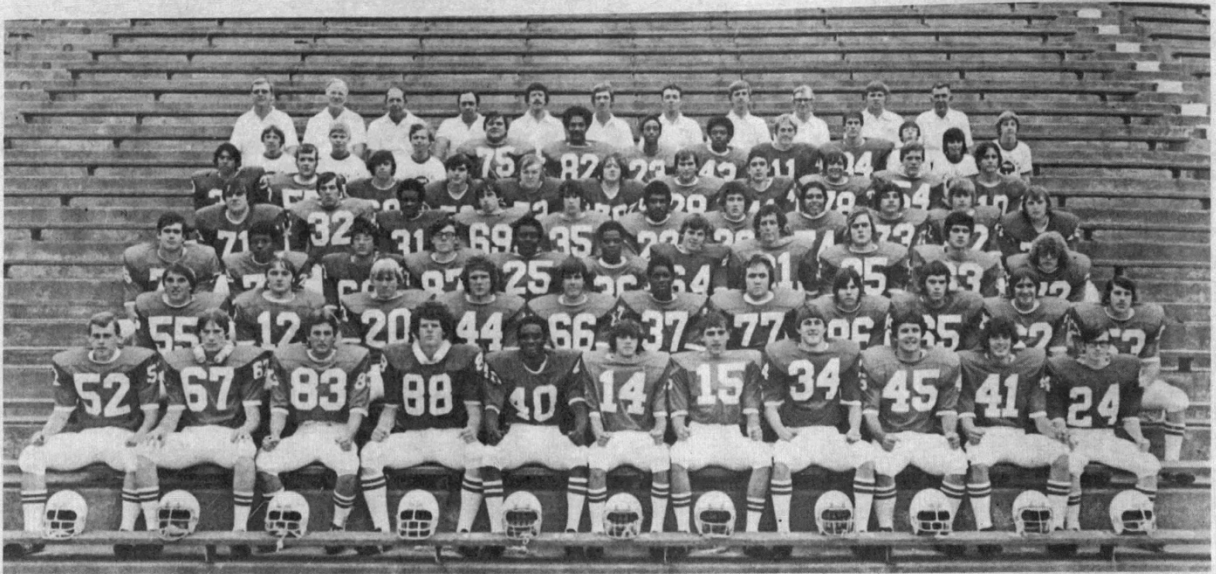


1975 Season review...

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1975 Ross Little Giants

Ross: Defending Buckeye Conference champion



Front row (left to right): John Hutchings, Mark Hicks, Tim Caskey, Mark Montgomery, David Liggins, Pat Belch, Jim Sherman, Brad Bischoff, Dave Zilles, Mike McCoy, Mark Gruver; Second row: Jim Hazzard, Bud Spaulding, Scott Wetzel, Mike McGilton, Frank Von Maluski, Eddie Holmes, Mike Clark, Mark Wheatly, Jerry Ruland, Duane Reese, Bruce Levenson; Third row: Drew Clayton, Jim Minnifield, Roy Almaguer, Kevin Reardon, Derrick Hines, Terry Holmes, Tim Siels, Brent Borden, Tom Anspach, Greg Kindred, Jim Coleman; Fourth row: Jim Smith, Rick Kusmer, Aaron Sewell, Mark Gysan, Phil Batesole, Terry Bates, Steve Coleman, Rey Reyna, Chris

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Ross captains for '75

The Ross football captains for the 1975 season have been selected. Left to right are Mark Montgomery, Pat Belch, Dave Liggins, Jim Sherman,

and Brad Bischoff. The five were chosen by a vote of the team members.

Weather hampers scrimmages

Rain and mud hampered the final Ross and St. Joe scrimmages of the preseason Saturday.

Ross defeated Lima Senior 4-0 while St. Joe sloshed to a 2-2 tie with Ottawa-Glandorf. Coaches Tom Hollman of Ross and Rick Wonderly of St. Joe expressed varied feelings about the performances of their respective team.

"Our kids did a pretty good job," Hollman said. "We still have some work to do but with the field conditions, we took it to them pretty good."

Hollman continued, "We are doing a pretty good job of executing and we are starting to get the little mistakes eliminated."

"All in all, I'd say we are ready for the season to begin."

Missing from the action on Saturday was senior linebacker Mark Montgomery. He was sitting out the scrimmage while resting a sore back. Montgomery is expected to be ready for the Rogers game this Friday night.

Wonderly was not as happy as Hollman.

"We didn't get too much accomplished," he confessed.

"We did cut down on our mistakes. We had only one penalty and fumbled only once in that slop," the St. Joe coach said.

"It was so muddy that we could not really work on anything. Really, the only good thing we got out of the scrimmage is cutting down on our mistakes."

St. Joe opens Saturday night with a journey to Oak Harbor.

Learning and teaching summer for Ross coach

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and defensively. I think that after a year here, the teaching and learning ought to be better," he said.

"I know that because we, the coaches (mainly Rex Radeloff and Pete Moore whom he brought to Fremont from Greenville, his previous coaching spot) have been here a year, the overall communication between us and the players should improve and it will help us to be a better team."

Hollman broke down his area where he feels Ross could improve and surprisingly the defense is one of the areas. Last year, the Little Giants blanked seven opponents and gave up only 33 points.

"At times last year we could have been better in our techniques as far as execution. This year they should be able to execute better because of being more familiar with the defense."

Offensively, Hollman pointed out that Ross did not really "kick" any team around. "Turn a couple of the breaks around and the games could have gone the other way."

"Really, what we have to do this year to improve is maintain the positive attitude and keep that winning tradition."

Not a bad formula for any team, especially Ross.



GOOD LUCK



A POSSIBLE Ross defensive line with the linebackers. At the left on the front four are (left to right) Tim Siels (64), Jim Smith (71), Jim Hazzard (55), Mark Hicks (67); the linebackers are Mike McGilton (44), Dave Zilles (45), Mark Montgomery (88), and Brad Bischoff (34).

Baffling defense

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Moore, a graduate of Eastern Kentucky said, "and they did not stunt (basically a linebacker and lineman changing positions) as often as they could."

"This year, because they are more familiar with the defense, they will be free to stunt and will," Moore theorized. "With the experience, the defense could get better."

What does it take to play the Ross defense that at times appears to have an eight-man front?

"Players have to be quick, react well to pressure, and above all, love to hit."

Moore put the last part of that answer another way: "We like players who don't mind putting their hat on somebody."

Moore said he thought that the Ross defense was pretty good for the first year (that could be one of the bigger understatement of the year) and then went into some explanations about what other coaches feel can beat the Little Giants' forte.

"People say that they can throw on us — that we only have three men deep. But really, with our rotation, we can have as many as seven people in the passing areas."

"To be truthful, if a team doesn't throw on us it helps our defense but we feel through the rotation we have, teams will have a hard time getting the

passing game going should they try it."

Moore continued talking about Ross' defense and the trouble it can cause opponents.

"Our defensive thinking is that we want to be flexible. We want to go with a multiple look such as a '5-2' or '6-2' alignment."

"That multiple look confuses blockers. Our players can line up on the outside, inside, or straight up on an offensive blocker and that keeps the blocker thinking and reacting differently all the time."



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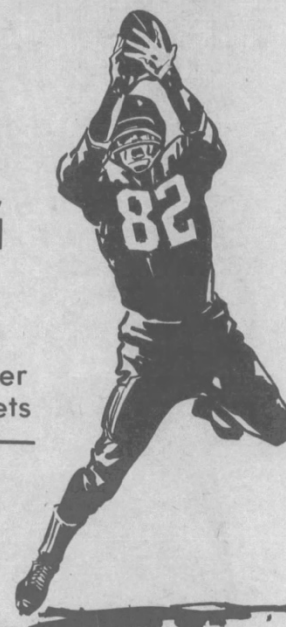
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for touchdowns, the top mark in the Conference. In preseason practice, the thin senior has shown marked improvement with the passing game. Randy Baughman is the backup to Belch.

In the Little Giants' offensive backfield, junior letterman Rick Kusmer should get the starting call with backup from Mike McGilton, a starting defensive end, and Eddie Holmes, another senior, who missed all of last season because of a motorcycle accident.

At tailback, junior Terry Bates will run along with senior Jim Sherman, a letterman who could also be a backup to Belch. Sherman is the starting safety on defense.

Dave Liggins, a starter at defensive halfback and a letterman, will get the call at wingback. Sharing

the spot will be Brad Bischoff and possibly Mike "Woody" Wright, a junior. Bischoff lettered at the position last season, but could be shifted to defense this fall.

On the ends, Scott Wetzel, a senior, and Carl Elliot, a junior, could share the split end spot. At tight end, Tom Anspach, a senior, and Kent Damschroder will see

action. Another possible at tight end is Mark Montgomery who played some there last season but who is a starter at inside linebacker.

Frank Von Maluski and Drew Clayton are the tackles. Von Maluski is a 190 pounder who lettered last season while Clayton tips the scales at 225-pounds. Jerry Ruland, a

senior letterman and a 200-pounder, will give Ross a third tackle and he could take over a starting spot during the season.

The offensive guards lack experience. Bruce Levenson, who played some linebacker and lettered, figures to be at one guard. Juniors Mark Gysan and Tony Ruiz could handle the other guard.

Backups at this spot are seniors Roy Almaguer and Greg Kindred.

At center, veteran John Hutchings will start. The senior tips the scales at 205 and lettered at the spot last season.

"We'll try to one-platoon as much as possible," Holliman pointed out, "but we will go with the players who do the job for us."

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Replacing Liggins twins is main concern

Graduation has played havoc with the '75 Ross Little Giants' defense. Gone from the crack Ross unit which gave up only 3.3 points per game during the '74 season, are a pair of All-Ohio players and a total of four All-Buckeye Conference defensive team performers.

"We lost a couple of fine ones," Ross defensive coordinator Pete Moore mused as he looked over the roster of the '75 edition of the Little Giants.

Moore referred to the Liggins twins, Harry and Larry, both All-BC and All-Ohio at defensive end and linebacker, respectively.

In the same breath, Moore clicked off other key losses to the unit such as Dave Minich and Dan Kreilick who played defensive halfback and defensive end, respectively, and both All-BC.

Even with the heavy graduation losses, Ross still has a nucleus of defensive stalwarts back this season.

Filling the spots vacated by the graduation of the four mentioned above will be a primary concern but as Moore puts it, "Getting the right people in the right spot is the key."

The linebacker slots, inside and outside according to Ross terminology, act as the center of the Little Giants defense.

At the inside slots, veterans Mark Montgomery, 6-1, 205, and Dave Zilles, 5-10, 195, both seniors have the inside line on the jobs. Both were starters last season. Two other possibles at the positions are promising juniors Tony Ruiz (5-10, 190) and Mark Gyson (5-9, 180) but both could be

playing offensive guard most of the time.

Bruce Levenson, a 5-9, 170-pound senior who lettered at a linebacker spot last season, is another hopeful but also could be playing more offensive guard than linebacker.

At the outside linebacker slots, Mike McGilton, a senior letterman at 6-1, 185, will be a sure starter. Rick Kusmer, who figures to be the starting fullback offensively, could possibly be a two-way performer and go at the other outside linebacker spot. Kusmer is 5-10, 180, junior.

Other possibilities include Brad Bischoff, a senior letterman and one of five captains for the Little Giants and Tim Seils, a senior. Bischoff will also play quite a bit of offense at the wingback spot.

Dave Liggins, 6-0, 185, and Jim Sherman, 6-0, 175,

both seniors, will operate from one defensive halfback and safety, respectively. Both started last year.

No less than five players are in the running for the other halfback slot. Dan DeLeon, Bud Spaulding, Mike Wright, Roy Almaguer, and Scott Wetzel all were given a shot at the spot during August practices.

Defensive tackle appears to be the strong point of the Ross defense. Jim Smith, a slimmed down 235-pound junior who lettered and started every game last season, and Jim

Hazzard, a 210-pound senior will start. The backup will be another letterman, 6-2, 240-pound Mike Clark. This trio will spell each other for rest purposes.

Also given a shot at playing some tackle is junior Tim Guzman, a 6-0, 250-pounder.

The defensive end slots are wide open. Mark Hicks, Victor Simms, Seils, Tom Anspach, and John Hutchings all are in the running.

Now it's only a matter of putting all the bodies together into a cohesive unit.

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Young Rams visit Fremont Friday

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

"Oh, if we won this game, it would just about make our season."

That's how much stock Toledo Rogers' coach Dick Wagoner puts in an opening season game with the Ross Little Giants. Wagoner's Rams square off against Ross Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

Ross will be attempting to keep an 11-game unbeaten streak alive but Rogers will not be an easy mark.

"We are young," admitted Wagoner as he gave an overall look to his squad. "Plus we are going to a new defense and we have also changed our offense a little."

In effect, when the Ross offensive team looks across the line, they will be seeing a defense that resembles the Little Giants' "split-six." Rogers will be lined up in the same 4-4 setup that Ross employs.

"We researched it through Notre Dame, Virginia, and other colleges," Wagoner said, "and we thought the ability to be more flexible with that defense would give us an added dimension."

"There are not too many teams in Northwestern Ohio running it," Wagoner commented. "Most teams around here are using the '50' defense and we thought if we stayed in that standard '50', other teams would be too used to it."

Wagoner did admit that his team is having a certain amount of trouble picking up the new alignment. Missing defensive keys have been the big problem with the new "D."

Offensively, Wagoner has not changed the running of his offense, but instead has gone to fewer formations in an effort to simplify the point scoring machine.

"Last year," Wagoner, recalled, "we were a multiple formation team. We would run from the 'T', 'split-T', 'I', 'power-I', and a few others. We were running a lot of formations but not doing any of them too well."

One of the players Wagoner will have on that offensive setup is Larry Hall, a 6-1, 175-pound senior, who clicked off the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds.

Rogers is young, but Little Giants' coach Tom Hollman feels the Rams have

a good passing game with sophomore Jim Nice throwing the ball.

"Overall they have better team speed than they did last year," Hollman said. "Hall is a good one for them and they have a good tight end who is a good receiver."

Hollman was referring to Randy Popoff, a junior, 205-pounder, who caught a couple of passes against the Little Giants in the 28-0 Rogers loss.

"We know we are going to have to play a heck of a ball game," Wagoner summed up his personal feeling about the season opener. "But we know we can beat them—it's just a matter of getting prepared for them."

Friday lineups

ROGERS OFFENSE

Split end—Barry Kelling, 12, 6-1, 170
Left tackle—Randy Hoch, 12, 6-0, 220 or Reggie Heard, 12, 5-11, 195
Left guard—Pete Lyell, 12, 6-0, 188
Center—John Najarian, 10, 5-9, 190
Right guard—Gerg Farmer, 11, 5-10, 190
Right tackle—Ricky Morris, 11, 6-0, 210
Tight end—Randy Popoff, 11, 5-11, 205
Quarterback—Jim Nice, 10, 6-0, 170
Fullback—Charlie Epperson, 11, 5-10, 175
Tailback—Larry Hall, 12, 6-1, 175
Wingback—Jerome Hogan, 12, 5-11, 150

DEFENSE

Defensive ends—Lyle and Heard
Defensive tackles—Jeff Nitz, 10, 6-1, 190 and Alan Danner, 12, 6-1, 195
Outside linebackers—Geoff Glover, 12, 5-10, 170, and Fred Epperson, 12, 5-6, 150, or Popoff
Inside linebackers—Terry Miller, 12, 5-9, 170, and Mark Ovall, 10, 5-9, 175, or Farmer
Cornerbacks—Mike Stephens, 12, 5-8, 140, and Lonnie Murtland, 11, 5-11, 175
Safety—Hogan

ROSS OFFENSE

Split end—Scott Wetzel, 12, 6-0, 160 or Woody Wright, 11, 5-10, 150
Tackles—Frank Van Maluski, 12, 6-2, 190, and Drew Clayton, 12, 6-4, 225
Guards—Mark Gysan, 11, 5-10, 180, and Tony Ruiz, 11, 5-10, 190
Center—John Hutchings, 12, 6-0, 200
Quarterback—Pat Belch, 12, 5-9, 145
Fullback—Rick Kusmer, 11, 5-10, 180
Tailback—Terry Bates, 11, 5-10, 175
Wingback—Dave Liggins, 12, 6-0, 180, or Brad Bischoff, 12, 6-0, 180

DEFENSE

Ends—Tim Seils, 12, 6-0, 175, and Victor Simms, 11, 6-2, 180
Tackles—Jim Smith, 11, 6-0, 250, and Jim Hazzard, 12, 6-0, 210
Inside linebackers—Dave Zilles, 12, 5-10, 202, and Mark Montgomery, 12, 6-1, 205
Outside linebackers—Mike McGilton, 12, 6-1, 185, and Bischoff
Halfbacks—Liggins and Dan DeLeon, 11, 6-0, 140
Safety—Jim Sherman, 12, 6-0, 175

Little Giants dominate Toledo Rogers



ROSS' JIM SHERMAN (15) HEADS DOWNFIELD ON SCORING RUN



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ROSS QUARTERBACK Pat Belch (left picture) dances gracefully into the end zone for Ross' second touchdown of the night against Toledo Rogers. Belch scored again later in the game. Tom Anspach (85) watches Belch's dance. In the bottom picture, Little Giants' fullback Rick Kusmer loses the ball in his trip downfield. The junior runner made up for the miscue by picking up 125 yards on 15 carries. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor
Terry Bates and Rick Kusmer combined for 307 yards rushing as Ross buried Toledo Rogers 44-0 in the inaugural game of the season for both schools.

Bates and Kusmer continually ripped through gaping holes created in the Rams' "4-4" defense by the Ross front wall as the Little Giants did just about what they wanted to do all night.

"We did not know too much about Ross' personnel," Rogers' coach Dick Wagoner said quietly while cooling off outside his team's locker room. "We did know that the fullback (Kusmer) was a tough runner."

"The tailback (Bates) really did not cause us the problems—it was that fullback. We had kids leaving their defensive positions to get him and when they did, it opened it up for the tailback."

Rogers was playing the "4-4" defense for the first time and the inexperience at the new setup cost them.

"I think Ross was able to exploit our weak areas because they play that defense," Wagoner said.

Exploit, Ross did. Bates rambled for a 64-yard touchdown and 182 yards on 17 carries. Kusmer, who got the ball rolling with a 35-yard scamper up the middle in the first period, latched on 125 yards on 15 carries.

Pat Belch, the slender senior signal caller for the Little Giants, scored a pair of six-pointers on four-yard runs off the option. Mike McGilton and Jim Sherman added a TD each to round out the scoring.

Ross was slow to get started and Little Giants' coach Tom Holman confirmed the reason.

"I thought our inexperience offensively was pretty apparent early in the game," he explained as he sat in the locker room.

"I'll tell you, Rogers came down here to play and they hit us pretty good at the first," Holman said.

"Our defense did a good job. They were tough physically and they hit very well."

That defense limited Rogers to only 26 total yards, 31 on the ground and a minus-five via the air routes. The Rams did not pick up a first down until late in the third period.

McGilton, from his outside linebacker spot, chalked up a blocked punt for the Little Giants with the front line of Jim Smith, Mike Clark, Tim Seils, and Victor Simms virtually shutting off anything coming up the center.

After the slow start, Ross did not threaten to score until facing a third and 25 at the Rogers 35. Kusmer, off the block of center John Hutchins, bulled up the middle for the score with 1:24 left to go in the first stanza. That ramble opened the floodgates for Ross.

"That run seemed to bring Fremont alive," is how Wagoner called it. "We had a couple of missed tackles on the play but that run started it off."

After that score, it was just a matter of how much the Little Giants' offensive machine could muster. The only real mystery in the game was who would kick off for Ross after each touchdown.

That was no laughing matter for Holman.

"We have spent more time on the specialty teams than I have seen in eight years and those teams stunk," the Little Giants mentor fumed. "The kickoff and punt return team were really bad."

Just how bad was etched in Holman's face. Four different players teed the ball up on the seven Ross kickoffs and the ball went virtually no place. Only Eddie Holmes' line drive kick made the end zone but the longest of the other six carried only 41 yards. Five were shorter than 30 yards off the tee which set Rogers up in good field position.

But the Rams could not move against the Ross defense, the only thing that really saved Ross in those situations.

While that aspect of the game brought a scowl to Holman's face, he had to smile over the place kicking of Dave Zilles. The chunky senior, who also shined along with Mark Montgomery at the inside linebacker slots, put the toe to the ball four times and each time the ball split the uprights for the point after touchdown.

Ross was also hampered by penalties; 13 in all for 105 yards.

"I'll have to see the films," Holman said when asked about the many penalties. "I felt some of the calls were not necessary but some stood out in the second half. It's something that we have to eliminate before we get too far into the season."

ROSS NOTES—Ross rushed for 427 yards with 11 different players carrying the ball. It was the highest rushing total for one game in the last three years.

Belch gave a hint that Ross could fare very well in the air game by completing three of five for 58 yards. Two were to Scott Wetzel for seven and 30 yards while the third went to Mike "Woody" Wright for 21.

Dave Liggins suffered a leg cramp in the second quarter and did not play in the second half. The senior running and defensive back is alright but Ross coaches decided to let him sit out the second half to rest the leg.

