading, 6 to 5.

Binkley Starts

Binkley started the second half with a two-pointer and quickly followed with a second attempt which he completed. Rehfus and Schubert each got fielders for Sandusky and J. Binkley knotted the count momentarily when he was given a free toss on Althoff's foul. Althoff made up for this by shooting one as the gun sounded, to make the count 11 to 10 for Fremont.

The third period was also started in the right way with Binkley again getting the first count, a pretty fielder. Anderson shot one and Bowers came through with another and from that point on, Sandusky was whipped. Rehfus added two points for his team. Then on one of the prettiest long shots of the tournament, Bowers sank the ball for two more points. Binkley fouled Rehfus and the big fellow made the point. Binkley and Rehfus then each added a fielder and the period ended, Fremont 20, Sandusky 16.

Little scoring was done in the last quarter, Fremont getting four points on baskets by Althoff and Binkley while Sandusky was credited with three after Rehfus sank a fielder and Luttenton got a free shot.

Loyal Rooters

Fremont fans were plentiful, one entire section of seats being filled with nearly 300 local fans who made the trip to the Seneca county seat to see their favorites in action. With the exception of those who were from Sandusky, it seemed that the entire crowd was pulling for Fremont to win, and when Johnny Garver, Purple and White cheer leader, started the Fremonters to yelling, the crowd took up the words and filled the hall with the echoes.

Binkley led the attack for the Ross-men and is credited with the scoring of 17 points. Althoff, who a Sandusky paper said this morning, "was unable to show a thing," was in the game all the way, and the only reason that he failed to count more than five points was because the Ross-men were playing a game that was built around the ability of Binkley, Coach Ross feeling that he could save Althoff for the game against Mansfield today, a game that will call for an exhibition such as Althoff can deliver. It was a bit of strategy that the reporter who covered the affair for the Sandusky paper failed to see through.

Wonderly and Anderson, whom he reported to have been forced out of the contest on personal fouls, were not for a minute penalized in this manner. Anderson finished the game.

Lots of Credit

Every man on the local squad is entitled to a great deal of credit for each was playing the game and forgetting all else. Individualism was not in evidence. Each man was fighting for his team and with his teammates for a victory, which would mean a chance to enter the finals.

Newspaper men who were present from Mansfield and other places stated that the Fremont team was one of the best balanced outfits at the tourney, and several said they would be badly fooled if the local quintet failed to take the measure of the Mansfield "Giants" in the semifinals, and the winner of the Fostoria-Bucyrus game.

Mansfield Lucky

Mansfield was outplayed, outfought, outtrained, outgeneralized by the Tiffin Columbian team, but not outluckied. The title, "Lucky Mansfield," which long ago was tacked onto the "Murraymen," is not amiss, for it took Mansfield and gave the team the right to meet Fremont this afternoon.

Gallon Surprised 'Em

Gallon, in the opening game of the day, gave the highly touted Bucyrus team a tough battle before succumbing to the attack of the latter in the final period of the contest, losing 26 and 30. Norwalk, which at the start of their game with Fostoria, looked like an easy winner, tossed away a ten point lead and were nose-d out in an overtime session, 24 and 22. The count at the end of the first period, favored Norwalk, 11 to 1, but they were unable to hold the lead.

In the overtime period, the team had two free shots and missed them both. Again, a Maple City shooter was left alone under the basket, with the ball in his hands, but stage fright or something else just as bad, seized him and he hit the rim of the basket from the under side. Gorrell for Fostoria, made the necessary fielder just before the extra period ended.

The score and summary of the Fremont-Sandusky game:

Fremont 24	G. P. P.
Bowers, rf	4 0 3
Althoff, lf	1 2 5
Binkley, c	5 3 9
Wonderly, rg	0 0 0
Anderson, rf	0 0 2
J. W. Miller, lg	0 0 0
Totals	9 6 24
Sandusky 18	G. P. P.
Grathwohl, rf	0 1 1
Luttenton, lf	1 1 2
Krueger, c	0 0 0
Rehfus, c	4 1 9
J. Binkley, rg	2 1 5
R. Binkley, lg	0 0 0
Totals	7 4 18

Substitutions—Schubert for Luttenton, Rehfus for Krueger, Homberger for R. Binkley, Luttenton for Grathwohl, R. Binkley for Schubert, Anderson for Wonderly, Referee, Davis, (Miami), Umpire, Lynn, (Heidelberg).

MAJOR LEAGUERS NOW HERDED IN FLORIDA CLIME

Those busy shepherds of ball players—the secretaries of the road—have herded most of the major league men into their temporary quarters out of the snow and wintry bluster.

Generally speaking, conditions for spring training have never been better. The climate in Florida is fine, the climate in California is fine, too. It never would do to say that one climate surpasses the other. That would be less majesty on both sides of his majesty.

Perhaps spring has come a little too early and there may set a cold spell which will send men back to the open fire to toast their shins. Yet, the advance harbingers are all for an early spring and much of it.

The robins have made their appearance in the North. Long ago the geese began to wend their way back to the land of snow. Ducks have been fluttering in countless thousands from one lake to another, returning home. The woodchuck, more politely known as the ground hog, may have diagnosed everything wrong and possibly, hopes he did.

Many old ball players will be making efforts to play ball well this year. Somehow, it seems to us that a favorable Providence is looking upon them with a generous heart and arranging for plenty of heat and warmth so that they may be fitted handsomely for the year to come.