Jim Hazard suited up but did not play. The Ross defensive tackle had water on his knee and rested it for a game.

Holman began to substitute freely in the late stages of the third period. The Little Giants got down to at least the fourth teams offensively and defensively.

Reservations for Elder game

A block of 50 rooms at the Holiday Inn on Sharon Road in Cincinnati will be reserved for Ross fans who wish to stay overnight after attending the Cincinnati-Elder-Ross football game Sept. 19.

Special rates have been set up but reservations and money for these rooms must be made Wednesday, Sept. 10 through Friday, Sept. 12.

Reservation cards may be picked up in the main office at Ross High School.

Reservations must be in the mail by Sept. 13.

The rates for a one person room is \$16 and \$18 for two people. For a double room, the rate is \$20 for two people for the night or for four people, \$24.

High school box scores and scores from around Ohio on page 11.

No-windup delivery is key

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer

* You don't have to wind up the Pete Broberg doll. It works better the other way.

Since he changed his motion to a no-windup delivery, the right-hander has been delivering better for the Milwaukee Brewers. Friday night, he pitched a 6-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

"The change in motion seems to have helped him make fewer mistakes in his delivery and that has helped his control," said Boston's Rico Petrocelli. "With his velocity, his ball moves and it's tough to hit the ball off him."

ORIOLES 5-2, YANKEES 4-1

Al Bumbry drove in two runs and Ken Singleton belted a solo homer, leading Baltimore's first-game victory over New York. Doug Decinces' tie-breaking single in the eighth inning led Baltimore's triumph in the second game.



Vail and Thornton take out frustrations on old friends

By FRED ROTHENBERG
AP Sports Writer

Mike Vail of the New York Mets and Andy Thornton of the Chicago Cubs each had a score to settle.

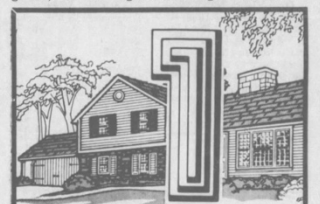
Vail used to be the property of the St. Louis Cardinals while the Philadelphia Phillies used to sign Thornton's paychecks. But after five years with those organizations, Vail and Thornton were sent packing. Their services were no longer needed.

Friday night, Vail and Thornton got opportunities to say "I told you so" to their old employers and they spoke loudly with their bats.

Vail had a two-run homer and an RBI single in leading the Mets over the Cardinals 5-2 and Thornton smashed a three-run homer to lead the Cubs 4-3 over the Cardinals.

and lowered their magic number for clinching the division title to four games; the Los Angeles

Dodgers trimmed the Atlanta Braves 5-2, and the Houston Astros edged the San Diego Padres 2-1.



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Giffin may see his team for first time

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Columbus Marion-Franklin coach Bill Giffin may be seeing his team for the first time under game conditions this Friday night at Harmon Field. It will be the second game of the season for the Red Devils and Ross.

He really did not get a chance to see what his first edition of the Red Devils could do last Friday night against Newark. He could hardly see for the rain.

After 40 minutes of play, Newark and Marion-Franklin had played to a scoreless tie. Four minutes later, the Red Devils trailed 21-0, which turned out to be the final score of the game.

"We can't use the weather as an excuse," Giffin said. "Both teams played in the same weather."

"We just had a couple of lapses that hurt us."

The first of those lapses was a fourth down at the Red Devils' 48 that they failed to pick up. One running play and a surprise pass in the rainy conditions put Newark in the end zone.

On the following kickoff, a fumble at the 30 was recovered by Newark and it was TD time again. After the second kickoff, the Red Devils picked up a pair of first downs but a Red Devils' pass was picked off and returned deep into the Red Devils' territory setting up the third six-pointer.

Giffin, who was an assistant coach at Marion-Franklin for six years before getting the head job this season, is trying to implement a "multiple" offense at the Columbus school.

"We are also trying to get the kids to play 'straight ahead' football. We don't want them trying to run around people we want them to go right at them," he said. "We really are trying to get them to play a tougher brand of game."

Giffin continued, "From what I could see against Newark, that is pretty much what the kids did."

The Red Devils coach is trying to accomplish at Marion-Franklin what he feels is prevalent at Ross.

"We know basically that Ross is well coached. They are a good fundamental team which is something that we are trying to get accomplished but so far, we are a long from that."

Ross coach Tom Hollman might not agree with what Giffin said about fundamentals after viewing the films of last week's 44-0 waltz over Toledo Rogers. Although a win cannot be faulted too much, Hollman did manage to see things he did not like about his Little Giants.

"We have to be more consistent," he said. "Offensively, our techniques need more work. Both offensively and defensively, we need to be more aggressive."

Hollman talked briefly about this week's opponent. "It's really hard to evaluate them because of the conditions they played under. The weather restricted them to what they could do."

"I do know one thing, they will be pretty physical with us."

Ross will be facing another "even" defense that the Little Giants' scouts and coaches term a "4-4" but Giffin calls it a "6-3."

Basically, the Red Devils' defense will have six down linemen coming at Ross.

Offensively, in the multiple offensive formations, Ross could see the "stacked-I" (all four backs in a row behind the center), power-I, regular-I, or the split, pro style backfield.

Whatever formation, Giffin says he is trying something.

"We looked at our first two games with Newark and Ross as an extension of the summer scrimmage season."

"We will be trying to do things to see if they will work in games in the Columbus City League," he said. "Because we feel Newark and Ross are real tough, it would get us ready to play in our league."

ROSS PREGAME NOTES — Everyone in the Ross camp was healthy as of Wednesday with the exception of defensive tackle Jim Hazard.

The 220-pound senior will miss this week's game and possibly the Elder game because of an infected knee. Hazzard's knee problem, the first he has ever had, ironically began when he crawled across the floor to change stations on the TV, a week ago Monday.

By Tuesday some water appeared on the knee and after warming up last Friday night, a slip on the pavement further aggravated the condition. Saturday, the infection appeared.

Marion-Franklin and Ross lineups

MARION-FRANKLIN

Offense

Ends — Maso Moon, 12, 152, and Stacey Conley, 11, 170
Tackles — David Crowder, 12, 220, and Greg Simpson, 12, 260
Guards — John Derr, 11, 185, and Hobson Milner, 11, 195
Center — Mark Smith, 12, 195
Quarterback — Steve Hunt, 12, 160

Running backs — Martin Estice, 12, 155, and Clarence Anderson, 12, 160

Flanker — Tim Chestnut, 11, 130

Defense

Ends — David Scott, 12, 173, and Ron Bradley, 12, 155
Tackles — Gary Broadnax, 12,

175, and Kerry Thomas, 12, 190
Guards — Ken Lanier, 11, 220, and Derr
Linebackers — Mike Flemmings, 12, 200, and Milner
Halfbacks — Tosha Howell, 12, 155, and Moon
Safety — Estice

ROSS

Offense

Ends — Scot Wetzel, 12, 160, and Tom Anspach, 12, 185
Tackles — Frank Von Maluski, 12, 190, and Drew Clayton, 12, 225, or Jerry Ruland, 12, 200
Guards — Mark Gysan, 11, 180, and Tony Ruiz, 11, 190
Center — John Hutchings, 12, 200

Quarterback — Pat Belch, 12, 145

Running backs — Terry Bates, 11, 175, and Rick Kusmer, 11, 180
Wingback — Dave Liggins, 12, 180, or Brad Bischoff, 12, 180

Defense

Ends — Tim Seils, 12, 175, and Victor Simms, 11, 180
Tackles — Jim Smith, 11, 250, and Mike Clark, 12, 240

Inside linebackers — Dave Zilles, 12, 202, and Mark Montgomery, 12, 205

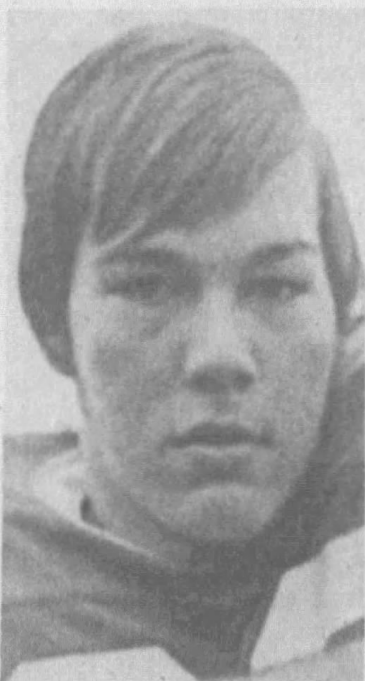
Outside linebackers — Mike McGilton, 12, 185, and Bischoff
Halfbacks — Liggins and Dan DeLeon, 11, 140

Safety — Jim Sherman, 12, 175



STARTERS, possible starters, and the injured are in the news for Ross and St. Joe. Vince Swint, upper left, may miss St. Joe's Gibsonburg game and Randy Darr, above center, who gained over 100 yards as Swint's replacement last week, may start again. Greg Kuns, upper right, will definitely start at

quarterback for the Crimson Streaks. Bottom left and center are Rick Kusmer and Terry Bates of Ross. Kusmer rushed for 125 yards and Bates, 182, in Ross' opening win. Jim Hazzard, lower right, will miss his second game in a row for Ross because of an infected knee.



Marion-Franklin stuns Ross in scoreless deadlock

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Ross may have been relying on its press clippings a little too strenuously Friday night.

"I think everyone took it for granted," a bedraggled Ross head coach Tom Hollman said after fired up Columbus Marion-Franklin battled the Little Giants to a 0-0 tie.

The Ross coach, looking a little worse for the wear because of a week long battle with a cold, was disappointed but very pointed in his remarks.

"Everyone of those press clippings we have been reading has said that Ross was untouchable . . . well we were touched tonight."

And how.

There was no protection for Ross' offense from the charged up Red Devils.

"The farther the game went, our defense picked up that much more confidence," a happy Bill Giffin, coach of the Red Devils said afterwards.

"We got a good group of kids here," he breathed, "They don't like to get the crap kicked out of them."

The Red Devils did not have to take any "crap" from anyone. In fact they dished it out.

Four times Ross knocked on the door of the Red Devils' end zone but four times, the Red Devil defense held. Three times it was on pass interceptions and once on a fumble recovery at the two.

That recovery came on the first series of plays in the third period for Ross. With Mike McGilton at fullback, and Jim Sherman at tailback, replacing the Terry Bates-Rick Kusner combination of the first half, Ross took over on their own 37 and moved to the Red Devils' 12. Sherman had carried three times in the drive for 19 yards while McGilton had hauled down an 11-yard pass from Pat Belch and carried four times for 23 yards.

McGilton unfortunately was hit hard at the two on the last carry, coughed up the ball and lost it to the Red Devils' Ron Bradley.

Ross' other scoring drives were thwarted in the first, second, and third quarters.

Maso Moss intercepted a Belch pass at the Red Devils' 13 in the first period. Belch had Scott Wetzel a step behind Red Devils' defender but underthrew him.

In the second quarter, Karl Wiggins picked off a Belch pass at the Red Devils' 19 and it was only a tackle from behind by Tony Ruiz of Ross that saved the big defensive back from scoring.

Belch saved Ross in the third period when Moon stepped in front of a pass and returned to the Ross 47. Belch was the

last defender and managed to slow Moon down for a host of other Little Giants.

Ross' vaunted defense was all that saved the game. The Little Giants stopped the Red Devils at the eight and 12-yard lines. The first in the second quarter and the latter in the fourth period.

Virgil Carreker missed on a 29-yard field goal attempt on the latter Red Devils' effort.

The Little Giants "D" gave up 129 yards in total offense, 118 yards coming on the ground.

"Penalties killed us," Hollman pointed out after saying that he, as the coach, may not have had the Ross players up for the game.

"It seemed like every time we got inside the 20, there was a penalty against us."

One play that a penalty played a big hand in was in that first offensive series of the third period when Dave Liggins bolted out of the pack in the middle of the line and rambled 34 yards to the Red Devils' nine only to have it called back because of holding.

Several more penalties played big roles in Ross' three other thrusts deep into Red Devils' territory.

"I'm not taking it away from Marion-Franklin," Hollman pointed out. "But every thing we had long, got called back."

The Ross coach praised the defensive effort of the Columbus team.

"They had to play a heck of a game to shut us out. At times they almost had an eight-man line and those backs were so darn fast."

"I still think, though, that if we had scored once, they would have folded."

Not so according to Giffin.

"Our offense got together on the sidelines when Ross was driving and made a promise to themselves that they would take it right back at Ross if they had scored," Giffin grinned.

What's in store for Ross now?

"Well, first, we throw away the press clippings," Hollman said. "I take part of the blame from the coaching standpoint of not having them emotionally ready."

"We are still alright — we have a good ball club but we are going to have to get on some people."

That, or Cincinnati Elder (next week's opponent) will do it for the coach.

ROSS STATS — Rick Kusner was the Little Giants' leading rusher with 48 yard on 11 carries. Liggins with 26 on four carries was next. Clarence Anderson led Marion-Franklin with 41 on 10 carries.

Just as last week's 427 yards rushing was the highest in three years, Friday night's 108 net output was the lowest in that time span.



That's how it was

Ross coach Tom Hollman walks dejectedly to the sidelines as his Ross offensive team watches. Hollman had just talked with quarterback Pat

Belch after a timeout late in the game. (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)



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THE BALL gets away from Little Giants' Mike McGilton at the Marion-Franklin 40. McGilton recovered the fumble early in the third period.



ROSS' VICTOR SIMMS CHASES RED DEVILS' STEVE HUNT

Standings

By The Associated Press

American League				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	86	60	.589	
Baltimore	82	65	.558	4 1/2
New York	79	71	.524	11
Cleveland	70	78	.469	14
Milwaukee	62	85	.422	24 1/2
Detroit	55	92	.374	31 1/2
National League				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	89	62	.590	
Kansas City	82	69	.542	7
Texas	72	78	.480	18
Chicago	69	78	.470	19 1/2
Minnesota	67	78	.460	20 1/2
California	66	81	.449	23 1/2

Friday's Results
Oakland 11-4, Minnesota 4-7
Kansas City 10-7, California 5-2
Milwaukee at Boston, ppd.
rain

Orioles closing on Boston again

By ALEX SACHARE

AP Sports Writer

The Baltimore Orioles won't go down without ruffling a few feathers.

All but counted out when they dropped two games to the first-place Boston Red Sox in Baltimore last week and fell eight games off the pace in the American League East, feisty Manager Earl Weaver has his Orioles on the wing again.

The Orioles have taken to the road and won seven

down to the wire. We're not quitting no matter what happens."

When it comes to arguing with umpires, Weaver talks from experience. The Baltimore skipper was not around to see the conclusion of his team's latest victory, having been ejected by home plate umpire Joe Brinkman for arguing a strike call in the 10th inning.

Ellie Hendricks' three-run homer capped a four-

Bumbry drew a leadoff walk, moved to third on Tony Muser's hit-and-run single and scored on ex-Tiger Jim Northrup's double. Ken Singleton added a sacrifice fly for the final run.

A's 11-6, Twins 4-7
The A's took advantage of five Minnesota errors in the opener to stretch their winning streak to seven games. But the Twins took the nightcap by scoring six runs in the sixth inning. Dave McKay and Jerry

made one error in 15 chances.

Royals 10-7, Angels 2-2
Consecutive singles by Jim Wohlford, Cookie Rojas, George Brett, John Mayberry and Al Cowens began the first inning of the first game and set the tone of the evening for the Royals, who now trail first-place Oakland by seven games in the AL West. John Mayberry's two-run double keyed a five-run third inning in the second game.

Hollman mum on changes

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Tom Hollman is like any other football coach — he does not like to give away secrets.

Changes in starting lineups are almost a no-no to speak about before the kickoff the day of the game. That's when the new look in a team is seen. Before then, it's only hinted at.

"We've been alternating our backs all week," Hollman, Ross head coach, confessed while making out the traveling list for Friday's game at Cincinnati Elder High School.

Last Friday in the scoreless tie against Marion-Franklin, Mike McGilton and Jim Sherman, both seniors, took over the fullback and tailback slots in the third period of the game and the switch had the Little Giants moving.

Juniors Rick Kusmer and Terry Bates had played exclusively in the first half but were unable to get through a tough Red Devils defense. The pair returned on the second Ross series of the second half because McGilton and Sherman, who are on the defensive starting team were rested after a long Red Devils' offensive series.

"I really haven't decided on just who will start yet," the Little Giants coach hedged.

In the next breath Hollman said, "We're alright . . . I mean even last week if you took away the penalties we would have had another 100 yards rushing. It's just that everytime we had a big play, it was called back because of a penalty."

One change that Hollman was definite about is at tight end. Mark Montgomery, a starting linebacker, will see considerable action at the spot. He will be alternating frequently with Tom Anspach who has started the first two games of the season.

The tall blonde haired coach said that last week's

game taught the Little Giants a lesson.

"We hope as far as preparing ourselves for a game that we learned to be ready mentally a little better.

"As far as the team this week, we have had good practices. I think they have been more alert in learning."

Hollman felt that his team was a little too hesitant last week, especially on offense when the Marion-Franklin team showed them a lot of different looks defensively.

"The different look caused the hesitation," he confirmed. "When they hesitated, they were not aggressive."

Hollman rates Elder as a potentially explosive offensive team.

"They are not power oriented . . . the offense is not a really ball control type. They run lots of quick pitches, straight dives, and they throw a lot of deep passes.

"Their passing game is pretty good. They have a good quarterback and a good flanker."

Terry Finley, a 5-11 senior, is the Elder signal caller while 6-4 junior Mike Hofmeyer is the flanker.

Ross will face a five or a seven man front when Elder's defense is on the field and the Ross coach expects the Panthers "D" to show variations.

Last week, Ross quarterback Pat Belch was intercepted three times and Hollman was asked if he might hesitate to go to the air against Elder.

"Hey, Pat's alright," he defended his senior quarterback. "If you give him another yard on his throws last week, he would have had three touchdowns."

ROSS NOTES — Jim Hazzard's right knee has failed to respond to treatment for an infection. Wednesday night, the Ross defensive tackle was sent to Mercy Hospital where he was admitted for treatment. His stay there is indefinite.

Elder Stadium

directions

Following are the directions to the Cincinnati Elder football field:

Take I-75 south to State Route 52 (Harrison Avenue) exit. Exit to right and go over the lower deck of the Western Hills Viaduct.

At the end of the viaduct, go right onto Beekman Street one square and turn left at Queen City Avenue (It's a one-way street).

Proceed west on Queen City to Quebec Road. (St. Francis Hospital will be to your right.) Turn left and go up Quebec Road which will be up a long hill. At the top of the hill, turn right onto Glenway Avenue. Go one block to Beech Avenue and turn left.

Go one block to Vincent Street, turn right and you will run into the stadium at Elder High School.

Car parking on the school grounds is by pass only. If you have a pass, use the entrance off Gilsey Avenue which is one block past Elder High School off Glenway.

Fans may also park on the streets around the stadium; in the Seton High School lot off Vincent; and some may park in the Super X lot off Glenway.

There are several restaurants in the area including Schueler's Restaurant which features a smorgasbord setup.

The gates at the stadium open up at 7 p.m.

The trip to Cincinnati is approximately 240 miles and should take you four to five hours.

In other Ross news, the Ross Boosters Club would like to have everyone who signed up for the chartered bus to the Elder game at the Ross High School parking lot no later than 1:30 p.m. Friday.

The Boosters also announced that the game balls for the Rogers and Marion-Franklin games were won by Don Gruver and Bob Overmyer, respectively.

Ross trips after fast start in Cincinnati



JIM SHERMAN
... Scores lose Ross touchdown

By BOB MARKER
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CINCINNATI — For nine minutes things were rushing Ross High's way Friday night, but for the final 39 things went completely sour.
In the much ballyhooed "game of the year" for Ross, the Elder Panthers tacked on a 13-7 loss, the first time in five years that Ross has lost to a non-Buckeye Conference foe.
Jim Sherman put Ross ahead on a seven yard scamper around left end nine minutes into the game. The play capped a near perfect drive by the Little Giants.
Taking the kickoff at their own 37, the Little Giants moved the 63 yards in 14 plays. Sherman's scamper behind a perfect block by fullback Mike McGillton would have put the Panthers away a week ago.
"They (Elder) didn't let that first score get them down," a happy Ray Bachus, Elder coach, beamed after the game.

"That happened to us in the first two games."
Trailing 7-0, Elder took a short kickoff by Jerry Ruland back to its own 42. Keyed by slippery running tailback Elvis Clemons, the Panthers tied the score two minutes into the second quarter. Clemons' nine yard run capped the drive. One of the key plays in the series was an 11 yard first down strike from Elder quarterback Terry Finley to 6'4" flanker Mike Hofmeyer.
The game was all Elder after that.
But, here is the zinger:
Doubtful officiating and very questionable calls which provoked Ross coach Tom Hollman to several arguments with Cincinnati officials marred the game.
"I don't like to say anything about the officials," Hollman said tersely, "but they kept the pressure on us all night."
One of Hollman's outbursts followed the play that set up Elder's winning six pointer.

Stalled on the first series of the second half, the Panthers' Dan James hung up a high punt to Sherman at the Ross 19. The Little Giant back did not signal a fair catch and just as the ball seemed to be nesting into his hands, Elder's Tim Patton put his shoulder into Sherman's gut. The ball popped out and 210-pound Mark Weber wrapped himself around the ball to give the Panthers a golden opportunity.
"I thought that the Elder player interfered with the catch," Hollman said. "The official told me it was a judgement call, but you have to give the player a clear chance to catch the ball."
The Elder opportunity did not go to waste.
Seven plays later, facing a fourth and goal at the two, Finley knifed into the end zone off a crunching block by 233-pound left guard Ken Bolger.
On the ensuing Elder kickoff, Ross again coughed up the ball when Steve Hart's short kick went

through the hands of lineman Mark Gysan and Elder's Joe Oberbeck grabbed the bouncing pigskin.
The Panthers were unable to score on this mental miscue by the Little Giants, but when they gave the ball up, it was on the Giants' 14 and there were only two and a half minutes to go in the period.
"We just couldn't get the ball in that period," Hollman said dejectedly.
Elder whipped off 19 plays in the quarter, while Ross struggled with only seven.
Ross' last two tries at getting the tying TD ended up in interceptions of Pat Belch tosses.
The longer the game went, the more doubtful it became just how many players Ross was facing from the Little Giants' point of view.
At times, it appeared as if there were 15 against the Little Giants: 11 for Elder and four in striped shirts.
Hollman, who seldom erupts but is very noticeable when he does,

would not blame the officials for the loss.
"No, we lost it ourselves," was all he would say.
After that, he set his mind on next week's game with Admiral King. That's all he could do.
ROSS NOTES . . . Ross defense, a victim of some sharp Elder blocking that ripped huge holes in the forward wall, gave up 133 yards on the ground and another 50 in the air. Clemons picked up 107 yards on 24 carries.
Sherman was Ross' leading ballcarrier with 44 yards on 14 carries. McGillton picked up 29 on eight carries. The pair started in place of regular running backs Rick Kusmer and Terry Bates, who had started the first two games.
Finley completed five of seven passes. Clemons tried his hand with two passes off the option with one ending up in the hands of Ross' Dave Liggins, killing at Elder drive at the Ross 25 in the second period.

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Some unhappy memories

CINCINNATI — Tom Hollman slumped against a wall of the damp corridor leading to the Ross dressing room—a room that was quiet, after Elder had handed Ross a 19-7 loss Friday night.
The 28-year-old Ross coach looked a little worse for the wear. Sweat was streaming down his face and his voice was hoarse as he explained his unhappiness at the officiating.
"I don't like to blame the officiating or say anything about them," he remarked, "but he seemed to be holding back."
"They didn't lose the game for us, but their calls kept the pressure on us in that second half."
Hollman was critical of the judgment call that set up the winning Panther TD.
"The rules say that you have to

let a player have a clear chance at catching the ball. I think the Elder kid interfered with him (Jim Sherman)."
Over in the Elder dressing room, Panthers' coach Ray Bachus did not agree with Hollman.
"I thought the call was a good one," Bachus said. "Tim Patton hit him just at the right time."
Bachus did criticize the officiating. "I thought Ross was hitting us late."
Getting away from talk about the officials, Hollman admitted that Elder caught the Little Giants by surprise when they ran out of the I formation.
Bachus agreed that "We haven't run the I formation this year. We didn't think we had big enough fullbacks to run it, but last week we felt we had to give it a try." Elvis

Clemons had a good game and looked faster than he ever has before. So we made the switch to the I and it allowed Clemons enough room to use his speed."
Hollman in his last crack at the officials pointed out bluntly, "the officials should use a little common sense. They know the game situation and should know when a team would be trying to get time out."
Hollman was charged with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty when he argued after the officials refused to call a time out.
"One referee told me it was not his responsibility and I just wanted them to know I was a little upset with them."
But that's the way it went for Ross.



AK hoping for rain

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

"Everytime it rains, it rains pennies from heaven."

So goes a popular song from a few years back but everytime it has rained on a Fremont Ross-Lorain Admiral King football game, it has spelled nothing but bad luck for the former.

"Yeah, over here we have been doing a rain dance,"

AK coach Don Fritz jovially admitted in a phone conversation Wednesday night from his home in Lorain. He had just reacted to a statement that it was hoped that rain would not mar this Friday night's Buckeye Conference opener with the Little Giants.

The eight-year coach at Admiral King has good reason for hoping that it rains Friday night. Three years ago the Admirals handed Ross its only loss of a 9-1 season. Two years ago, under dry conditions, the Admirals lost, but last year, the Admirals created the only blemish on Ross' 9-0-1 season by battling the Little Giants to a scoreless tie in a game that was played under a constant drizzle.

The Admirals are off to the fastest start since 1962, the school's second year in existence. So far the Admirals have mowed down Eastlake North (20-7), Cleveland Heights (14-8), and Lorain Southview (11-6).

While defense was the Admirals' forte last season, Fritz admits that "the defense is not as strong as it was a year ago."

"Last year defense carried us. We scored only 62 points all year (the Admirals gave up only 68)," Fritz explained. "We just could not get an offense generated. We lost our quarterback (Brian Wilt) in the third game and after that, we couldn't get anything going."

The Admirals' defense may have a "rubber band" look to it; it stretches but it does not break.

"That's the whole key to them," Ross coach Tom Hollman pointed out. "They have given up a lot of yardage in a game (an average of 220), but they have not given up over a touchdown per game."

The Admirals have surrendered only 21 points, the fourth best in the Buckeye Conference, but rank dead last in overall defense in rushing yardage and passing yardage allowed.

The Ross coach credits the Admirals' fast start to the improved offense and the "rubber band" type defense.

"They have good speed in Garcia (Brian, junior, 195), Branson (Stan, senior, 170) at halfback, and Wilt (senior, 175) at quarterback," Hollman said.

"They have changed their offense a little this year," Hollman continued.

Fritz said that was true, pointing out that the Admirals have switched to a multiple offense this season as compared to the "veer" used last season. "We have taken quite a bit of pressure off Wilt with this offense and now we rely on basically three players."

Wilt is one of the three but the other two, Garcia and Branson figure to give Ross problems. Branson is currently the fourth leading rusher in the BC with 226 yards on 47 carries, a 4.8 average.

Garcia is sixth in the conference with 184 yards on 40 carries for a 6.1 yard average.

Even with an improved offense, Fritz still looks toward his defense as the big part of his team.

"I think in order to be successful in this game as well as the rest of the season, you have to stop people. The defense has to do it for us because from this game on out, it's hell on wheels," Fritz said candidly.

The Admirals' coach continued as he talked about Ross' unexpected 1-1-1 mark.

"I don't know what the problem has been with Ross in the first three games but I'll tell you this: I'd rather see them 3-0 instead of what they are right now," he said, while referring to the fact that Ross may be ready to break out against some opponent.

"As far as I am concerned, Ross is still the team to beat in the Buckeye. They'll be tough to handle for any team."

With that in mind, Fritz may be pleading for a little help from the heavens in the form of rain. If it does rain Friday night, then Fritz could be collecting those "pennies from heaven" at Ross' expense.

Montgomery and Bischoff doubtful for AK game

Ross' starting lineups for tonight's Buckeye Conference opener with Admiral King at Harmon Field may be altered due to injuries.

Mark Montgomery, who started at tight end and inside linebacker against Cincinnati Elder, is a doubtful starter. Kent Damschroder will get the call at the tight end spot and Bruce Levenson will take Montgomery's defensive spot if he is unable to go.

Brad Bischoff suited up for practice Thursday night for the first time this week. Bischoff suffered an ankle injury against Elder and more than likely will not see action at the outside linebacker spot.

Rick Kusmer, a starter at fullback in Ross' first two games, will take over Bischoff's defensive spot.

Admiral King lineups Offense

Ends: Eric Anderson, 12, 5-10, 160 and John Brown, 12, 5-9, 165

Tackles: Mike Provenza, 12, 5-10, 225, and George Zolnai, 12, 5-10, 215

Guards: Bob Campana, 11, 5-11, 170, and Mark Paghi, 12, 6-0, 160

Center: Jeff Petrillo, 12, 5-10, 165
Quarterback: Brian Wilt, 12, 6-1, 175

Running backs: Stan Branson, 12, 5-9, 170, Brian Garcia, 11, 6-1, 195, and George DeLestathing, 11, 5-10, 155

Defense

Ends: George DeSilvester, 12, 6-1, 185, and Ralph McCue, 12, 5-10, 175

Tackles: Kevin Gage, 10, 5-10, 170, or Doug Hasel, 11, 6-2, 196, and Larry Chaney, 11, 6-4, 235

Middle guard: Tony Sciulli, 12, 6-0, 185

Monster: Ken Konya, 12, 5-9, 155
Linebackers: Greg Ballis, 12, 6-3, 205, and Rick Palacias, 10, 5-9, 155, or Eric Pardon, 10, 6-0, 170

Cornerback: James Furci, 11, 5-9, 165

Halfbacks: Mike Albrechta, 12, 5-11, 165 or Len Greace, 12, 5-9, 160

Safety: David Cook, 11, 5-11, 160

Ross lineups

Offense

Ends: Scott Wetzel, 12, 160, and Tom Anspach, 12, 185

Tackles: Frank Von Maluski, 12, 190, and Jerry Ruland, 12, 195

Guards: Mark Gysan, 11, 180, and Tony Ruiz, 11, 190

Center: John Hutchings, 12, 200

Quarterback: Pat Belch, 12, 145

Running backs: Mike McGilton, 12, 185, Jim Sherman, 12, 175, and Dave Liggins, 12, 180

Defense

Ends: Tim Sells, 12, 175, and Victor Simms, 11, 180

Tackles: Jim Smith, 11, 250, and Mike Clark, 12, 240

Inside linebackers: Dave Zilles, 12, 200, Mark Montgomery, 12, 205, or Bruce Levenson, 12, 175

Outside linebackers: McGilton, and Rick Kusmer, 11, 180

Halfbacks: Liggins, and Dan DeLeon, 11, 140

Safety: Sherman

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Little Giants bury Admiral King 44-7



MIKE MCGILTON OF ROSS PICKING UP SOME OF HIS 125 YARDS AGAINST ADMIRAL KING

Ross offense explodes in BC win

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Fremont Ross tried to play the perfect hosts Friday night.

The Little Giants even went so far as to offer the visiting Admiral King Admirals a "Big Mac," Fremont style.

Admiral King tried to reject the "Big Mac" but while doing that, the Little Giants were slipping a side order past them.

The end result was a 44-7 thrashing for the Little Giants in the Buckeye Conference lidlifter for both teams. For Ross, the steam roller style of win gave them a flying start toward the defense of its BC crown and a possible fourth straight title.

Mike "Big Mac" McGilton ground out 125 yards on 23 carries including two touchdowns. McGilton, a 185-pound blond-haired senior bruiser, gained most of that yardage behind the blocking of the interior of the Ross line.

"Big Mac" rambled for six-pointers from one and six-yards out. Following Little Giants' center John Hutchings and guard Tony Ruiz and Mark Gysan, McGilton had it his own way when it came to toting the pigskin.

McGilton did not open up fully until the second quarter. The Admirals had been concentrating on the Little Giants' side order of Terry Bates up to that point.

Bates, following the blocks of the pulling guards and the leading McGilton, gobbled up the yardage around the corners of the Admirals' "50" defense. The closest Bates got to the center of the line was on off tackle plays, the middle belonging to McGilton.

Bates, who ended the night with 121 yards on 20 carries, scored the first Ross TD, two minutes into the second stanza on a 28-yard run that was earmarked with second, third, and even fourth effort. Three times it appeared as if the Ross junior was stopped but each time a hand went to the ground to help regain his balance and he kept plowing right into the Admirals' end zone.

Dave Zilles hit the first of four straight extra point kicks and Ross was rolling with a 7-0 lead. McGilton delivered the main course from that point with a little spice added by Pat Belch and Bates.

"It's a sweet one — it's a sweet one," Ross coach Tom Hollman shouted gleefully in a noisy Little Giants locker room.

"The kids wanted it, the coaches wanted it, and we got it," he shouted.

Smarting from last week's 13-7 loss (only Hollman's third loss as a head coach in five years) at the hands of Cincinnati Elder, Hollman had the Little Giants rearing to go, but the score stunned him.

"I never predict points," he mused, "but I didn't think it would be like this."

ADMIRAL KING quarterback Brian Wilt (left) is surrounded but still gets off his pass against the hard charging Little Giants. Brent Borden (21) of Ross has the ball sail over his hands while Brian Garcia (41) of Admiral King is set up to block. At the right, the ball just eludes Ross safety Jim Sherman in second quarter action. Dave Liggins (46) of Ross had just tipped the ball away from the Admirals' Ken Smith (27). (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

Ross dominated the game so much that the Admirals mustered only 19 rushing yards and 61 via the air.

For Admirals' coach Don Fritz, the loss was too much of a reality.

"We got the hell kicked out of us," he said matter-of-factly. "But that's not the first time it has happened." Fritz, understandably had little to say but he did mutter a brief explanation about the game.

"We sure didn't do anything to slow them down and our offense made some dumb mistakes, too."

That summed up everything about the Admirals.

Ross played ball control throughout the game. Allowing the Admirals only 35 plays from scrimmage, the Little Giants ripped off 68 for 352 total yards, 366 on the ground. Ross had the ball for 34 of the 48 minutes in the game.

"Hey, did you see that pass, huh?" Hollman asked no one in particular.

"The pass" was a picture perfect 27-yard scoring strike from Belch to Dave Liggins. It capped the 16-play 70-yard drive after the opening kickoff of 188 second half. It was the third and last pass of the night for Ross.

Belch completed two of the three for 47 yards. The first completion was to tight end Tom Aspasch and keyed the second Ross score in the second quarter.

McGilton carried that one in from the one with 43 seconds to go in the half. Belch's run off the option added the extra points and gave the Little Giants a 15-9 lead at the half.

The second half was all Ross. After the Liggins TD, McGilton bulled in from the six for a 29-0 after three. In the final stanza, Rick Kusner scored from the two to make it 36-0 before the Admirals got on the board with 3:18 left to play.

Craig Wilson tallied from six yards out to give the visitors a measure of respect with 3:18 to play in the contest. Ross had been penalized 27 yards in the Admirals' 65-yard drive.

The Little Giants were not through. Playing mostly second and third stringers, Aaron Sewell, a junior, danced in from four yards out to climax an eight-play 70-yard drive.

ROSS NOTES — Hollman lauded the efforts of both offensive and defensive lines. With Hutchings, Gysan, and Ruiz, offensive tackles Drew Clayton, Jerry Ruland, and Frank Von Maluski continually ripped holes in the Admirals' defense.

With Ross front four of Mike Clark, Jim Smith, Tim Seils, and Victor Simms along with Mark Hicks, dominating the play, the Admirals' offense was a shambles all night.

Zilles has now hit on nine straight extra point kicks.

Kusner set up his own touchdown with a blocked punt. Maurice Spaulding recovered the blocked punt on the Admirals' 29.

Boston blanks Tribe twice

By FRANK BROWN
AP Sports Writer

Boston Manager Darrell Johnson was smiling from the top of his red cap to the tips of his Red Sox.

Pressure? What pressure? "I haven't felt any and I don't think any of the players have, either," Johnson said Friday night after Boston swept a twilight doubleheader from Cleveland by 4-0 scores and cruised closer to an American League East Division crown.

"The pressure's on Baltimore," added outfielder Dwight Evans. "The magic number is two and we're in the driver's seat."

Well then, the Red Sox better get some naps for the roads to Oakland and the American League playoffs. Right, Darrell?

Not just yet. "We're going to go out there and try and win two more from Cleveland," said Johnson. "Then we can start thinking about Oakland and the playoffs. We can't think about Baltimore losing."

Baltimore hasn't even been able to play since Wednesday. Rain continued to cloud their title hopes Friday by wiping out a scheduled twilghter with the New York Yankees. Any combination of Boston victories and Baltimore losses adding to two will decide baseball's last pennant race.

Brewers 3, Tigers 0
Cleveland 3, Astros 1

has 13 hits in his last 30 times at bat, including six homers and 13 RBIs.
Twins 2, White Sox 1
Larry Hisle's tie-breaking single in the sixth inning scored Steve Brye and lifted Minnesota over Chicago.

The White Sox got a run

in the fourth inning but Jerry Terrell's first home run of the season led off the bottom of the fourth and tied it for Minnesota.

A's 4, Angels 2
Billy Williams singled home a first-inning run and doubled to open a two-run fourth, helping Oakland

beat California Angels.

Tommy Harper gave the AL West champs an insurance run with an eighth-inning homer.

Royals 8, Rangers 5
Jamie Quirk drove in three runs, two in a four-run second, to help Kansas City top Texas.



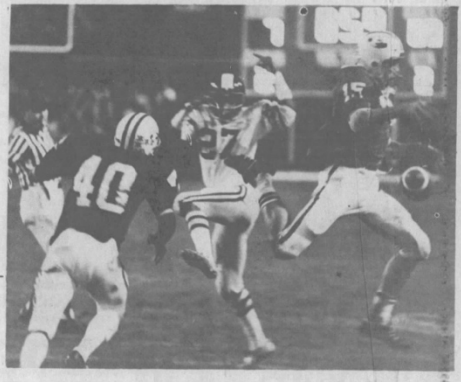
High school scores

BUCKEYE CONFERENCE
Elyria 20, Marion 14
Findlay 24, Sandusky 6
Ross 44, Admiral King 7
SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE
Clyde 38, Hiram 13

Carey 47, Bucyrus Wyndorf 8
Carroll 28, Millersport 13
Cedarville 26, Twin Valley North 10
Centerville 28, Springfield South 8

(tie)
St. Henry 20, New Bremen 0
St. Marys 18, Lima Bath 14
Swanton 27, Hamlet Patrick 8
Van Buren 7, Pandora Gilboa 6

Minford 28, Portsmouth East 12
Mogadore Field 7, Southwest 6
Monroe 18, Monroe 17
Lakota 13
Monroeville 33, South Central 43
Columbus 33, Marion-Franklin 43



Ross at full strength

Ross' offensive and defensive starting lineups will be the same as last Friday when the Little Giants rolled over the Admiral King Admirals 44-7.

Ross will be attempting to stretch its Buckeye Conference unbeaten string to 10 straight games against the potentially explosive Mansfield Tygers.

"We have to go out on that field ready to really stick the other guy," is how Ross coach Tom Hollman put it while talking about what his team needed to keep the string going.

"We have to be as mentally ready as we were when we played Admiral King last week.

"Mansfield really ripped us last year . . . they were the first team to score on us," he recalled.

Ross' offense rolled up over 350 total yards, 305 on the ground but the Little Giants' head man still feels

there is work to be done on the offense.

"We have to get a little better at running the sweep. There is just a few little things that we are not doing on it."

Coming back to the Ross picture for this week will be Brad Bischoff. The senior, one of the five Ross captains, missed last week's game because of a twisted ankle suffered in the Elder game.

He may not start at the cornerback slot but will see action Hollman said.

Ross fans will also likely see Jim Hazard back in uniform. The 215-pound defensive lineman has not played yet this season due to an infected knee. After having minor surgery to scrape the infection out, Hazard was given the green light to begin workouts. He may see light action tonight, but should be ready for more.

Statistically, Ross will put a defensive line and linebacker unit against the Tygers that has nearly a 23 pound weight advantage. The Tygers offensive front tips the scales at an average of 178 while Ross' near eight-man front goes off at over 201 pounds.

Ross' offensive line tips the scales at 185 while the Tiger defense runs at an average of 191.

Mansfield offense

Ends: Mike Brumm, 12, 175, and Harold Gibson, 11, 160

Tackles: Brian Garverick, 12, 206, and Nick Stavrious, 12, 180

Guards: Jeff Gassaway, 12, 180, and Charles Shepard, 12, 185

Center: Lincoln Kelly, 11, 165

Quarterback: Tim Scarbury, 11, 145

Running backs: Rodney Jefferson, 12, 180, Cliff Belmer, 11, 190, and Tony Shoulders, 12, 155

Defense

Ends: Donald Matthews, 12, 220, and Brumm

Tackles: Mike Hoy, 11, 190, and Garverick

Middle guard: Todd Blaising, 11, 180

Linebackers: Rodney Jefferson, 12, 180, and Bobby Watkins, 11, 190

Monster: Henry Washington, 11, 145

Halfbacks: Fred Harper, 11, 160, and Shoulders

Safety: Jerry Powell, 11, 165

Ross offense

Ends: Scott Wetzel, 12, 160, and Kent Damschroder, 11, 185

Tackles: Frank Von Maluski, 12, 190, and Drew Clayton, 12, 225

Guards: Mark Gysan, 11, 180, and Tony Ruiz, 11, 190

Center: John Hutchings, 12, 200

Quarterback: Pat Belch, 12, 145

Running backs: Mike McGilton, 12, 185, Terry Bates, 11, 170, and Dave Liggins, 12, 180

Defense

Ends: Tim Siels, 12, 175, and Victor Simms, 11, 180

Tackles: Jim Smith, 11, 250, and Mike Clark, 12, 240

Inside linebackers: Mark Montgomery, 12, 205, and Dave Zilles, 12, 200

Outside linebackers: McGilton, and Rick Kusmer, 11, 180

Halfbacks: Liggins, and Dan DeLeon, 11, 140

Safety: Jim Sherman, 12, 175

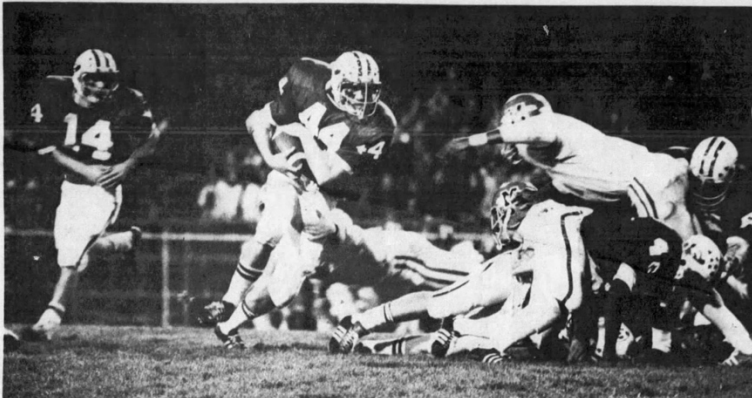
Lakota 9th wins

KANSAS — Don Saalman's 10-yard scoring toss to Scott Kreais with 30

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MIKE MCGILTON (44) BREAKS A TACKLE AND TURNS UPFIELD AS DAVE LIGGINS (40) BLOCKS AND PAT BELCH (14) WATCHES

Little Giants tame Mansfield; line play keys 2nd BC victory

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross rolled out the Clyde Beatty tactics Friday night and caught a different breed of an animal from Mansfield.