Warm weather and plenty of it are needed at this season of the year at points where ball players are preparing for the siege of the season which will occupy their attention during the next even months, for without it, many of the old timers will not be in condition when the bell rings for the start of the regular playing season.

ELMORE DEFEATS WOODVILLE TEAM

FREMONT HIGH AND ST. JOE LOSE IN SEMI-FINALS; MANSFIELD-WOODVILLE VISITORS

Purple and White Nosed Out by Slight Edge; Defeat of St. Joe Was Big Surprise; Bucyrus and Maumee Were District Tourney Winners

Fighting gamely to the finish, although having apparently gone stale after the strenuous season, climaxed by a brilliant win over Sandusky the previous day, Fremont high was forced to take a defeat at the hands of Mansfield high at the Tiffin class A tournament Saturday afternoon in the semi-finals in a game that was featured by the failure of the locals to make easy shots and to take advantage of opportunities offered to score from the foul line.

Althoff was far from the form which he has shown throughout the season and his failure to make foul shots was one of the surprises of the tournament. Binkley, who suffered an injury in the Sandusky game was off form and missed three or four sucker shots. Regardless of the defeat the team played an excellent game and must be credited with being the best cage squad that has been developed at the Croghan street school in the last 15 years.

With the entire crowd, with the exception of a couple of hundred Mansfield supporters, pulling for a Fremont victory and their yells drowning out every effort of the supporters of the "Murphymen," Fremont fought gamely to the end.

A Whirlwind Start

The game started off in whirlwind fashion, with first one and then the other in the lead with Mansfield going to the front by two points just as the quarter ended. A basket by Althoff was the only score made by the Purple and White in the second period. Isaly scored twice for Mansfield in the same period and at half-time the count favored Mansfield, 13 and 9.

The lead was soon wiped out in the third quarter, two baskets by Bowers who also got a free toss, and one by Althoff put the count at 16-14 after Martin had made a foul shot. Althoff and Bride each made free ones, to make the count 17 and 15 and then, as the gun sounded for the end of the quarter, Anderson fouled Bride and the latter made both shots to even the count. The only score for Fremont in the last quarter was a toss by Althoff which landed in the net. Hall, giant center, dropped two fielders in the net for Mansfield and Bride made a free one. This was the limit of the scoring although Fremont tossed away enough opportunities in this period to have won the game by a ten point margin.

Bucyrus Looked Good

It was a foregone conclusion that Bucyrus would take the honors from the Mansfield squad in the final game unless the luck of the latter would carry them through, which it failed

to do. In the Tiffin game, Mansfield was outplayed and the same was the case in the Fremont game. Bucyrus came through and defeated Mansfield 46 to 30 in the final.

Throughout the Fremont-Mansfield game the crowd was in an uproar and with Fremont cheer leaders working, the hall rang with the Fremont yells. Whenever a lull came in the efforts of a band of Tiffin school girls would open on their own hook and start the assemblage going again. Every effort of the Mansfield cheer leaders to get started was met with a thunderous "Come on Purple, Come on White," and what Mansfield supporters were yelling went unheard.

St. Joe Defeated

St. Joe high after taking their first contest at the Bowling Green tournament; that with Monclova in which they were forced to extend themselves to the limit to take a 20 to 17 victory, were defeated in the semi-finals 27-24. Woodville, the team from which St. Joe took the final game in the county championship trials, being the team to put them out of the running.

Supporters of the Croghan street school were disappointed at the showing of the team which was expected to have little trouble in finishing ahead of the bunch. The players are said to have failed to show any of the form which carried them through the season, and, as a result, an early lead piled up was easily overcome by the boys from the west end of the county.

St. Joe started out as if to make a runaway affair of the contest and had counted 10 points before Woodville could put the ball through the loop. The lead was gradually cut down and at the half the teams were tied. Again St. Joe stepped out to a lead, this time of six points, only to have Woodville come with a rush in the latter part of the game to jump to the front to take the victory.

Coach Gretz sent his boys into the final in the evening after having played three games during the day, to battle with Maumee for the right to represent the district at the regional eliminations at Findlay at the close of the present week. The strain was a little too much for the youngsters and Maumee took the game after a great battle, 29 and 24.

With both Fremont teams having been eliminated in tournament play, the cage game as far as the scholastic brand is concerned, is a closed incident for the season. Spring football at the high school will hold the attention of the athletes for a short time and then comes baseball.

"BUTCH" MILLER WINS TOURNEY TEAM POSITION

J. W. "Butch" Miller, playing his first year with the Fremont high school basketball squad was the selection of sport writers at the Tiffin tournament for a guard position on the first, all-tournament team, the only Fremonter to be named on the first squad. Althoff was placed at forward on the second team. The three teams selected are listed below:

First Team

Kish (Bucyrus), rf.
Monnett (Bucyrus), lf.
Haley (Columbian), c.
F. McMullen (Mansfield), rg.
J. Miller (Fremont), lg.

Second Team

Althoff (Fremont), rf.
Rehfus (Sandusky), lf.
Campbell (Galion), c.
McKinley (Bucyrus), rg.
Sherck (Columbian), lg.

Third Team

Fingerhut (Columbian), rf.
Moore (Bellevue), lf.
Hall (Mansfield), c.
Taylor (Norwalk), rg.
Baker (Bucyrus), lg.