The Little Giants stalked, herded, and slammed the doors shut on the Tygers (not the more common tigers) of Mansfield 35-8, for victory number three for the season and second in the Buckeye Conference. The win was the 11th straight game that Ross has not tasted defeat in the talent rich BC.

The Little Giants, with guards Tony Ruiz and Mark Gysan, along with a trio of tacklers, consistently "trapped" the middle of the Tyger line and consistently tore huge holes in the Tyger hide.

Mike McGilton, Ross' bruising senior fullback, plowed to eight and six yard touchdowns as the Ross line had an open freeway sign right up the middle of the Mansfield interior.

"Hey, I can't single out any one guy for good blocking," McGilton said as he towed the sweat off his forehead. "All of them (offensive line), Gysan, Ruiz, Ruland (Jerry), Clayton (Drew), Hutchinson (John), and Von Maluski (Frank), do a heck of a job for all of the backs."

McGilton, who rammed for 125 yards and two TDs against Admiral King a week ago, picked up 72 on 16 carries against Mansfield.

Terry Bates, the Little Giants' junior tailback, ripped off his third 100-plus yard game with 104 on 20 carries, including a two-yard TD scamper early in the second period.

Dave Liggins kicked Ross' scoring off with a 32-yard unmolested run off a counter play midway through the first period. Ruiz threw the key block on the play as the Ross line opened up a hole that seemed to be five yards wide.

"Yeah, the guards did have a good game," Ross coach Tom Holliman said as a boyish

smile spread across his face. "It just shows what a little experience will do for them."

Ross signal caller Pat Belch went to the air five times against Mansfield but completed only one, a 29-yard strike to Brad Bischoff that keyed the second Little Giants scoring drive.

After Liggins ramble had capped a six-play, 62-yard drive in the first period, Ross started to march again with three minutes to go in the quarter.

Belch's pass to Bischoff put the ball at the Tyger 28. Two penalties and two runs of 14 and 13 yards by Bates was capped by the tailback's two-yard plunge.

McGilton chalked up his first TD of the night with no time showing on the clock at the end of the second stanza. With second and goal at the eight, McGilton cut off the tail of Ross center Hutchinson, was seemingly stopped at the four but cut outside with Tyger linebacker Rodney Jefferson literally taking a "piggy-back" ride on the Ross fullback. McGilton fell into the end zone as the half ended.

"Mac is really running hard," Holliman understated.

"My legs just wouldn't stop," McGilton laughed as he talked about the play. Belch had two of his passes go in and out of a receiver's hands but it was the 145-pound senior's second half runs that helped to key Ross scoring drives.

The slim signal caller's six-yard sneak for a first down kept Ross' first scoring drive in the second half rolling. Later, in the same drive, Ross faced a fourth and three at the Tyger nine. Belch rolled to his left on the fourth down play, stopped, cut up the center and dove to the first down at the five. Belch capped off his running with a nine-yard scamper off the option for another Ross first down on the night's final scoring drive.

Mansfield's only score was set up by a Bates fumble at the Ross 43 a minute into the second half.

Tyger sophomore quarterback Jerry Powell tossed passes for 17 and 12 yards to John Armstrong to key the drive. Cliff Belmer scored from a yard out with 4:26 to play in the third period.

"I don't think they would have scored then if the fumble had not given them field position," Holliman reasoned. "As it was, the defense forced them into two fourth down plays."

Ross took the following kickoff 64 yards in 15 plays, consuming nearly eight minutes of the clock, to score the clincher. McGilton's six-yard blast off blocks by Hutchings, Gysan, and Ruland came with 8:36 to go in the game.

The final Ross TD belonged to Jim Sherman. Taking over for Bates at tailback, Sherman picked up 40 yards in an eight-play, 58-yard Ross drive. A 25-yard gallop to the 10 by Sherman was the key play and a three-yard run capped the drive.

"We expected the fullback to run quite a lot," Mansfield coach Dave Pierce said, "but I didn't expect him to do that well. They have a couple of tacklers in there that really did a good job."

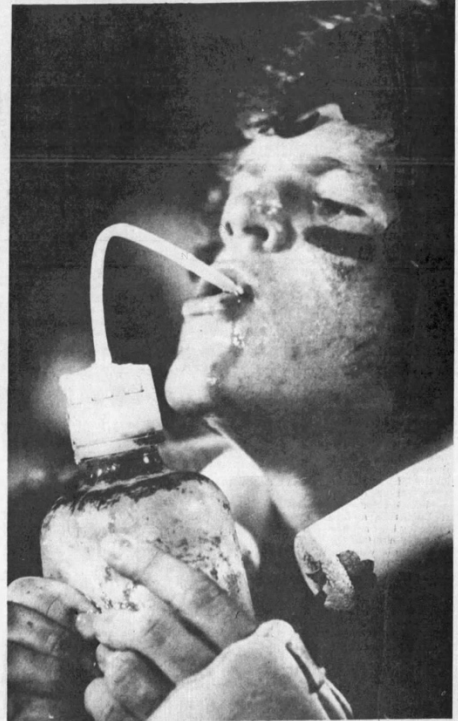
"We worked all week on the sweep; we didn't think our defense on the fullback would hurt us. I guess our kids just got a little too anxious," Pierce concluded.

ROSS NOTES — Ross gave up 131 total yards defensively, 85 on the ground with 53 of those coming in the first half.

Notable standouts on defense for Ross were tackles Jim Smith and Mike Clark and inside linebacker Mark Montgomery and Dave Zilles. Smith's sack of Powell caused a fumble that the 250-pound junior fell on, setting up the final score of the first half.

Zilles' extra point kick string ended at 10. He hit on after the first Ross score but missed after the last TD.

Ross had 310 yards rushing. The Little Giants' ball control offense had the ball for 28 minutes in the game.



MARK MONTGOMERY, above, takes a welcome drink of water between plays on the sidelines of the Ross-Mansfield game. Below, Jim Sherman of Ross is surrounded by three Tygers. Bob Watkins (86), and Brian Garberick (71), plus unidentifiable players make the tackle on Sherman. (News-Messenger photos by Pete Grob)



Noll still has respect for 0-2 Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers' Coach Chuck Noll, though he has a soft spot in his heart for his hometown of Cleveland, doesn't particularly like playing the Browns in cavernous Municipal Stadium.

One reason for that is Pittsburgh's lack of success in the lakefront park. In fact, a 26-16 victory by the Steelers here last season was Noll's first in Cleveland in six years of trying.

The Pittsburgh victory

also ended ten years of frustration at the Browns' home field. The Steelers also went on to beat the Browns in Pittsburgh for their first season sweep in the 26-year history of the series.

Despite Cleveland's 0-2 record this season, including last week's 42-10 bombing by Minnesota, Noll isn't going to shrug off Sunday's opponent.

"Nobody's driven the ball down their throats," the coach of the world champion Steelers said. "Cincinnati got a couple of quick ones (scores) and Cleveland should have won that game."

That remark was in reference to Cleveland's season-opening 24-17 loss at Cincinnati in which the Bengals got off to a 24-3 lead.

Noll noted his defense, burned badly by the Buffalo Bills and O.J. Simpson in last Sunday's 31-21 loss will have to work on containing Cleveland's elusive running back Greg Pruitt.

"They use Pruitt like St. Louis uses Terry Metcalf," Noll explained. "They move him around and try to get him the ball. He can break it most any time."

As for Cleveland's much-maligned defense, Noll pointed out the Steelers didn't rout the Browns in last year's games despite the fact that Pittsburgh went on to the National Football League title and Cleveland to a 4-10 record.

Pointing in particular to rookie defensive end Mack Mitchell and veteran defensive tackle Jerry Sherk, Noll said the Cleveland defense is competitive.

"Mack Mitchell is a young L.C. Greenwood (Pittsburgh defensive end). And once, against Minnesota, the Vikings wound up third and 30 on three straight plays by Sherk. I don't know how the hell it happened, but he is faster than he was," Noll added.

Top stars and brass in Stengel's funeral

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Former baseball stars and some of the game's top officials will be pallbearers when funeral services are held for Hall of Famer Casey Stengel on Monday.

Stengel, who managed the New York Yankees and the New York Mets, among other teams, died of cancer Monday at the age of 85. Eulogies will be offered by baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn and Rod Dedeaux, the University of Southern California

baseball coach who is a long-time Stengel friend. The pallbearers will be E.J. "Buzzie" Bavasi, Peter Bavasi, Gerry Coleman, Jocko Conlan, Bob Fishel, Whitley Ford, Don Grant, Babe Herman, George Kelly, Tom Lasorda, Joe McDonald, Lee MacPhail, Bill Martin, Harry Minor, Tom Morgan, Irv Noren, Arthur E. "Red" Patterson, Bob Scheffing, Ken Smith, Ray Smith, Chuck Stevens, Horace Stoneham, Dutch Zwilling and Maury Wills.

Services are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. at the Church of the Reconciliation, Forest Lawn, Glendale.

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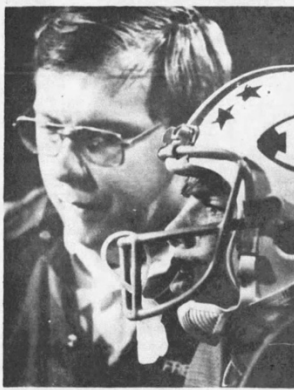
Vecek buys Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — Bill Vecek, who owned the Chicago White Sox from 1959 to 1961, has reached a tentative agreement to buy them back.

The agreement between Vecek and associates with owner John Allyn is contingent upon approval by other league owners and settlement of minor details, a club spokesman said Friday.

No price was disclosed, but Allyn's original asking price was around \$14 million and reportedly had dropped to between \$10 million and \$12 million.

It was a poorly-kept secret in recent days that Allyn was negotiating with Vecek, who rid himself of the team in 1961 because of poor health. Vecek has



PAT BELCH, right, talks with Ross coach Tom Holliman during a timeout in Ross' 35-8 win over Mansfield.

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Jim Hazzard in Ross lineup

Jim Hazzard will get his first start of the season tonight against unbeaten Elyria according to Ross coach Tom Hollman.

The Ross-Elyria game at Harmon Stadium is one of two games in the Buckeye Conference that pits unbeaten (in conference play) teams. Findlay and Lorain, both 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the BC, square off at the Trojans' home field.

Injured for the first five games, Hazzard will draw a starting job at outside linebacker. Last season, the 210-pounder was a stalwart at defensive tackle for the Little Giants.

The Hazzard assignment is the only major change in the Ross lineups. The other outside linebacker spot is the only questionable area with either Brad Bischoff or Rick Kusmer drawing the starting job. Both will probably see action at the position.

ELYRIA

Offense

Ends: Mike Browning, 12, 180, and Rafe Pouncy, 12, 210

Tackles: Steve Johnson, 11, 215, and George Cook, 11, 200

Guards: Mike Keech, 12, 180, or Matt Penfound, 12, 185, and Joe Szuets, 12, 210

Center: Mark Bursley, 12, 180

Quarterback: Chuck Buttle, 12, 180

Running backs: Hubert Oliver, 11, 175, John Gollmar, 11, 210, and Paul Sunagel, 12, 175, or Jerry Oliver, 11, 165

Defense

Ends: John Thrasher, 12, 205, and Billy Williams, 11, 190

Tackles: Jeff McCullough, 11, 175, and Cook

Middle guard: Hubert Oliver

Linebackers: Tom Hines, 12, 185, Oney Fitzpatrick, 12, 185, and Browning

Halfbacks: Rick Haury, 12, 170, and Mike Haury, 11, 175

Safety: Harvey Halliburton, 11, 180

ROSS

Offense

Ends: Kent Damschroder, 11, 175, and Scott Wetzel, 12, 160

Tackles: Frank Von Maluski, 12, 190, and Drew Clayton, 12, 225

Guards: Mark Gysan, 11, 180, and Tony Ruiz, 11, 190

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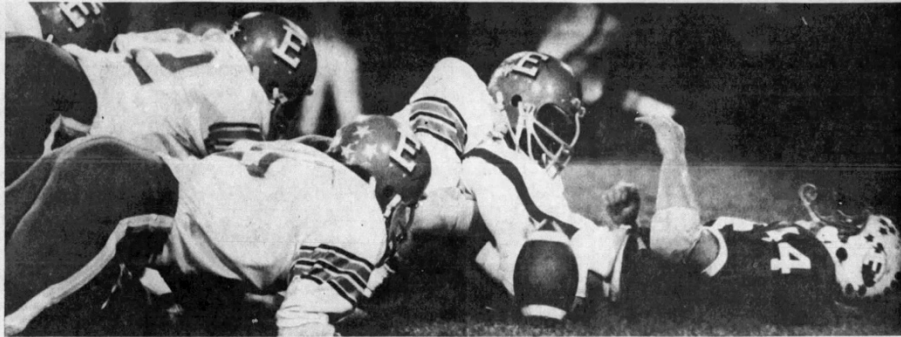
Outside linebackers: Jim Hazzard, 12, 210, and Brad Bischoff, 12, 180, or Rick Kusmer, 11, 180

Halfbacks: Liggins, and Dan DeLeon, 11, 140

Safety: Jim Sherman, 12, 175



DAVE LIGGINS, above, gets a breather during plays. The Little Giants senior caught a 10-yard pass from Pat Belch for the only points scored in Ross' 6-0 win over Elyria. At the right, 240-pound Mike Clark came up with the clutch defensive play when he sacked Elyria quarterback Chuck Buttle for a 10-yard loss late in the game. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)



THE BALL ROLLS FREE FROM MIKE MCGILTON'S (44) GRASP AS A WAVE OF ELYRIA TACKLERS ENGULF HIM BUT THE PLAY WAS DEAD

'Complete' Ross stuns Pioneers

By BOB MARKER

N-M Sports Editor

It took a complete game and a completion to put Ross on top of the Elyria Pioneers Friday night.

The Little Giants got the completion, a 10-yard scoring strike from Pat Belch to Dave Liggins with only 5:31 to play in the game to give Ross a hard fought 6-0 Buckeye Conference win.

The loss was the first in five games for Bill Barton's Pioneers and the first in conference play after two straight wins. Ross' win coupled with Findlay's 17-7 triumph over previously unbeaten Lorain, leaves a two-way tie for the BC lead with Ross and Findlay at 3-0.

"This was a complete ball game both offensively and defensively," Ross coach Tom Holman smiled as he patted his heart.

"The defense played 'real proud' and the offense executed real well, especially in the second half," the Ross mentor said. "I can't single out any one individual on offense — they all played well."

Ross mounted the scoring drive after taking an Elyria punt on their own 21. The drive started with 4:50 to play in the third period and culminated at the 5:31 mark of the final quarter.

During that 11 minute span, Ross ran off 19 plays, picked up a couple of fourth down first downs, capitalized on a couple of Pioneer penalties, and recovered from a delay of game penalty of their own.

Mike McGilton and Jim Sherman picked up two of three clutch first downs for the Little Giants during the 79-yard scoring match. An Elyria offside penalty accounted for one first down when Ross faced a fourth and one at the Elyria 37 on the first play of the final canto.

Three plays later, facing a third and nine after the Ross delay of game penalty, McGilton ambled up the middle on a draw play for eight yards. On the next play, the Ross fullback picked up the first down by the length of a football.

Four plays later, it was Sherman's turn. Taking over at tailback for Terry Bates after McGilton's first down run,

Sherman followed a Jerry Ruland block over right tackle for seven yards to the Pioneer 15. A trip off guard Mark Gysan's tail by Sherman put the ball at the 13.

McGilton was stopped cold by Hubert Oliver on the next play and left the Little Giants with a fourth and one at the 13. Sherman picked up the first down by inches as he punched through the left side of the Ross line behind blocks by tackle Drew Clayton, Gysan, and center John Hutchings.

McGilton lost one on the next play but Sherman battled to the 10 on a purely second effort run by the 175-pound senior. The next play was the jewel for Ross.

Belch rolled left and fired a short pass to Liggins who hauled it in at the five, picked up a block from Scott Witzel, and raced between two Elyria defenders for the TD.

"The ball was right there," Liggins said while holding up his hands in front of his chest in the locker room after the game. "All I had to do was catch it and do a little dance."

"Dave was the first person I looked at," Belch said as he talked about his TD pass.

While everyone at Harmon Stadium saw the touchdown play, Clayton did not.

"I lost both my contacts on the two previous plays," the 225-pound tackle explained. "When I looked up and sensed people jumping up and down around me, I figured we did something good."

That was the good, or rather, the best drive of the night for Ross. It was only the second time they had been in Pioneer territory. The first time came on the first series of the second half when Belch hit tight end Mark Montgomery for a 19-yard pass to the Elyria 47. Montgomery fumbled on the play, however, and Elyria's Rick Hoskins recovered.

The Little Giants' defense was nothing but tough.

The Purple and White "D" limited the Pioneers to 42 yards rushing in the first half and only six in the second half. In all, Ross came up with its best defensive effort of the season with only 65 total yards given up.

Liggins' pregame phone call

Dave Liggins had things on his mind before the Elyria game. The Ross senior had received a "mildly" threatening phone call.

"The operator said she had a call from Elyria for Dave Liggins," he recalled in the dressing room after the game. "Then somebody said 'You better not show up at tonight's game or we are going to get your (expletive deleted)'."

The call did not phase Liggins. He caught the winning touchdown pass to keep Ross unbeaten in the Buckeye Conference.

Familiar twosome

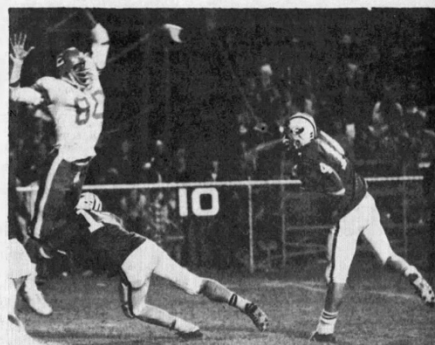
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — It was Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf again taking top honors at the Muirfield Village Memorial course Friday — this time in a \$1,000-a-hole exhibition with two other pro golfing greats.

Nicklaus and Weiskopf each pocketed \$8,000. Johnny Miller won \$5,000, while Lee Trevino was shut out.

win a hole. He came the closest on the 437-yard 18th when his bid for a birdie flipped the cup.



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BILLY WILLIAMS OF ELYRIA BLOCKS ROSS PASS
... Jim Sherman of Ross is blocker for quarterback Pat Belch

The defense, led by Montgomery, Dave Zilles, Tim Smith, and Mike Clark, stopped Elyria at the 22 in the first half and on the very last series of the game at the Ross 36 after the Pioneers had reached as deep as the Little Giants 17.

Mike Clark tackled Pioneer quarterback Chuck Buttle for a big 10 yard loss when the Pioneer faced a second and 19 at the Ross 25. The Pioneers had drives as far as the 17 with 50 seconds to play but a personal foul on tackle Ron Meilott set the Pioneers back to the 32 and put them into a hole.

Clark's tackle forced a desperation pass on fourth and 29 from the 36 but Buttle overthrew intended receiver Hubert Oliver.

For Ross defensive co-ordinator Pete Moore, the shutout was a sweet thrill. "We wanted that shutout," he said quietly. "We worked hard all week and it was a super effort."

"I know it's an old coaches' cliché but it was a total team effort tonight."

Elyria's defense was no pushover. The Pioneers gave up 92 yards rushing and another 46 through the airways.

Belch was the nemesis for the Pioneers. He picked up some key yardage on the option in the game and hit three of four passes. The TD pass was the third in two games against Elyria, counting last year's 14-0 Ross win.

The shutout was only the fourth since 1965 against Elyria. Ross has credit for three of those, including the last two years in a row.

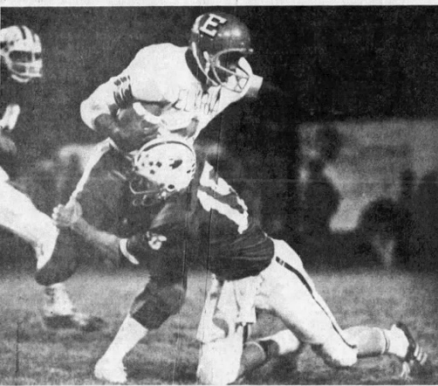
ROSS NOTES — Holman left himself open twice for some second guessing by the fans and himself. With Ross facing a fourth and inches on their own 39 shortly into the second quarter, the Ross mentor went for it but failed.

"We would have made it but we missed a block on the play," he said.

On the point after touchdown, instead of kicking, Ross went for two but failed.

"Zilles (Ross place kicker) had not practiced all week," he said. "He has a slight hamstring pull and it bothers him so we did not go for the kick."

McGilton was Ross' leading carrier with 45 yards on 17 carries. Bates had 31 on 14. Jerry Oliver led Elyria with 28 on 10 carries.



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'Big V' is Ross problem

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Elyria's offense was tough but then there is Lorain Senior and the "Big V."

If Ross fans want to see Ross' vaunted "4-4" defense meet a strong challenge, they better show up at Harmon Stadium for tonight's Buckeye Conference clash.

"It's going to be our toughest to date," Ross defensive coordinator Pete Moore said. "This week it will differ from Elyria because we knew Elyria was primarily a ground attack team but Lorain has a good rushing attack and a good passing attack."

Last year, Lorain stuck the Ross defense quickly, scoring the first time they had the ball. The Steelmen ran so well against Ross in that game that they scored 20 points (Ross allowed only 33 all season) but the Little Giants had 26 to win the contest.

"They figure they have a good blocking scheme against it (the 4-4 defense) because they play it also," Moore explained about Lorain. "It does give their offensive team a little advantage but we do give more 'looks' in the 4-4 than they do."

"In the long run it should help them," he admitted when talking about the mirror-like appearances of the Little Giants and Lorain defenses.

The shutout against Elyria was termed by Moore as "the best defensive effort we have had since I have been at Ross."

"We accomplished just about every defensive goal that we set out for us against Elyria," he said. "We had good gang tackling and we were really unloading on people for the first time this year."

Ross will have to "unload" on Virgil Williams (Lorain's Big V who averages over 150 rushing yards a game) and at the same time, keep control of fullback Jordon Fitzpatrick and quarterback Drew Parobek.

"We are very 'Virgil conscious'," Moore admitted "but you have to go along with what your scouting reports tell you and what you know — Virgil carries the ball or is somewhere near the ball 80-85 per cent of the time."

"Their fullback hurt us on the traps up the middle last year but we hope we have that whipped tonight. We have to respect the Lorain passing attack because they threw on the first series of plays last year."

Where will the pressure be on the Little Giants' defense.

"On the ends and outside linebackers," Moore pointed out. "We have been working doubly hard on them this week. The outside men have to keep Virgil inside."

"He is a good cut back runner," Moore pointed out, "but we hope our interior can handle him in there — we just have to keep him from getting outside."

Moore continued "Yeah, the defense is 'Virgil oriented' but we have not forgotten that they had good people at other 'skill' positions."

"As far as our defensive team — I think they remember last year and they want the shutout. They know that this game is more important than last week's game because it's the game right now."

Only time will tell if the Little Giants' "Big D" can stop Lorain's "Big V."

ROSS NOTES — Rick Kusmer will probably draw the starting fullback assignment. Regular starter Mike McGilton missed two days of practice because of a bad cold. McGilton will start at outside linebacker and will play the fullback spot at times, head coach Tom Hollman said.

Ross will enter the game with a healthy squad — the second week in a row that they have been able to do that.

Booster meetings

A door-to-door campaign will be conducted Saturday morning by the Clyde Junior High School Athletic Boosters Club in an attempt to get donations or people to become a booster member. Donations will be used for the athletic department.

The recent car wash was laimed a success. The next meeting will be held Nov. 13.

The Genoa Area Athletic Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday with head

Lorain Senior-Ross starting lineups

LORAIN SENIOR Offense

Ends: Fred Pagan, 12, 165, and Kevin Huff, 11, 240
Tackles: Ron McGillivray, 12, 185, and Dave Tisler, 12, 200, or John Profant, 11, 215
Guards: Dave O'Connor, 12, 210, and Russ Cambarare, 11, 145, or Wade LaForce, 12, 180

Center: Gregg Zelina, 12, 195

Quarterback: Drew Parobek, 12, 165

Running backs: Mark Maxwell, 12, 170, Jordon Fitzpatrick, 12, 210, and Virgil Williams, 12, 185

Defense

Ends: Tom Butti, 12, 160, and Dan Pufnock, 11, 165
Tackles: Profant and Tisler
Inside linebackers: Dave Presutto, 12, 160, and LaForce

Outside linebackers: Maxwell and Fitzpatrick

Halfbacks: Kevin Hill, 12, 170, and Terry Orr, 12, 175, or Steve Popovich, 11, 150
Safety: Tony Miller, 12, 165

ROSS Offense

Ends: Tom Anspach, 12, 185, and Scott Wetzell, 12, 160

Tackles: Drew Clayont, 12, 225, and Jerry Ruland, 12, 200, or Frank Von Maluski, 12, 190

Guards: Mark Gysan, 11, 180, and Tony Ruiz, 11, 190

Center: John Hutchings, 12, 200

Quarterback: Pat Belch, 12, 145

Running backs: Terry Bates, 11, 175, Brad Bischoff, 12, 180, Rick Kusmer, 11, 180

Defense

Ends: Tim Siels, 12, 175, and Victor Simms, 11, 180

Tackles: Mike Clark, 12, 240, and Jim Smith, 11, 250

Inside linebackers: Mark Montgomery, 12, 205, and Dave Zilles, 12, 200

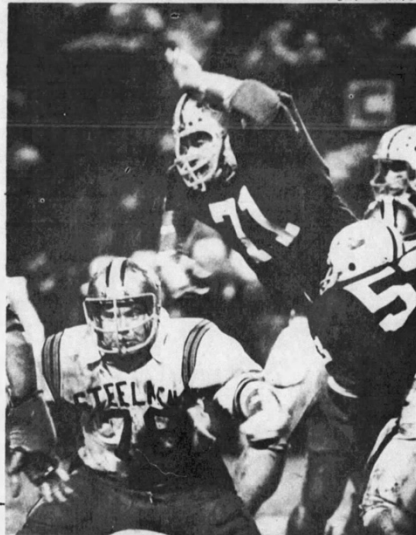
Outside linebackers: Mike McGilton, 12, 185, and Jim Hazzard, 12, 210

Halfbacks: Dave Liggins, 12, 185, and Dan DeLeon, 11, 140

Safety: Jim Sherman, 12, 175



THROUGH the rain, wind and mud, (left) it was clear sailing for Ross tailback Jim Sherman. With Pat Belch of Ross watching, Sherman bolted five yards for Ross' second touchdown with only 21 seconds to play in the first half. Mike McGilton of Ross, on the ground wearing the white helmet, threw a block wiping out two Lorain defenders to spring Sherman. At the right, Ross' Jim Smith (71) appears ready to deliver a karate chop to Steelmen lineman Ron McGilvray. Really, he was only after the ball carrier who is not in the picture. (News-Messenger photos by Pete Groh)



Ross slashes to 20-6 win over Steelmen

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor
It was billed as a Buckeye Conference football game and it was to be a top notch affair pitting Ross, 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the BC, against Lorain Senior, 5-1 and 2-1 in the BC.

Instead it should have been the Buckeye Conference swim meet. Better still, "mud meet" would have been more appropriate.

Under sheets of wind driven rain, Ross ripped through the Steelmen the first time they had the ball and systematically splashed out a 20-6 win, the only Lorain score coming against Ross' second team with 24 seconds to play in the game.

"The weather hampered both teams," Ross coach Tom Hollman said. "We felt that we could have passed more if the weather had been better."

Bolstering the fact was Ross' first play from scrimmage, a pass that fell incomplete in the mud at the sidelines. That was the only thing that Ross did wrong after taking the opening kickoff.

"We wanted the ball," Hollman said when questioned about why he did not elect to get the wind at his back in the first period. "I think that drive set the stage for the game the way we took it down and scored."

Rick Kusner was the man for Ross on the drive. The junior fullback who drew the starting assignment in place of Mike McGilton, carried nine times in the 14-play, 70-yard drive, for 42 yards, the last four for the score at the 6:12 mark of the initial stanza.

Terry Bates, who had picked up 22 yards on three carries in the drive, swept left end for the conversion points and Ross was on top 8-0.

The Bates-Kusner running back setup was one of two that Hollman used in the first half. Along with wingbacks Dave Liggins, Brad Blachoff, and Mike "Woody" Wright, the multiple Little Giants' running contingent had nine different players carrying the ball for 167 yards in the first 24 minutes of play.

The key drive for Ross and the back breaker for Lorain started with only 2:18 to play in the first half.

Taking over on their own 32 after the Ross defense held Lorain on downs, the Little Giants moved 68 yards on eight plays. Running mainly to the short side of the field where they could use the sidelines to stop the clock, Jim Sherman capped the drive with a five-yard scamper around left end off a block by McGilton which took out two Steelmen defenders.

Sherman carried four times in the drive for 29 yards while McGilton had three carries for 37 yards. The big play in the series was McGilton's 24-yard ramble to the Lorain five.

While Ross was gouging huge holes out of the mud, rain, and Steelmen defensive line, the Little Giants' defense was bending a little but not breaking in the soggy conditions.

Virgil Williams, Lorain's all-state tailback, could not break out of the clutches of the Ross front four and the linebacker crew. Quarterback Drew Parobek was



THIS WAS THE MOOD OF DRESS FOR FOOTBALL FANS FRIDAY NIGHT

Loyalty helped Ross fans but people had to be part duck to really enjoy the liquid moonbeams

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How the top 10 fared

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—How the top-rated Ohio high school football teams in The Associated Press poll fared Friday night:

- Class AAA**
1. Cincinnati Moeller, 7-0, beat Cincinnati Purcell 66-0.
 2. Warren Harding, 6-0, beat Cincinnati Tuffalo 22-0.
 3. Lakewood St. Edward, 7-0, beat Cincinnati Princeton 22-6.
 4. Newark, 7-0, beat Marietta 36-6.
 5. East Liverpool, 6-0, plays Dublin, Pa., Saturday.
 6. Friday, 7-0, beat Mansfield Senior 28-0.
 7. Zanesville, 6-0, tied with Upper Arlington 13-3.
 8. Upper Arlington, 5-1, tied with Zanesville 13-3.
 9. Kettering Alton, 6-0, plays Dayton Sivers-Patterson Saturday.
 10. Canton McKinley, 6-1, beat Canton Timken 12-7.
- Class AA**
1. Cleveland Holy Name, 5-0, plays Parma Padua Saturday.
 2. Circleville, 6-1, lost to Washington C.R. Miami Trace 14-0.
 3. New Lexington, 7-0, beat Circleville 14-6.
 4. Cincinnati Wyoming, 6-0, vs. North College Hill was postponed.
 5. Wheatonsville, 6-0, vs. Minster was postponed.
 6. Poland, 6-0, plays at Canton Lincoln Saturday.
 7. Ironton, 6-1, beat Waverly 6-0.
 8. Akron St. Vincent St. Mary, 5-1, plays at Warren Western Reserve Saturday.
 9. London, 7-0, beat Springfield Northeastern 28-0.
 10. Bellairs, 6-1, lost to North Canton Hoover 15-0.
- Class A**
1. Newark Catholic, 6-0, plays Pataakala Watkins Memorial Saturday.
 2. Canal Winchester, 7-0, beat Carroll 22-0.
 3. Burton Berkshire, 7-0, beat Cleveland Lutheran East 50-6.
 4. Cuyahoga, 7-0, beat North Hudson Crawford 14-0.
 5. Loudenville, 7-0, beat Fredericktown 22-6.
 6. New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Catholic, 5-1, plays Maumet Saturday.
 7. Salineville Southern, 6-1, beat Sebring 12-6.
 8. Middletown Fenwick, 4-2, vs. West Chester Lakota was postponed.
 9. (tie) Rockford Parkway, 5-1, vs. Marietta Stein Marion Local was postponed and Middletown Central, 6-1, beat Newburg 22-6.



Official
assignment:
keep the ball
upright

An official in the Ross-Lorain game was felled by the ball and the wind on a Ross kickoff. The unidentified official played good samaritan and stood in front of the ball trying to keep the wind from knocking it over. All was going well in the left photo but in the photo at the right, if you are a lip reader, then you can read a bit of disgust with the devilish wind and that ball which made a mockery of his help.



Colonels edge 76ers with big 3rd quarter

CINCINNATI (AP)—The Kentucky Colonels spotted the Philadelphia 76ers a 60-55 halftime lead before roaring back to outscore them 33-20 in the third period winning 112-110 Friday night.

"I thought," said Colonels Coach Hubert Brown who had words for the team at halftime. "We were exciting at times in the third quarter."

It was the first loss in six preseason games for the National Basketball Association 76ers led by George McGinnis with 25 points.

The victory was the third straight by the American Basketball Association Colonels over NBA in exhibition play at the new Cincinnati Coliseum.

McGinnis, formerly of the ABA Indianapolis team, had a 20 point first half but got only five in the second half after six-year veteran forward Wilbert Jones went to work on him.

"At halftime, our biggest complaint was our lack of aggressiveness," said Brown.

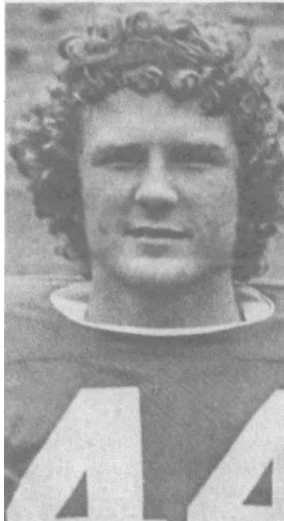
"That's our game but, in the third quarter, we played up on people, jammed 'em." In addition, the Colonels grabbed the lead back outscoring the 76ers 21-3 in the first five minutes of the period.

76ers Coach Gene Shue went to a smaller and quicker lineup which did not include McGinnis and took the lead back at 108-106 with 2:16 left on four straight foul shots by rookie guard Floyd Fee.

Veteran Kentucky guards Ted McClellan and Louis Dampier then took charge with three baskets between them while Philadelphia got only one more bucket.

"First of all, I am happy to get the appointment," Lynch said. "I've always enjoyed teaching and coaching at Gibsonburg and I am pleased with the interim arrangement."

"As far as this year, we will hold a team meeting on Oct. 31," the new coach said. "I think that we will be adequate team-wise this season."



MIKE MCGILTON

Emotions cause problems

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Emotions play a big part in high school football and Ross' visit tonight to the home of the Marion Harding Presidents will be another step in the emotional game.

Winners for only the second time in seven games last week, the Prexies received a big shot in the arm. A shot that could spell trouble for the Little Giants.

Ross Head Coach Tom Hollman goes along with the emotional game. Especially since the Prexies are coming off the 6-0 win over Admiral King.

"Oh, they will be emotional alright," he said but then offered what he felt was the key to the game. "We have to get to them quickly. Elyria did not and Marion only lost by 20-14; Findlay scored quick and really put it to them."

As far as the Little Giants, Hollman is optimistic. Instead of a letdown after two big Buckeye Conference wins, he figures his team is not looking ahead to

next week's clash with arch rival Findlay.

"We may have been guilty of that in the Marion-Franklin game when we had Elder next but this is the Buckeye Conference now and the team knows this is a 'must' game," Hollman pointed out.

What Hollman did not say to finish that statement was if Ross happens to fall victim to an upset tonight, the game with Findlay will have lost its importance.

"I just don't see any letdown," he concluded.

Ross will be without the services of Mike McGilton tonight. The linebacker/fullback suffered what has been diagnosed as a "mild" separation of his left shoulder. Any way you look at it, McGilton will not play tonight.

Rick Kusmer will get his second straight starting assignment at fullback while Jim Hazard and Brad Bischoff will be at the outside linebacker slots.

Those are the only changes in the Ross lineup.

Marion-Ross starting lineups

MARION Offense

Ends: Kevin Berry, 11, 140, and Steve Rodman, 12, 170

Tackles: Pete Mash, 12, 215, and Gene Truitt, 10, 195

Guards: Curt Gearhiser, 12, 180, and Gary Reed, 11, 200

Center: Mark Short, 12, 170
Quarterback: David Freese, 11, 150

Running backs: Darrell Middleton, 12, 225, Dave Salyer, 11, 150, and Ron Seckel, 12, 155

Defense

Ends: Tom Fees, 12, 160, and Dave Weiss, 10, 155
Tackles: Mash and Mike Moore, 12, 220

Middle guard: Middleton
Linebackers: Paul Hirneise, 12, 160, and Chris Cramer, 11, 210

Cornerbacks: John Burns, 11, 140, and Tim Burns, 12, 150
Halfbacks: Willie Brown, 10, 160, and Rick McDuffie, 10, 150

ROSS Offense

Ends: Tom Anspach, 12, 185, and Scott Wetzel, 12, 160

Tackles: Drew Clayton, 12, 225, and Jerry Ruland, 12, 200

Guards: Mark Gysan, 11, 180, and Tony Ruiz, 11, 190

Center: John Hutchings, 12, 200
Quarterback: Pat Belch, 12, 145

Running backs: Rick Kusmer, 11, 180, Terry Bates, 11, 170, and Dave Liggins, 12, 180

Defense

Ends: Tim Siels, 12, 175, and Victor Simms, 11, 180

Tackles: Mike Clark, 12, 240, and Jim Smith, 11, 250

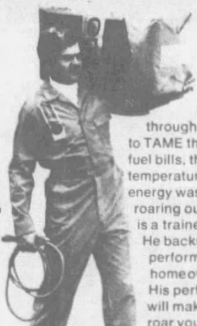
Inside Linebackers: Mark Montgomery, 12, 205, and Dave Zilles, 12, 200

Outside linebackers: Brad Bischoff, 12, 180, and Jim Hazzard, 12, 210

Halfbacks: Liggins and Dan DeLeon, 11, 140

Safety: Jim Sherman, 12, 175

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Defense, Hicks' toe key to Ross victory

By BOB MARKER

N-M Sports Editor

MARION — Ross combined a stingy defense with the talented toe of Mark Hicks to trip a stubborn Marion Harding team 13-0, Friday night.

Ross scored on the first series of plays after the opening kickoff and again in the third quarter after getting field position on a short President punt. The win set up the Buckeye Conference "showdown" game with unbeaten Findlay next Friday night in the home of the Little Giants.

Findlay handed Elyria its third straight loss 7-0 to run its record to 8-0 and 5-0 in the BC. Ross is now 6-1-1 and 5-0 in the conference.

The win over Marion may prove to be costly for Ross, however. Fullback Rick Kusmer received a bruised back just before halftime and had to be assisted from the field. His status for next week's game is doubtful.

Center John Hutchings also suffered a slight back injury in the fourth period but was able to return to the game. Guard Mark Gysan injured an ankle during the first half and did not play during the second half.

Offensively, Ross managed 202 yards but at best, the offense performed like a sputtering engine. Outside of

the opening drive, the Little Giants' offense was anemic.

"I bet you thought we were going to blow them off the field after that first drive," smiled head coach Tom Hollman but he appeared relieved that the game was over.

"There is a lot to be said for emotions in football," Hollman continued. "I told the kids all week that this was an emotional game. . . . Marion was ready to play the game and they stayed with us."

Marion coach Jack Hecker was surprised with the showing of his team. "It surprised me that we did not fold after Ross scored so quickly."

"It's happened before and their heads would drop and the other team would have it made. Tonight when Ross scored, our kids' heads seemed to come up."

The heads of Marion came up on defense but the President's heads on offense were continually being batted into the dirt by the Ross defense.

"I think we played a super game defensively," Ross defensive coordinator Pete Moore expressed. "This was definitely the best outside containment that we have had."

Ross, with the front four of tackles Jim Smith and Mike Clark, ends Tim Seils, Vic Simms, and Hicks, with help from linebackers Mark Montgomery, Dave

Zilles, Brad Bischoff, and Jim Hazzard, threw President runners for 40 yards in losses while giving up a net rushing total of 45 yards.

In all, the Little Giants' "D" had only 80 yards picked up against them. Maurice Spaulding pulled off the only interception of the game as Ross shut off the air routes.

Ross scored all the points they needed when Terry Bates swept over right tackle from 10 yards out for the opening six-pointer with 8:12 to play in the first period. The scoring play capped an eight-play, 68-yard drive.

Kusmer gained 40 of the yards with one, a dash for 29 yards to the Marion 14. The key play though, was a 13-yard pass from Pat Belch to Dave Liggins on a third and 11 play from the Little Giants 44.

"That was the play that really hurt us," Hecker moaned.

That play hurt but it was the booming punts off the toe of Hicks that kept the Presidents in the hole. Hicks belted five punts for 56, 48, 54, a whopping 65, and 36 yards for a 51.8 average. His punts were so high that they threatened to bring rain and the height took away any hopes of a Marion return.

Ross scored the insurance touchdown in the third period after a Marion punt by Paul Hirneise was

partially blocked by Bischoff. The ball traveled only 13 yards and went out of bounds on the Presidents' 31.

Five plays later, fullback Paul Batesole plowed in from five yards out for the TD. The play came off the "stack-1" formation that Ross used for the first time this season.

"We were a little worried about scoring from in close because we had trouble against Lorain," Hollman explained. "This formation gives you a little better blocking."

The formation had three running backs lined up behind the quarterback. On the scoring play, Zilles, who saw action in the offensive backfield for the first time this season, threw the key block to get Batesole into pay dirt.

Batesole gained 44 yards in the second half after taking over for the injured Kusmer. Before he left in the first half, Kusmer had rolled up 77 yards on 11 carries to lead all rushers.

Marion's deepest penetration was to the Ross 15 after linebacker Pat Howell recovered a Kusmer fumble in the second period. Ross got the ball back two plays later when President fullback Darrell Middleton fumbled at the 15 and Smith wrapped himself around the ball.



MARK HICKS
... 51.8 average

Genoa clinches tie for SLL gridiron crown Comets pull away in 2nd half

By JERRY ROSEN

News-Messenger Staff Writer

GIBSONBURG — SLL teams have been able to slow the Genoa juggernaut, but none has been able to stop it.

Even a team as fired up as Gibsonburg was last night could manage to contain the Comet machine for only a half before the inevitable happened.

The inevitable struck with the speed of a laser as Alfredo Lozoya took a handoff on the second play of the second half and smoked 68 yards for a touchdown. It broke the Golden Bears, who had held Genoa to a 7-0 halftime score, and opened the floodgates for a 31-0 Comet

said a disappointed Bob Ritley. "They execute well."

"We made some big defensive plays, but we broke down at bad times."

Forced to throw, sophomore quarterback Mark Egbert found himself at the mercy of a hard-charging Genoa front four. When the forward wall wasn't sacking him, the Comet backs were picking off his aeriels. It was on one such interception that Lozoya was kayoed.

Russ Hahn picked off Egbert's long pass to Matt Kohler, and immediately pitched back to Lozoya. Lozoya set sail for the far sideline. When he turned to catch back to Matthews, a Golden Bear

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Findlay-Ross starting lineups

ROSS Offense

Ends: Tom Anspach, 12, 185, and Scott Wetzell, 12, 160

Tackles: Drew Clayton, 12, 225, and Jerry Ruland, 12, 200, or Frank Von Maluski, 12, 195

Guards: Tony Ruiz, 11, 190, and Mark Gysan, 11, 185, or Roy Almaguer, 12, 160

Center: John Hutchings, 12, 200

Quarterback: Pat Belch, 12, 145

Running backs: Mike McGilton, 12, 185, and Terry Bates, 11, 170

Wingback: Dave Liggins, 12, 180

Defense

Ends: Tim Seils, 12, 175, and Mark Hicks, 12, 185

Tackles: Jim Smith, 11, 250, and Mike Clark, 12, 240

Inside linebackers: Mark Montgomery, 12, 205, and Dave Zilles, 12, 200, or Bruce Levenson, 12, 175

Outside linebackers: Brad Bischoff, 12, 185, and Maurice Spaulding, 12, 185, or Jim Hazzard, 12, 210

Halfbacks: Dan DeLeon, 11, 140, and Liggins

Safety: Jim Sherman, 12, 175

FINDLAY Offense

Ends: Randy Langenderfer, 12, 195, and Jon Graham, 12, 170

Tackles: John Schober, 12, 240, and Alan LaForrest, 11, 245

Guards: Bob Lambert, 12, 190, and Bob Cook, 12, 190

Center: Jeff Whithause, 11, 165, or Mark Wonus, 12, 175

Quarterback: Dave Wilson, 12, 170

Running backs: Junior Saldana, 12, 190, and Andy Schramm, 11, 215

Wingback: Tom Jones, 12, 185

Defense

Ends: Tim Dillon, 11, 215, and Chuck Cook, 12, 170

Tackles: Doug Wymer, 12, 235, and Jerry Campbell, 12, 195

Inside linebackers: Paul Street, 12, 195, and Dave Elderbrock, 11, 170

Outside linebackers: Tim Bell, 12, 185, and Jeff Babb, 11, 170

Halfbacks: Craig Core, 12, 165, and Tom Tesnow, 12, 170

Safety: Danny Martinez, 11, 150

Four breaks give Findlay 22-13 victory

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Ross got the first break but Findlay carried the next four to hand Ross a 22-13 setback in what was termed the Trojans' biggest game in the 75-year history of the school.

Ross bolted out to a 7-0 lead in the first period but the Trojans scored two touchdowns in less than a minute in the second quarter to take a 15-7 halftime lead.

Findlay recovered an "unintentional" onside kick at the Ross 49 beginning the second half and scored in 10 plays for a 22-7 lead. That was the longest scoring

effort by the Trojans in the game. All three came after taking over the ball in Ross territory due to a Little Giants' misue.

Another Ross fumble killed a drive at the Findlay 34 midway through the second period. With that fumble, the momentum swung toward Findlay and Ross had to scratch for their lives the rest of the half.

Findlay had the jitters in the first quarter and one-half and it cost them. Ross' Mark Hicks, with a strong wind at his back, punted 46 yards to the Findlay one where the ball was killed by Dave Zilles, setting up the initial score of the game.

On the first play, Findlay fullback Junior Sladana fumbled and Zilles came up with the pigskin at the two. Ross fullback Mike McGilton, playing with slightly separated left shoulder, plunged to the one and quarterback Pat Belch took it on a sneak. Zilles' kick made it 7-0 Ross with 5:30 to play in the first period.

The Little Giants, with some clutch play by defensive ends Tim Seils, Brent Borden, and Hicks, stopped Findlay on the next series and took over at the Ross 31.

Sherman and McGilton lugged the ball to the Findlay 34 as the Little Giants appeared on the way to taking complete control of the game but a handoff from Belch to Dave Liggins on a counter play got loose and Trojan tackle Doug Wymer came up with the ball.

Findlay did not score on the series but the momentum took its turn toward Ross at this point.

After an exchange of punts, Ross took over at their own 18 but could not move. Punting into the wind that had been a friend on his first punt, Hicks was rushed and got off a high punt that traveled only nine yards to the Little Giants' 26.

That was Findlay break number one.

Ross' stone wall defense failed to budge on a pass and run when Dan DeLeon pulled in a Dave Wilson pass at the goal line and the Little Giants seemingly had the threat stopped. Enter break number two.

DeLeon was called for interference on the play and the 15-yard penalty put the ball on the Ross 14. On the next play, Andy Schramm, Findlay's 215-pound bruiser tailback, took the handoff on a "misdirection" play and bulled his way into the end zone with only 1:37 on the clock.

Setting up for point after kick, Findlay holder Wilson sprinted out to the right and hit wingback Tom

Jones all alone in the end zone for two points and an 8-6 lead for the Trojans.

On the kickoff, Ross was called for clipping on a ball that went into the end zone. Starting from the 10, Terry Bates picked up three but the third break came when McGilton fumbled on the next play and Findlay's Paul Street got it at the 17.

Schramm, who rushed for 112 yards on 27 carries to push his season total to 1,017 yards, picked up 13 on the same criss-cross play that he had scored on earlier. Wilson rolled to the right and edged into the end zone for the TD with :58 to go. Greg Mathias booted the extra point for the 15-7 halftime lead.

The fourth break was on the opening second half kickoff by Mathias. The ball hit at the Ross 40, bounced back upfield and was covered by the Trojans' Danny Martinez at the Little Giants' 49.

Wilson hit Jon Graham in the end zone from seven yards out for the TD at the 7:01 mark of the quarter. Schramm had galloped for 17 yards on a third and two at the Ross 42 for one of two key plays. Wilson carried six yards to the Ross 11 on a third and two at the 18 on the other.

Ross mounted its second scoring drive on the next kickoff. Starting at the 26, Ross marched 74 yards in 16 plays, Belch sneaking in from the one four seconds into the final stanza.

Belch hit on three passes in the drive. Tom Anspach hauled down one for 12 yards with Dave Liggins taking the other two for seven and nine yards. Two came on clutch third down plays.

Sherman's nine yard run to the one set up Belch's sneak. The try for the two-point conversion was stopped on Tim Dillon's shoestring tackle on McGilton.

Ross held Findlay at their 25 but Schramm jammed a punt 65 yards with the wind to the Ross 15. On the first play, Brad Bischoff bobbled a handoff and Wymer had the ball.

The Findlay drive stalled at the two but Ross was forced to punt. Hicks' 40-yarder got the Little Giants out of the hole but after a Schramm punt, Ross failed on a fourth and four at the 27 with 2:22 to go in the game and Findlay took over.

The Trojans forced Ross into using timeouts as they mounted a drive that stalled on the eight but the game was over and the Trojans had the biggest win of its history.



PAT BELCH OF ROSS IS ON HIS HEAD AFTER A FIVE-YARD GAIN IN FIRST QUARTER ACTION

Hollman: 'We will finish strong'

The dark cloud of gloom hung over the Ross locker room so thickly, that you could have cut it with a knife. There wasn't a dry eye in the place.

"Ross' hopes for a fourth straight Buckeye Conference crown had been dashed by an aroused Findlay Trojans team. That BC crown, at least half of it, will be worn by the Trojans and a win over Admiral King next week will give the Trojans their first undisputed title ever."

Ross Head Coach Tom Hollman was stunned. He walked around the dressing room alternately shaking an assistant coach's hand, patting a player on the back, or offering words of consolation to the Little Giant players.

"The breaks gave it to them," he finally said after considerable thought. "Yeah, they are a fine team but..."

"His voice trailed off as he continued to replay the game. "We worked on that play all week," he said while referring to the second half kickoff "floater" that floated into Findlay's Danny Martinez's hands, setting up the third Trojans' TD.

"If that ball would have been ours, we would have scored from midfield," he calmly assessed. The ball, traveled the required 10 yards on the kickoff by only the length of its stretched pigskin.

Hollman was asked about the criss-cross type of play that continually sprung Findlay's Andy Schramm into the open. "They ran it three times against Elyria and it was going for them tonight."

"That's really the only play that worked for them but they are strong up front and it worked well."

Hollman could not stop thinking about the breaks. "That pass interference call and then the 15-yard penalty — we had three 15-yards in a row I think — and then that second half kickoff killed us."

On the fake kick after the

first Findlay TD. Hollman said, "We know they were going to do it. We had guys back there who are supposed to watch that type of play — it was just a mental lapse on our part."

The tired looking Little Giants' coach continued, "They are a good ball club. I don't want to be singing the blues but we did have several kids playing with pain."

"They really played

hard for us and you have to be proud of them," he said and then added, "I think our kids showed a lot of character coming back for the touchdown after the second half kickoff."

What's next for Ross? "We are going to finish up strong," Hollman said. "We are going to finish strong and be proud."

His voice trailed off as he dropped into deep thought, "I still feel we can play

with anyone in the state."

ROSS NOTES — Mike McGilton led Ross runners with 89 yards on 21 carries. Sherman had 71 on 12 carries.

The loss breaks a 13-game Buckeye Conference unbeaten streak by Ross. The last BC loss was to Findlay 28-20 in 1973.

Findlay did not have a penalty during the entire game.



ANDY SCHRAMM, top photo, picks up yardage. Mark Montgomery (88) of Ross and Mark Hicks (67) close in for tackle. At the bottom, one of four Ross fumbles. Drew Clayton (76) of Ross watches Findlay's Doug Wymer go for ball.

By ROY WILHELM
N-M Managing Editor

"They've got a heck of a ball club. I wouldn't want to have to play them every week."

What sounds like the post game sighs of a losing football coach was really the generous praise of the victor in Friday's Buckeye Conference showdown.

Bill Jones, head coach of the victorious Findlay Trojans, had escaped Harmon Stadium with a 22-13 victory over the Ross High Little Giants and he was both happy and relieved the showdown was over.

"They definitely are the best we've seen this year," Jones said of the Ross crew which fell victim to its own mistakes and a strong performance by the powerful Trojans.

Breaks really determined almost all of the scoring and the wind was really a big factor tonight," said the man who had played that wind just right to break open the contest.

Clinging to an uncertain 15-7 halftime lead, Jones had decided to kick against the wind in the second half with two thoughts in mind.

Primarily, Jones wanted the Trojans to have the strong breeze at their backs in the crucial fourth quarter, but he also had a glimmer of hope that a break might go the Trojans' way.

Jones ordered his kicker to lay the football flat instead of teeing it up. The result when the ball is lifted upward is a floating boot that is hard for the receiving team to handle, especially when the kick is into a strong wind.

"We have recovered three of those this year. The wind was a factor and I thought we might get lucky."

The Trojans did just that. The second half kick-



FINDLAY COACH BILL JONES POINTS OUT A FACT

... Trojans' receiver Jon Graham listens (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)

off sailed about 20 yards down field and took a crazy hop straight back toward the oncoming Findlay

kickoff team. It was no contest. Findlay players swarmed around the loose pigskin at the Little Giants' 49 yard line.

From there, the Trojans marched in for the crucial score that really put the pressure on the Little Giants.

"I'm sure that onside kick was the biggest turning point of the game," Jones said, but he spoke of several other key occasions.

Particularly important to the Trojans was that they didn't let down when Ross seemed to be taking control early in the game.

Ross recovered a Findlay fumble on the Trojans' two yard line early in the game and pushed across a touchdown. The Giants then were marching toward another score when a muffed handoff gave the

ball back to the Trojans, whose spirits immediately lifted.

What did the Trojans' do after that early score?

"Surprisingly, the kids just said 'we have to get going' and didn't give up. We don't have the kind of kids that are going to give up," Jones said.

That first touchdown looked mighty big for a while because pregame forecasts had signaled a low scoring game.

Jones admitted he didn't expect the score to get as high as it did and he proved that after the Trojans scored their first touchdown.

Using a play that had just been inserted into their repertoire this week, the Trojans faked a kick for the extra point and passed for two points and an 8-7 lead.

"That's the first time we haven't kicked this year," Jones said. And, referring to the possibility of a low-scoring game, he added, "You never know, you

have to take it when you can get it." He then offered another thought. "They (Ross) weren't expecting it at that stage of the game."

Ironically, the Little Giants' aggressive defense worked against them somewhat Friday night.

"Their defense was flowing so fast that we had to counter," Jones said of the Ross defenders. "Andy (Schramm) is a big strong runner and if he gets a seam, he's going to go." Schramm hurt the Giants with his fine running on the counter plays, piling up 112 yards to go over the 1,000 yard mark for the Trojans.

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Ross-Sandusky lineups

SANDUSKY

Offense

Ends: Scott Fisher, 12, 200 and Tim Kaser, 12, 205

Tackles: George Hoehne, 12, 230, and Luther Henson, 11, 220, or Toby Whinnery, 12, 210

Guards: Jim Lewis, 12, 200, and Jim Deal, 11, 170



Center: Craig Farrar, 12, 190
Quarterback: Dale Schnittker, 12, 185

Running backs: Wavie Jones, 12, 175, Jeff Walters, 11, 190, and Tyrus Tucker, 10, 175

Defense

Ends: Kaser and Fisher
Tackles: Henson and Marty Sekeres, 12, 230

Middle guard: Tony Jones, 11, 160

Linebacker: Bob Nielsen, 12, 190, Mark Krause, 11, 175

Monster: Chuck Capizzi, 11, 170

Halfbacks: Dwayne Lash, 11, 145, Tony Crosby, 12, 160

ROSS

Offense

Ends: Tom Anspach, 12, 185, and Scott Wetzel, 12, 160

Tackles: Drew Clayton, 12, 225, and Jerry Ruland, 12, 195

Guards: Tony Ruiz, 11, 190, and Mark Gysan, 11, 185

Center: John Hutchings, 12, 200

Quarterback: Pat Belch, 12, 145

Running backs: Mike McGilton, 12, 185, Terry Bates, 11, 170, Dave Liggins, 12, 180

Defense

Ends: Mark Hicks, 12, 185, and Tim Seils, 12, 175, or Vic Simms, 11, 185

Tackles: Jim Hazzard, 12, 210, and Mike Clark, 12, 240

Inside linebackers: Mark Montgomery, 12, 205, and Dave Zilles, 12, 200, or Bruce Levenson, 12, 180

Outside linebackers: Brad Bischoff, 12, 180, Maurice Spaulding, 12, 175

Halfbacks: Liggins, and Dan DeLeon, 11, 140

Safety: Jim Sherman, 12, 175

Blue Streaks jolt Ross 7-6 in finale

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor
SANDUSKY — With one 15-yard pass, Sandusky finished 10-0 this football season.

Impossible.
No. The Blue Streaks finished 10-0 but it was, admittedly by coach Jim Colwell, in feelings only.
Tony Lang cradled a perfectly thrown spiral from Dale Schnittker deep in the right corner of the end zone to pull the Blue Streaks even at 6-6 in the final quarter season finale for both Buckeye Conference teams.

Davin Watson, who had missed on field goal attempts from 42 and 45 yards in the first half, split the uprights in the face of a stiff wind for the extra point to hand Ross a 7-6 loss.

The Blue Streak win ended a four-year domination by Ross and handed Ross coach Tom Holliman his worst season ever as a coach at 6-3-1.

"I told the kids at the beginning of the week," a

drenched Colwell said in a noisy Sandusky locker room after the game, "that if we got this one, it will be just like finishing 10-0."

Colwell got that feeling but the blue Streaks actually finished 4-4-2 overall and 4-2-1 in the BC.

"These kids did a hell of a job," Colwell yelled while explaining his biggest win as the Sandusky head man.

For Ross, the effort was there but the big play was not. A couple of breaks kept Sandusky out of scoring reach in the first half but two dropped passes kept the Little Giants out of the end zone on two other occasions.

A fumble by Schnittker cost the Blue Streaks on the first series of plays at the Ross 33. Colvin's field goal with a helping wind was off to the right from 42 yards out three plays later.

Another fumble by Schnittker stopped a Blue Streak drive at the 26. Colvin's 45-yard field goal attempt was once again off to the right two plays after that.

Taking over again on the Ross 32 when Jeff Bahnsen

recovered a Jim Sherman fumble, the Blue Streaks were stopped at the 11 when Schnittker rolled right on a fake field goal attempt.

Ross mounted its scoring drive on the next series. Taking over at the 11, Terry Bates rushed for 64 yards to lead the eight-play, 89-yard drive. Mike McGilton scored from the one with 1:07 in the half.

Mike McCoy was wide to the left on the extra kick. It was the first attempt this season for the Ross senior. Regular kicker Dave Zilles was on the sidelines nursing a sore leg and McCoy was inserted in his place.

Bates, a junior tailback, carried four times for 10, 32, 4, and 18 yards in the drive. He ended up with 135 yards in 19 carries for the night.

The Little Giants missed a golden opportunity in the third period to get a little breathing room. Facing a fourth goal at the Sandusky five toward the end of the third period, quarterback Pat Beich faded to the right and fired a pass into the end zone.

The well thrown ball hit tight end Tom Anspach in the stomach but popped out and Sandusky had a new life.

Ross had marched from their own 20 in the drive which was aided by a 15-yard penalty against Sandusky on a Ross punt. The holding infraction set Ross up at the Little Giant 45 and Bates and McGilton carried the ball to the five before the ball got away in the end zone.

Another pass slithered away from the unfortunate Ross tight end early in the fourth period when he had sneaked in behind the Blue Streak secondary.

Holliman was nearly speechless after the game. He praised the Sandusky effort and especially that of middle guard Tony Jones who was a constant thorn in the Little Giants side all night.

"We had to double team him a lot because he was so quick," Holliman said. "Toward the end of the game, though, I felt that we were giving Beich good

protection. We just had too many dropped passes and we just could not come up with the big play when we needed it, Sandusky did, though."

Holliman continued, "I thought our kids played a fine game but it just wasn't there. We had too many missed tackles and it just wasn't there."

Sandusky's scoring drive was their only serious threat of the second half. Taking over on their own 20 after a Mark Hicks' punt sailed 49 yards out of the end zone, the Blue Streaks marched the 80 yards in 10 plays.

Schnittker completed two key third down passes to Mike Colvin and Wavie Jones rambled 31 yards to the Ross 35 to pace the drive. Schnittker's second strike to Colvin came on a third and 13 and put Sandusky on the Ross 22.

The pass to Lang topped off the drive and as it turned out, topped off the Blue Streak season.

Ross mounted a drive that was doomed to failure after the Blue Streak kickoff. Sherman returned to the Ross 28 and on two carries, Bates moved the ball to midfield. Another Bates ramble put the ball at the Sandusky 45 but a clipping penalty moved the ball back to the Ross 41 and killed the drive.

Sandusky was unable to move and Ross took over again after a Schnittker punt at the Ross 47. Bates rambled 12 to the Sandusky 41 and Belch hit Scott Wetzel for 12 more to the 29. The drive ended at the 23 four plays later as three passes missed their mark, one was knocked down at the five by Schnittker, and a running play.

Sandusky ran out the clock after that and the Blue Streaks had that one game that made a 10-0 season.

NOTES — Wavie Jones was the leading ball carrier for Sandusky with 75 yards on 15 carries. Schnittker added 50 and Jeff Walters 41.

McGilton had 66 to go with Bates' 135. Beich was two of 10 for 25 yards and Schnittker four of 11 for 37 yards.



Sports in Brief

By The Associated Press

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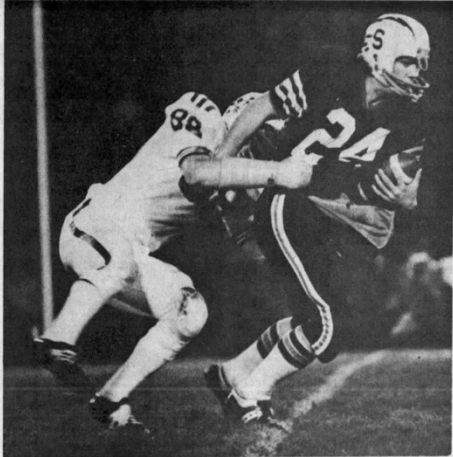
NEW YORK — The New York Rangers acquired high-scoring center Phil Esposito and defenseman Carol Vadnais from the Boston Bruins in return for all-star defenseman Brad Park, center Jean Ratelle and minor league defenseman Joe Zanussi.

TENNIS

PARIS — Evonne Goolagong of Australia was upset 6-2, 7-5 by Sue Barker in the quarterfinal round of the French Women's Tennis Tournament.

BASKETBALL

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Portland Trailblazers of the National Basketball Association placed forward Greg Smith on waivers and activated rookie guard Lionel



TERRY BATES (22), top left, cuts inside a block by Mike McGilton while picking up yardage in the first half. At right, Sandusky's Wavie Jones (44) bobbles a pitchout as Marl Hicks (67) of Ross moves in for the stop. At the bottom left, Sandusky quarterback Dale Schnittker (24) slips out of the grasp of Ross linebacker Mark Montgomery in first quarter play. (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)

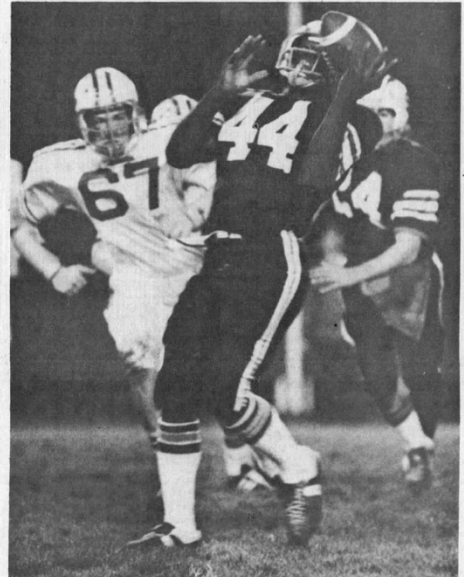
Ross stats

Sandusky 7, Ross 6
Score by quarters
Ross 0 0 0 6
Sandusky 0 0 0 7-7

Statistics

	R	S
FIRST DOWNS	15	13
Rushing	11	8
Passing	2	4
By penalty	2	1
PASSES ATTEMPTED	10	11
Completed	2	7
Had intercepted	0	0
NET YARDS GAINED	230	203
Rushing	155	196
Passing	25	37
FUMBLES	1	3
Ball lost	1	0
PENALTIES	4	2
Yards penalized	40	50
PUNTS	4	3
Average	38.0	35.0

Scoring
Ross: Mike McGilton, one-yard run (kick failed) 1:07, second quarter.
Sandusky: Tony Lang, 15-yard pass from Dale Schnittker (Davin Watson kick) 5:55, fourth quarter.



Grammas won't copy former boss

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Alex Grammas has accepted the considerable challenge of reviving the Milwaukee Brewers.

His gray-flecked hair neatly trimmed, the business graduate of Mississippi State University spoke of organization, motivation and leadership as components in his blueprint to redirect the team that finished fifth, 28 games out of first place, in the American League East.

"Everybody gets a fresh start the first day of spring training. I don't know what the problems were here, but I'm confident this ball club can improve," said Grammas, 48, who agreed to a three-year contract Friday.

He stressed the human element. Self-assured and smiling easily, he said patience, teaching and com-

world champion Cincinnati Reds. He wants to emulate the traits of one of the most successful leaders in contemporary sports, but made it plain he will be Alex Grammas, not Sparky Anderson when he manages the Brewers.

"No one can completely copy another man because you've got to be yourself, but certainly the six years I've had with Sparky Anderson have got to be an advantage," he said. "If you can emulate him in any respect, it's got to be a plus."

"I like things organized, thought out," he said. "I like to know where I'm going at all times, or else I get very upset. Sparky used to get upset with me because I'm that way. He would ad lib all the time, but I'm not that way. I like to think a situation out ahead of time."

"I'm very optimistic," he said. "I know no miracles

11 Ross Little Giants on All-BC teams

Findlay dominates special selections

Fremont Ross and Findlay dominated the All-Buckeye Conference coaches' "dream teams." In a ballot of the coaches, Ross placed 11 players on the first or second team offensive and defensive units while Findlay, the Buckeye Conference champ, placed 10 on the teams.

Lorain, who finished in a tie for second spot in the conference standings, and Sandusky, had seven players on the teams with Marion Harding, Mansfield, and Elyria placing three apiece. Admiral King had two.

While Ross had the most players on the two squads, Findlay dominated the special selections. Trojan coach Bill Jones hauled down the conference's "coach of the year" honors for the second time in three years. Now in his third year at Findlay, Jones guided his team to its first perfect record at 10-0, the BC title, and a spot in the state high school playoffs. In his three years at the Trojan coach, Jones has a 24-6 mark.

The "lineman of the year" award went to Findlay's Doug Wymer, a senior, 6-3, 235-pound defensive tackle. The Trojans also had Greg Mathias, the BC's "kicker of the year."

Virgil Williams of Lorain was named the conference's "back of the year." The Steelmen speedster

rushed for 1,256 yards on 278 attempts and scored 14 TDs this season.

Ross placed guard Mark Gysan, one of three juniors, on the first team of offense. Joining Gysan was fullback Mike McGilton.

On the second team offensive unit, Ross had Pat Belch, last year's first team quarterback, at the signal calling spot. Belch was the only Little Giant on the second unit.

Lorain had four men on the first team offense with Findlay getting three. Two of Findlay's first team selections were juniors tackle Alan LaForrest, and running back Andy Schramm.

Defensively, Ross had four players on the first team and three on the second squad. Getting first team nods were 240-pound tackle Mike Clark, linebacker Mark Montgomery, and defensive halfbacks Dave Liggins and Jim Sherman. All four are seniors.

On the second team, Ross had linebacker Brad Bischoff, end Tim Seils, both seniors, and junior 245-pound defensive tackle Jim Smith.

Mark Hicks, who carried a 40.6 punting average, was the loop's "punter of the year."

Out of the 44 positions on the team that the coaches picked, 13 of the spots were filled by juniors, the rest by seniors.



MARK GYSAN



PAT BELCH



MARK MONTGOMERY



MARK HICKS



JIM SHERMAN



DAVE LIGGINS



MIKE MCGILTON



MIKE CLARK



JIM SMITH



TIM SEILS



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All-Buckeye Conference teams for 1975

ALL-BUCKEYE CONFERENCE				
First team offense				
Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.
S.E.	Fred Dragan	Lorain	6-4	160
T.E.	John Brown	Admiral King	6-1	180
Tackle	Al LaForrest	Findlay	6-1	250
Tackle	George Hoehe	Sandusky	5-11	235
Guard	Wade La Force	Lorain	5-10	180
Guard	Mark Gysan	Ross	5-10	185
Center	Gregg Zelina	Lorain	6-0	190
Q.B.	Dave Wilson	Findlay	5-11	170
Back	Andy Schramm	Findlay	6-2	215
Back	Mike McGilton	Ross	6-1	185
Back	Virgil Williams	Lorain	5-11	180
Second team offense				
S.E.	John Graham	Findlay	5-11	170
T.E.	Scott Fisher	Sandusky	6-2	207
Tackle	Larry Chaney	Admiral King	6-4	235
Tackle	John Schuber	Findlay	6-3	240
Guard	Dave O'Connor	Lorain	5-11	214
Guard	Gary Rodd	Marion	5-10	208
Center	Mark Short	Marion	6-0	182
Q.B.	Pat Belch	Ross	5-10	145
Back	Wavie Jones	Sandusky	5-10	175
Back	Cliff Belmer	Mansfield	6-2	190
Back	Bon Seckel	Marion	6-0	180
Back	Paul Sunagel	Elyria	5-9	180
Punter of the year: Mark Hicks, Ross, 40.6 avg.				
Kicker of the year: Greg Mathias, Findlay				
Special mention: Brian Gavrick, Mansfield				
ROSS honorable mention: Drew Clayton, Tony Ruiz, John Hutchings, Rick Kusner, and Terry Bates.				
First team defense				
End	Tim Kaser	Sandusky	6-0	205
End	Chuck Cook	Findlay	5-11	170
Tackle	Doug Wymer	Findlay	5-9	225
Tackle	Mike Clark	Ross	6-2	240
LB	Rodney Jefferson	Mansfield	5-11	185
LB	Tim Bell	Findlay	6-0	185
LB	Mark Montgomery	Ross	6-1	205
LB	Hulbert Oliver	Elyria	5-10	175
DB	Dale Schmittner	Sandusky	5-10	187
DB	Dave Liggins	Ross	6-0	180
DB	Jim Sherman	Ross	6-0	175
Second team defense				
End	Tim Seils	Ross	6-0	176
End	George DeJuyester	Admiral King	6-1	180
Tackle	Jerry Campbell	Findlay	6-2	200
Tackle	Jim Smith	Ross	6-2	245
LB	Mark Krause	Sandusky	5-8	175
LB	Tim Blasing	Mansfield	5-10	185
LB	Wade LaForce	Lorain	5-10	180
LB	Brad Bischoff	Ross	6-0	180
LB	Greg Ballish	Admiral King	6-2	205
DB	Dan Martinez	Findlay	5-8	145
DB	Kevin Hill	Lorain	5-8	155
DB	Harry Halliburton	Elyria	6-2	180
Coach of the year: Bill Jones, Findlay				
Lineman of the year: Wymer, Findlay				
Back of the year: Williams, Lorain				
ROSS honorable mention: Jim Hazard and Dave Ziles				

But coach, it's the only team around town

Buckeye stats

Three backs and one lineman were given weekly honors in the last official Buckeye Conference statistical release.

Sharing "back of the week" honors were Findlay quarterback Dave Wilson, Sandusky defensive halfback and quarter-back Dale Schmittner, and Marion Harding

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — When Brian Goralski asked for a chance to try out for his high school volleyball team, the coach tried to talk him out of it.

It wasn't that Brian, a 6-foot-2 junior at South Bend Clay, didn't have talent, but rather that volleyball in Indiana traditionally is a girls' sport.

"Last year he wanted to play, too," said Joan Mitchell, volleyball coach. "But I talked him out of it because I knew what would happen."

But so did Brian. After playing on the United States' Junior Olympic team this summer, he had made up his mind.

"It may seem kind of funny and everything," Brian said. "But I really like the sport. Volleyball is a little behind in the Midwest and the players aren't as good as they are on the West Coast, where they play all the way through high school and college."

Wittenberg meets Muskies for title

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — "Worst" Wittenberg and "fearless" Muskingum collide Saturday at Baldwin-Wallace College in a rematch that will decide the Ohio Athletic Conference football championship.

Unbeaten Wittenberg, a two-time National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III champion, erased a 13-point deficit and tipped Muskingum 20-16 in a meeting earlier this season.

The Tigers went on to a 9-0 regular season mark, winning the OAC Red Division title with a 4-0 record. Muskingum has stumbled through a 5-4 season, managing to play its best in OAC Blue Division action.

The Muskies matched Baldwin-Wallace with a 4-1 conference record, winning the division title on the basis of a

less successful in six years as head man of the Muskies, going into the title game with a 26-28-1 record.

"As coaches, we never thought we would have the kind of year we've had this year," Maurer said. "This is the worst 9-0 team we've had at Wittenberg, but our kids have just done a fantastic job."

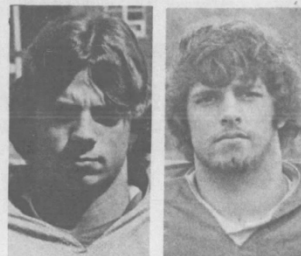
"I know that, as Al Christopher said, Muskingum does not fear Wittenberg," he added. "They didn't when they came down to play us in the third game, and I'm not sure that we don't fear them a little."

Christopher noted, "We'll have to play super football to be in it."

Wittenberg beat Baldwin-Wallace 17-0 in the 1974 OAC championship game but failed to win a bid to the postseason



MIKE MCGILTON



TONY PARADISO



BRAD FARRAR



JEFF KELLEY



MIKE CLARK



DAVE LIGGINS



DAN RYAN



CHUCK MIRA



DAN CONTY

12 area players on first teams

Ross leads area AP picks

Four Fremont Ross players landed spots on the first teams of the 1975 Associated Press (AP) All-Northwestern District football squads. The Little Giants quartet paced a dozen area first team selections.

Dave Wilson of Findlay (AAA), Brad Mason of Norwalk and Bill Heber of Eastwood (AA), and Dave Myers of Carey (A) were named the district's "backs of the year" in all three classifications.

Wilson quarterbacked Findlay into the state playoff semifinals while Mason and Heber both gained over 1400 yards rushing this past season. Myers, who has picked over 1300 yards on the ground, has paced his team into the state finals this Saturday at Akron.

The "linemen of the year" went to Bobby Smith, Toledo Libbey, and Findlay's John Schober in AAA. Taking the AA accolade was Joel Babcock of Swanton with Dave Riedel of Buckeye Central getting the honor in Class A.

Findlay's Bill Jones was tabbed as the AAA "coach of the year" while Tom Greer of Cardinal Stritch and Tom Geschwind of Carey, gained the same honor in Classes AA and A, respectively.

Mike McGilton of Ross was named as a first team running back and joined Bellevue guard Chuck Mira and tight end Dan Ryan on the squad.

Tackle Mike Clark, linebacker Mark Montgomery, and defensive back Dave Liggins were tabbed for first defensive team honors for Ross. Montgomery was the leading vote receiver at his position.

Second team AAA defensive honors for Ross went to tackle Jim Smith and defensive back Jim Sherman. John Fehl of Bellevue made the second team in linebacker.

Tony Paradiso of Fremont St. Joe was the only Crimson Streak to make the Class A team. Tackle Dale Courtney was given an honorable mention.

Paradiso joined Riedel at a first team defensive end slot on the Class A squad. Other first team selections in Class A went to Woodmore's Jeff Kelley at offensive center.

Gaining second team offensive laurels was Gibsonburg's Rex Rolf at an end slot. Defensively, Joe Kurek of Woodmore was at a defensive end spot.

In Class AA, Brad Farrar of Clyde gained first team defensive back honors for the second straight year. He was the only area player to make the first team defensive unit.

Offensively on the AA team, Oak Harbor's Doug Biggart was named at an end spot while Port Clinton's Dan Conty was given the nod at center. Gary Mathews of Genoa shared the quarterback slot with Swanton's Bob Mitchell.

A pair of Clyde Filers were named to the second offensive team. Center Herb Rohrbacher and tackle Bob Crockett were the Filers on the team.

Defensively on the second unit in Class AA, Mark Murtaugh of Genoa and Dennis Dodge of Port Clinton were the ends. Terry Foudsey of Genoa was the middle guard with Lee Yousier of Oak Harbor at a

linebacker post. Dan Keegan of Margaretta and Mike Caudill of Clyde were named in the defensive backfield.

The AP All-State teams will be announced later this month.

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1975 AP District teams

AP ALL-DISTRICT CLASS AAA

First team offense

Split end — John Graham, Findlay, 5-10, 170, Sr.
Tight end — DAN RYAN, BELLEVUE, 6-4, 195, Sr.
Tackles — John Schober, Findlay, 6-4, 240, Sr., and George Hoehne, Sandusky, 5-11, 235, Sr.
Guards — CHUCK MIRA, BELLEVUE, 5-11, 195, Sr. and Mike Painter, Sandusky Perkins, 6-0, 190, Sr.
Center — Scott LeSharpe, Toledo St. John's, 6-1, 185, Sr.
Quarterback — Dave Wilson, Findlay, 5-11, 180, Sr.
Running backs — Andy Schramm, Findlay, 6-2, 215, Jr., Raylan Campbell, Sandusky Perkins, 5-11, 175, Sr., and MIKE MCGILTON, FREMONT ROSS, 6-1, 185, Sr.

First team defense

Down linemen — Bobby Smith, Libbey, 6-2, 210, Sr., Henry Pate, Sandusky Perkins, 6-1, 200, Sr., MIKE CLARK, FREMONT ROSS, 6-2, 20, Sr., and Doug Wymer, Findlay, 6-1, 235, Sr.
Middle guard — Mike Meadows, Anthony Wayne, 6-0, 185, Sr.
Linebackers — MARK MONTGOMERY, FREMONT ROSS, 6-2, 205, Sr., Tim Bell, Findlay, 6-0, 185, Sr., and Jeff Dunn, Whitmer, 6-2, 205, Sr.
Backs — Keith Sepesy, Sylvania, 6-2, 185, Sr., DAVE LIGGINS, FREMONT ROSS, 6-1, 180, Sr., and Dennis Brazel, Maumee, 6-0, 185, Sr.
Back of the Year — Dave Wilson, Findlay.
Linebacker of the Year — Dr. Bobby Smith, Libbey and John Schober, Findlay.
Coach of the Year — Bill Jones, Findlay.

Second team offense

Split end — Bob Castrospe, Toledo Central, 5-10, 150, Sr.
Tight end — Don Katschop, Toledo Bousher, 6-1, 180, Jr.
Tackles — Dean Diefenthaler, Clay, 6-4, 270, Sr., and Alan LaForrest, Findlay, 6-1, 230, Jr.
Guards — Clay Adams, Toledo Scott, 6-1, 215, Sr., and MARK GYAN, FREMONT ROSS, 5-10, 190, Jr.
Center — Tim Witz, Wapakoneta, 6-2, 200, Sr.
Quarterback — Mike Fisher, Sylvania, 5-10, 175, Sr.
Running backs — Pete Kemper, Whitmer, 5-10, 170, Jr., Jan Hollingsworth, Lima Senior, 5-9, 170, Sr., and KENT EISENMAIER, BELLEVUE, 6-2, 180, Sr.

Second team defense

Down linemen — JIM SMITH, FREMONT ROSS, 6-1, 250, Jr., Jerry Campbell, Findlay, 6-2, 230, Sr., Kevin Johnson, Wapakoneta, 6-1, 205, Sr., and Chuck Cook, Findlay, 5-11, 170, Sr.
Middle guard — Steve Johnson, Maumee, 5-10, 165, Sr.
Linebackers — Dan DeChristopher, Maumee, 6-1, 240, Sr., Scott Carroll, 6-1, 215, Sr., and JOHN FEHL, BELLEVUE, 5-11, 180, Sr.
Backs — Dale Schmittler, Sandusky, 5-10, 185, Sr., JIM SHERMAN, FREMONT ROSS, 6-0, 175, Sr., and Ron Bureau, Toledo St. John's, 5-8, 140, Sr.

Area honorable mention

John Hutchings, Fremont Ross; Tim Seis, Fremont; Ed Nasenti, Bellevue.

AP ALL-DISTRICT CLASS AA

Ends — Mark Baum, Delta, 6-7, 197, Sr., and DOUG BIGGERT, OAK HARBOR, 6-2, 185, Sr.
Tackles — Joel Babcock, Swanton, 6-2, 215, Sr., and Paul Beckelman, Porteria, 6-2, 218, Sr.
Guards — Bill Nees, Lima Central Catholic, 6-1, 205, Sr., and Tom Heckman, Eastwood, 5-8, 175, Sr.
Center — DAN CONTY, PORT CLINTON, 5-11, 205, Sr.
Quarterback — (Dr. Bob Mitchell, Swanton, 6-0, 195, Sr., and GARY MATTHEWS, GENOA, 6-1, 180, Jr.)
Running backs — Brad Mason, Norwalk, 6-0, 190, Sr., Bill Heber, Eastwood, 6-1, 195, Sr., and Kevin Babcock, Mohawk, 5-11, 185, Sr.

First team defense

Ends — Steve Miller, Edison, 6-2, 195, Sr., and Jeff Orwick, Norwalk, 6-1, 190, Jr.
Tackles — Ted Dees, Huron, 6-0, 200, Sr., and Jon Bensman, Cardinal Stritch, 6-1, 225, Sr.
Middle guard — Randy Stower, Norwalk, 6-2, 175, Sr.
Linebackers — Randy Emans, Eastwood, 6-2, 195, Sr., Chuck Stone, Bucyrus, 6-2, 245, Sr., and Ed Czerwinski, Norwalk, 5-10, 180, Sr.
Backs — BRAD FARRAR, CLYDE, 6-0, 185, Sr., Ron Wells, Lima Central Catholic, 5-9, 180, Sr., and Howard Callahan, Delta, 6-1, 187, Sr.
Back of the Year — Dr. Brad Mason, Norwalk and Bill Heber, Eastwood.

Second team offense

Split end — John Graham, Findlay, 5-10, 170, Sr.
Tight end — DAN RYAN, BELLEVUE, 6-4, 195, Sr.
Tackles — John Schober, Findlay, 6-4, 240, Sr., and George Hoehne, Sandusky, 5-11, 235, Sr.
Guards — CHUCK MIRA, BELLEVUE, 5-11, 195, Sr. and Mike Painter, Sandusky Perkins, 6-0, 190, Sr.
Center — Scott LeSharpe, Toledo St. John's, 6-1, 185, Sr.
Quarterback — Dave Wilson, Findlay, 5-11, 180, Sr.
Running backs — Andy Schramm, Findlay, 6-2, 215, Jr., Raylan Campbell, Sandusky Perkins, 5-11, 175, Sr., and MIKE MCGILTON, FREMONT ROSS, 6-1, 185, Sr.

Second team defense

Down linemen — Bobby Smith, Libbey, 6-2, 210, Sr., Henry Pate, Sandusky Perkins, 6-1, 200, Sr., MIKE CLARK, FREMONT ROSS, 6-2, 20, Sr., and Doug Wymer, Findlay, 6-1, 235, Sr.
Middle guard — Mike Meadows, Anthony Wayne, 6-0, 185, Sr.
Linebackers — MARK MONTGOMERY, FREMONT ROSS, 6-2, 205, Sr., Tim Bell, Findlay, 6-0, 185, Sr., and Jeff Dunn, Whitmer, 6-2, 205, Sr.
Backs — Keith Sepesy, Sylvania, 6-2, 185, Sr., DAVE LIGGINS, FREMONT ROSS, 6-1, 180, Sr., and Dennis Brazel, Maumee, 6-0, 185, Sr.
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Backs — Dale Schmittler, Sandusky, 5-10, 185, Sr., JIM SHERMAN, FREMONT ROSS, 6-0, 175, Sr., and Ron Bureau, Toledo St. John's, 5-8, 140, Sr.

Area honorable mention

John Hutchings, Fremont Ross; Tim Seis, Fremont; Ed Nasenti, Bellevue.

AP ALL-DISTRICT CLASS A

Ends — John Walsh, Lima Central Catholic, 6-0, 185, Sr., and Jeff Stone, Lima Bath, 5-11, 165, Sr.
Tackles — Randy Williams, Delta, 6-0, 190, Sr., and BOB CROCKETT, CLYDE, 6-1, 185, Sr.
Guards — Greg Letman, Lima Bath, 6-0, 210, Sr., and Terry Gamby, Otterbein, 6-1, 170, Sr.
Center — HERB ROHRBACHER, CLYDE, 6-2, 180, Sr.
Quarterback — Rich Basch, Delta, 6-1, 196, Sr., Jim Caserta, Paulding, 5-11, 180, and Matt Thiel, Upper Sandusky, 5-8, 185, Jr.
Running backs — Dave Myers, Carey, 5-10, 160, Jr., Greg Whetsel, Ridgeman, 6-1, 170, Sr., and Steve Basine, North Baltimore, 6-0, 180, Sr.

First team defense

Ends — Dave Riedel, Buckeye Central, 6-1, 195, Sr., and TONY PARADISO, FREMONT ST. JOSEPH, 6-2, 205, Sr.
Tackles — Roger Pank, Leipsic, 6-2, 245, Sr., and Jim Loy, Ottawa Hills, 6-1, 210, Sr.
Middle guard — Denis Morris, Cory-Rawson, 5-10, 175, Sr.
Linebackers — Kurt Gillig, Porteria St. Wendelin, 5-9, 165, Sr., Brian Smith, Bluffton, 5-11, 177, Sr., Dave Dewald, Hopewell-Loudon, 6-0, 200, Sr., and Jim Ebert, Arlington, 6-1, 180, Sr.
Backs — Dave Roth, Sandusky St. Mary's, 5-11, 165, Sr., and Bob Ininger, Arlington, 5-11, 160, Jr.
Back of the Year — Dave Myers, Carey.
Linebacker of the year — Dave Riedel, Buckeye Central.
Coach of the Year — Tom Geschwind, Carey.

Second team offense

Ends — Roger Irwin, Riverdale, 6-0, 200, Sr., and REX ROLF, GIBSONBURG, 6-2, 180, Sr.
Tackles — Brian Capp, Leipsic, 6-1, 195, Jr., and Karl McCartney, North Baltimore, 5-10, 175, Sr.
Guards — R.C. Roemer, Ottawa Hills, 5-10, 175, Sr., and Ken Schuler, Monroeville, 6-1, 205, Sr.
Center — Jim Augsburger, Cory-Rawson, 6-1, 175, Jr.
Quarterback — John Greer, Carey, 5-9, 150, Sr.
Running backs — Dave Alfshuler, Porteria St. Wendelin, 5-9, 165, Jr., Chuck Borgeson, Norwalk St. Paul, 5-10, 165, Sr., and John Huber, Van Buren, 6-2, 170, Sr.

Second team defense

Ends — Bob Buckland, Carey, 5-9, 170, Sr., and JOE KUREK, WOODMORE, 6-0, 225, Sr.
Tackles — Mike Higbie, Allen East, 5-10, 175, Sr., and Joe Dye, Sandusky St. Mary's, 5-11, 185, Sr.
Middle guard — Mark Hauser, Monroeville, 5-10, 180, Sr.
Linebackers — Don Walker, Carey, 5-9, 154, Sr., Jack Kenderie, Cory-Rawson, 5-10, 172, Sr., Steve Catter, Parkway, 5-11, 185, Sr., and Tom Newland, Ridgeman, 5-10, 170, Sr.
Backs — John Eichert, Tiffin, 5-10, 175, Sr., and Dave Depinet, Hopewell-Loudon, 6-0, 185, Sr.

Area honorable mention

Tom Pirtle, Woodmore; Blake Witter, Woodmore; Dale Courtney, Fremont St. Joseph; Dennis Sanchez, Gibsonburg.

Morgan MVP

OAKLAND (AP) — Joe Morgan says he always was his team's smallest player from Little League to the major leagues, but he won the National League Most Valuable Player award by being a "complete player."

"I think of myself as a complete player, and I've tried to combine everything into my game — hitting, fielding, stealing bases and scoring," the Cincinnati Reds' 5-foot-7 second baseman said during an interview at his home here.

"I got the MVP award because the club was having a great year and I was having a good year along with it."

As the "Big Red Machine" ground out pennant and World Series victories this season, Morgan hit 327, fourth in the league, and reached base safely about half the times he came to bat. His 132 walks led the league, his 67 stolen bases on 77 attempts were second, his 107 runs were fourth. He drove in 97 runs, smashed 17 home runs and 27 doubles. He capped the season with the winning hit off Boston in the seventh game of the world series.

After being selected MVP Tuesday, Morgan said, "The thing I'm most surprised about was the margin of victory. It was the largest margin in the history of the award. That's quite an honor."

Morgan got 321½ points in the balloting, followed by Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Greg Luzinski with 154 and the Pittsburgh Pirates' Dave Parker with 120.

"The only thing that separates me from other guys with great credentials is that I do more things," he said. "Luzinski didn't run bases and steal like Joe Morgan. But on the other hand, I didn't hit home runs like he did."

As for the future, he said, "I figure I'll play four more years then look at the situation and see if I enjoy playing as much as I do now."

He said he didn't want to become a major league manager because the travel would be hard on his family. But he said he was interested in coaching at the junior college level.

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MONTGOMERY

Swick tops list

COLUMBUS — The Director of Player Personnel for the Cincinnati Bengals of the National Football League, is one of many professional scouts who will be here next week to take a look at "a tremendous crop of potential proplayers."

In a telephone interview Friday, Pete Brown said the "Fourth Annual All Ohio Shrine Bowl (to be played Saturday, Dec. 6) will spotlight the talents of many Ohio senior gridders we have a real interest in."

Brown singled out Gene Swick, the all-time offensive total yardage leader from the University of Toledo, as having "all the assets to be a top professional quarterback."

"We also want the opportunity to watch Paul Hunter, a defensive tackle from the University of Cincinnati Greg Schwarber, a kicking specialist from the University of Dayton, Darwin Ashley, a fullback from Kent State University, Larry Faulk, defensive end from Kent State, and Mike Green, a punter and wide receiver from Ohio University."

All proceeds from the game support the Shrine Hospital Fund, the Cincinnati Burns Institute. Kickoff time for this year's charity contest is 12:30.

Montgomery on 2nd team

Mark Montgomery of Fremont Ross was named to the second team defense of the Associated Press (AP) Class AAA All-Ohio High School Football team today.

Montgomery, 205-pound senior, was the only Ross player to land a berth on the top three teams. The state team selection topped off a year in which the red-haired Little Giant had been named to the All-Buckeye Conference first team defense and was a first team selection on the AP All-Northwestern District team.

Another area performer,

Henry Pate of Sandusky Perkins landed a first team defensive end slot.

Two of the top three awards in the annual selections went to members of the Lakewood St. Edward team, which was runnerup to Cincinnati Moeller in the state playoffs. Fullback Joe Portale, a raw-boned 213-pounder was named the "back of the year." He gained over 1,200 yards in leading St. Edward to the mythical AP poll championship.

St. Edward coach Mike Currence was tabbed as

the "coach of the year" in guiding his team to an 11-1 record with the only loss coming in the state finals.

Upper Arlington linebacker Pat Boggs, 6-2, 210-pounds, was tabbed as the state's "lineman of the year." One of the more highly sought college recruits in Ohio, Boggs participated in an average of 26 tackles per game.

Ross players receiving special mention included Dave Liggins, Mike Clark and Mike McGilton. Dan Ryan and Chuck Mira of Bellevue were also given special mention.

AP All-State

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Ends—Ron Barwig, Willoughby South, 6-foot-8, 235 pounds, Sr., and Mark Geisler, Marietta, 6-4, 200, Sr.

Tackles—Mark Thuney, Kettering Alter, 6-3, 230, Sr., and John Schober, Findlay, 6-6, 240, Sr.

Guards—Mike Linn, Steubenville, 6-2, 215, Sr., and Dan Deger, Akron Garfield, 5-10, 185, Sr. Center—Tom Beaber, Columbus Whetstone, 6-1, 190, Sr.

Quarterbacks—Roch Hontas, Canton McKinley, 6-foot, 180, Sr., and Dave Wilson, Findlay, 5-11, 180, Sr.

Running backs—Joe Portale, Lakewood St. Edward, 6-3, 213, Sr.; Ernie Washington, East Liverpool, 6-2, 205, Sr., and Tyrone Hicks, Warren Harding, 6-foot, 180, Sr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Ends—Henry Pate, Sandusky Perkins, 6-1, 200, Sr., and Chris Carr, Kettering Fairmont West, 6-4, 210, Sr.

Tackles—Bobby Smith, Toledo

Libbey, 6-2, 210, Sr., and Doug Marsh, Akron East, 6-3, 215, Sr.

Middle guard—John McCafferty, Cleveland West Tech, 6-1, 195, Sr.

Linebackers—Pat Boggs, Upper Arlington, 6-2, 210, Sr.; Jeff Pelusi, Youngstown Chaney, 6-1, 225, Sr., and Greg Cobb, Washington C.H. Miami Trace, 6-foot, 190, Sr.

Backs—Jeff Kraus, Cincinnati Colerain, 6-2, 165, Sr.; Steve Swinehart, Lancaster, 6-2, 190, Sr., and Gene Bell, East Liverpool, 6-2, 190, Sr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Ends Butch Carter, Middletown, 6-5, 190, Sr., and Gary DiNiro, Youngstown Chaney, 6-foot, 200, Sr.; tackles Harold Thornton, Columbus South, 6-1, 223, Sr., and David Crowder, Columbus Marion-Franklin, 6-3, 225, Sr.; guards Dan Williams, Lakewood St. Edward, 6-foot 200, Sr., and Gary Cooper, Cincinnati Moeller, 6-2, 205, Sr.; center Scott LeStrange, Toledo St. John, 6-1, 185, Sr.; quarterbacks Jody Huffman, Newark, 6-1, 185, Sr., and Dan McHugh, Lakewood St. Edward, 6-1½, 195, Sr.; running backs Mike Schneider, Cincinnati LaSalle, 6-3, 220, Sr.; Bill Harmon, Massillon, 6-3, 248, Sr., and Bryan Ferguson, Troy, 6-foot, 175, Sr.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Ends Henry Jontony, Cleveland West Tech, 6-3, 235, Sr., and Matt Blair, Niles McKinley, 6-1, 215, Sr.; tackles Rod Barndollar, Newark, 6-1, 195, Sr., and Greg Chinn, Portsmouth, 6-4, 245, Sr.; middle guard Mike Meadows, Whitehouse Wayne, 6-foot, 185, Sr.; linebackers Tim Sawicki, Mayfield, 6-1, 215, Sr.; MARK MONTGOMERY, FREMONT ROSS, 6-2, 205, Sr., and Tedd Lucas, Clayton Northmont, 6-foot, 195, Sr.; backs Jim Board, Barberton, 5-11, 175, Sr.; Keith Sepessy, Sylvania, 6-2, 185, Sr., and Carl Miesel, Strongsville, 6-foot, 177, Sr.

THIRD TEAM OFFENSE

Ends Mike Jester, Cincinnati LaSalle, 6-3, 210, Sr., and Craig

Nowacki, Worthington, 6-3, 210, Sr.; tackles Bill Greer, Athens, 6-4, 230, Sr., and Greg Ware, Geneva, 6-1, 215, Sr.; guards Eric Llewellyn, Canton McKinley, 5-10, 180, Sr., and Vince Hartman, Cincinnati LaSalle, 6-foot, 195, Sr.; center Matt Kozak, Parma Normandy, 6-3, 220, Sr.; quarterbacks Mike Strahine, Lakewood, 6-foot, 185, Sr., and Tim Koegel, Cincinnati Moeller, 6-4, 185, Jr.; running backs Scott Sprague, Lancaster, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Virgil Williams, Lorain Senior, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Doug West, Wintersville, 5-11, 170, Jr., and John Montgomery, Geneva, 5-11, 180, Sr.

THIRD TEAM DEFENSE

Ends Tim Shafer, Cincinnati Princeton, 6-foot, 185, Sr., and Doug Wymmer, Findlay, 6-3, 225, Sr.; tackles John Phillips, Westerville South, 6-1, 220, Sr., and Bob Biggio, Wintersville, 6-foot, 215, Sr.; middle guard Les Wiseman, Lancaster, 5-10, 220, Sr.; linebackers Marc Thomas, Columbus Eastmoor, 6-1, 215, Sr.; Josh Rapport, New Philadelphia, 5-10, 180, Sr., and Wes McMillan, Dover, 5-11, 190, Sr.; backs Ron Wilkinson, Trotwood-Madison, 6-foot, 185, Sr.; Mike Sugden, Westerville South, 5-10, 170, Sr., and Jim Zucco, Cuyahoga Falls, 5-9, 160, Sr.

COACH OF YEAR—Mike Currence, Lakewood St. Edward

BACK OF YEAR—Joe Portale, Lakewood St. Edward

LINEMAN OF YEAR—Pat Boggs, Upper Arlington

AREA SPECIAL MENTION

John Graham, Findlay; Dan Ryan, Bellevue; George Hoehne, Sandusky; Chuck Mira, Bellevue; Mike Painter, Sandusky Perkins; Andy Schramm, Findlay; Rayfus Campbell, Sandusky Perkins; Mike McGilton, Fremont Ross; Mike Clark, Fremont Ross; Tim Bell, Findlay; Jeff Dunn, Toledo Whitmer; Dave Liggins, Fremont Ross; Dennis Brazier, Maumee.

Snowmobile races

Snowmobile and three-wheel vehicle drag races will be held Sunday at Portage Trail Camp Grounds. The Sandusky County Snowmobile Club is sponsoring the event which will be held with or without a snow cover.

Registration for the races will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Racing will begin at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact James Laird at 332-9309 or Butch Sherman at 334-3701.



DAVE LIGGINS

Liggins on UPI All-Ohio

Dave Liggins of Ross has been named to the first team United Press International (UPI) All-Ohio defensive team as a halfback.

The 6-0, 180-pound two-way Little Giants performer was joined on the top defensive team by Findlay tackle Doug Wymer. During the past season, Liggins intercepted three passes, knocked down four more, and had 28 solo tackles while assisting on 32 more from his defensive half-back slot.

Liggins was also credited with blocking one punt and causing one fumble.

Receiving special mention on the team was Findlay quarterback Dave Wilson. Honorable mention status went to Little Giants Mike McGilton, Jim Sherman, and Mark Gysan.

Pat Belch is Ross' MVP

Pat Belch was named as the Fremont Ross football team's "most valuable player" at an awards program held at the high school Monday night.

Ross Head Coach Tom Hollman presented Belch with his MVP trophy and at the same time reminded the capacity crowd in the school's cafeteria that "it takes a team in order to make it possible for one player to be called 'most valuable.'"

Belch, a three-sport performer at Ross, was the Buckeye Conference's first team quarterback a year ago and made the second team this season. The Ross senior completed 27 passes for 384 yards and two touchdowns this season.

The MVP award for the sophomores went to Jeff Brown who Coach Harold Zienta pointed out saw duty at tailback, quarterback, split end, wingback, and defensive halfback during the sophomore season.

In other special awards, the offensive linemen of the year for Ross went to John Hutchings. The 200-pounder was credited with 60 outstanding blocks during the 10-game season.

Mike McGilton, a bullish 185-pounder,

was tabbed as the offensive back of the year. McGilton led Ross in scoring with seven TDs while rushing for 547 yards on 133 carries. He was credited with 64 outstanding blocks and 25 "extra efforts."

The defensive linemen of the year went to Mike Clark, a 140-plus pound senior. Clark made 55 tackles, assisted on 44 others, trapped the passer three times, and caused two fumbles.

Jim Sherman is the defensive back of the year. Playing out of the safety position, Sherman knocked down seven passes, had 24 solo tackles and 31 assists with one intercepted pass.

In one other special award, Tim Seils was presented with the "True Grit" award which is presented annually by the YMCA Men's Club.

Letters or second year awards were presented to 29 seniors and 11 juniors. Numerals were presented to 27 sophomores.

Captains' trophies were also presented to Mark Montgomery, Dave Liggins, Brad Bishchoff, Belch, and Sherman.

Indiana levels Seminoles

By ALEX SACHARE
AP Sports Writer

Florida State Coach Hugh Durham thinks he knows how to beat top-ranked Indiana. Getting it done, however, is another matter.

"It's important to get off to a good start," Durham explained. "Then there are two ways to play against Indiana — either run at them or go into a freeze."

So how come Indiana whipped Durham's Seminoles 83-59 Monday night, at one point leading by a whopping 38 points?

"We didn't get that good start," Durham said. "They probably have the best defense in the country. We couldn't attack their set defense, so we tried to run. We had the shots — but didn't hit them."

Eight other members of the AP's Top Twenty also played Monday night, and most of them came up winners.

No. 2 Maryland romped to a 122-82 decision over Boston U., No. 4 North Carolina pulled away in the second half and beat No. 14 Kentucky 90-77, No. 8 Notre Dame outlasted Kansas 72-64, No. 9 Cincinnati tripped Biscayne 74-52, Kansas State upset No. 10 Arizona 71-61,

No. 11 Alabama defeated Middle Tennessee 76-62 and No. 20 Missouri beat Rice 94-75.

Scott May scored 24 points and Kent Benson added 22 to lead the Indiana assault. Hoosiers Coach Bobby Knight used reserves for much of the one-sided game.

Indiana, foiling Durham's strategy, outscored the Seminoles 14-2 at the outset. It was 47-20 at the half and then 79-41 before Knight rested his starters for good.

Maryland, 4-0, led by just 52-44 at halftime but buried BU with a second-half blitz. John Lucas' 22 points and Steve Sheppard's 21 were high for the Terps, who had seven players in double figures.

Mitch Kupchak scored 24 points and Walter Davis added 19 to lead North Carolina past Kentucky.

All-American Adrian Dantley's 27 points led Notre Dame past Kansas. The Irish, 4-0, trailed by four at the half but wore down the Jayhawks on the shooting of Dantley and Don Williams, who had 16 points.



SPECIAL AWARD winners for Ross are (left to right in front) Tim Seils, Jim Sherman, John Hutchings, and

Jeff Brown. In back are Mike Clark, Mike McGilton, and Pat Belch.

Falcons ease by Defiance

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bowling Green received an early taste Monday of what the new 10-man limit on college basketball traveling squads could mean.

The Falcons lost three starters and their sixth man to fouls and a fourth starter to an ankle injury on the way to an 88-80 victory over Defiance.

Ron Hammye, a graduate of Genoa Area High School, sat out the Bowling

Green game of Vincennes, Ind., Junior College, split his 30 points evenly between the halves for the hosts and led all scorers. Dan Hipscher added 20 points.

Bowling Green scored the first eight points and never was headed. Defiance pulled within five points midway through the second half but it was as close as they came.

Don Thornton and John Kornova led Defiance with 17 points apiece.