

## 1973 Season review...



(Front Row) Kurt Landig, Mike Coleman, Jim Oliver, Jerry Obermyer — Capt.; Don Wensinger — Capt.; Tim Smith — Capt.; Brad Borden — Capt.; Steve Celek, Robert Harris, Steve Hampshire, Jim Briney. (Second Row) Howie Lee, Mark Albright, Dan Michaels, Mike Andrews, Mike Matthes, Keith Pettiford, Mike Prosser, Scott McCord, Keith Butdorf, Steve Zilles, Chip Hutchings. (Third Row) Steve Young, Al Beard, Larry Liggins, Harry Liggins, John Williams, Art Martinez, Harold Ramirez, Jim House, Dan Kreilick, Dale Stout, Paul Michaels, Noe Almaguer. (Fourth Row) Dave Gabel, Dennis Szymanowski, Bob France, Guy Cunningham, Tim Johns, Dave Minich, Scott Stout, Chris Celek, Tim Grabenstetter, Dave Fahrbach, Mark Montgomery, Drew Clayton. (Fifth Row) Tom Anspach, Jim

Sherman, Steve Carmack, Jim Quaintance, Mike Clark, John Hutchings, Eddie Holmes, Brad Bischoff, Tim Caskey, Kim Stout, Jim Monaco, Kevin Reardon. (Sixth Row) Don Hatfield, Mark Gruver, Jim Hazzard, Jeff Wilson, Greg Kindred, Dave Kingsborough, Duane Reese, Jerry Ruland, John Kerns, Pat Ragen, Don Kreilick, Terry Holmes, Dave Zilles. (Seventh Row) Mark Gipe, John Carter, George Rathburn, Warren Weiler, Tim Seils, Pat Belch, Bruce Levison, Mark Hicks, Frank Von Maluski, Jack Wetzel, Mike McCoy, Dave Liggins, Mike McGilton, Terry Coomer, Mark Aspen, Joe Whisler. (Back Row) Coaches Loehr, Utterback, Zienta, Biggs, Siesel, Shuff, Coleman, Thomas, Nugent, Trainer, Shon, Equip. Mgr. Lotycz.



## *Little Giants getting ready*

Yesterday was equipment day for the senior members of the Fremont Ross Little Giants football team. Head coach Chuck Shuff is shown adjusting the jersey of Brad Borden during the issue. All seniors were issued practice equipment and game uniforms

during the afternoon. The Little Giants will begin two-a-day workouts tomorrow. The first practices will be in shorts. Schools may don pads this Saturday but no contact is allowed until next Monday.

# *Coaches pleased with scrimmages*

Good, but not great.

Those are the words that could best describe Bob Smith's and Chuck Shuff's reactions this weekend after watching their teams compete in the first of three preseason scrimmage football games.

Both teams won its respective scrimmages but the won-lost aspect of these games does really matter. Smith's St. Joe Crimson Streaks shut out Springfield Local 5-0 while Shuff's Ross Little Giants edged Defiance 3-2.

Younger players played the key roles in the scoring plays for the schools. St. Joe had three TD's scored by sophomores while newcomer Johnny Williams scored twice for the Little Giants.

"Overall," Smith said, "the kids did a fine job. Our inside running game was good."

That inside running job was highlighted by the powerful running of Joe Guyer who scored on two long gallops.

"We did a lot of experimenting," Shuff conceded. "We did not try to score as much as we could because that wasn't our purpose."

"There are so many new faces," Shuff continued, "that we had to do a lot of looking around."

Smith was happy about his defense, which was thought to be the biggest problem facing the Streaks this season.

"They didn't score," Smith began. "The defense did a good job for us. The tackles held up pretty well."

"We do have problems," Smith admitted, "but it is nothing that we can't correct."

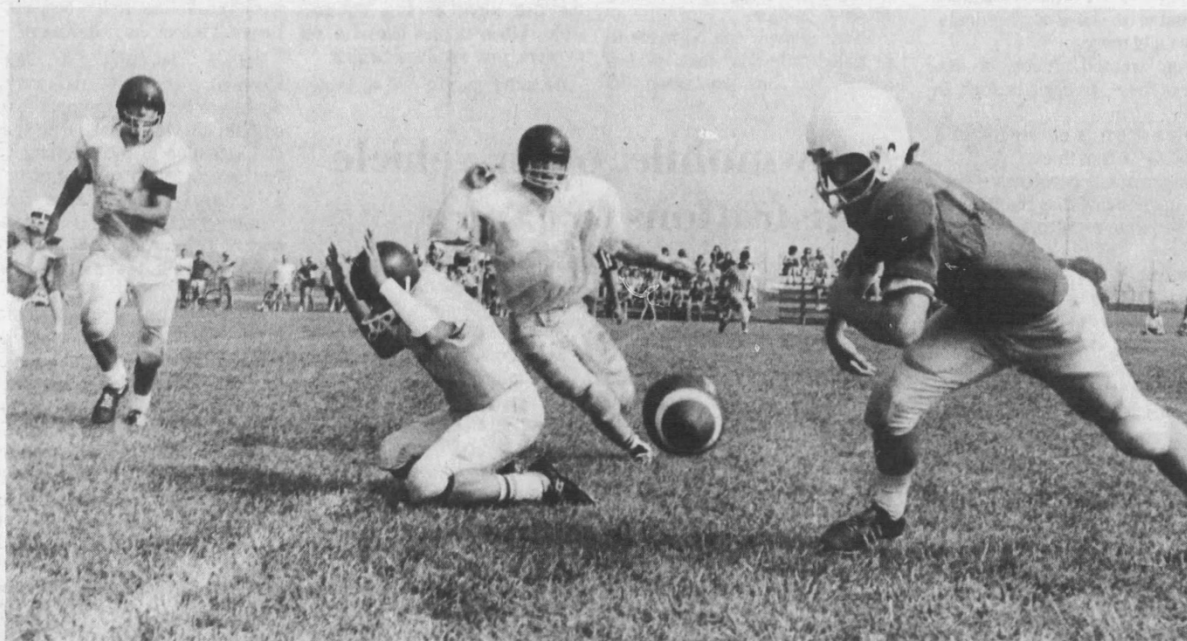
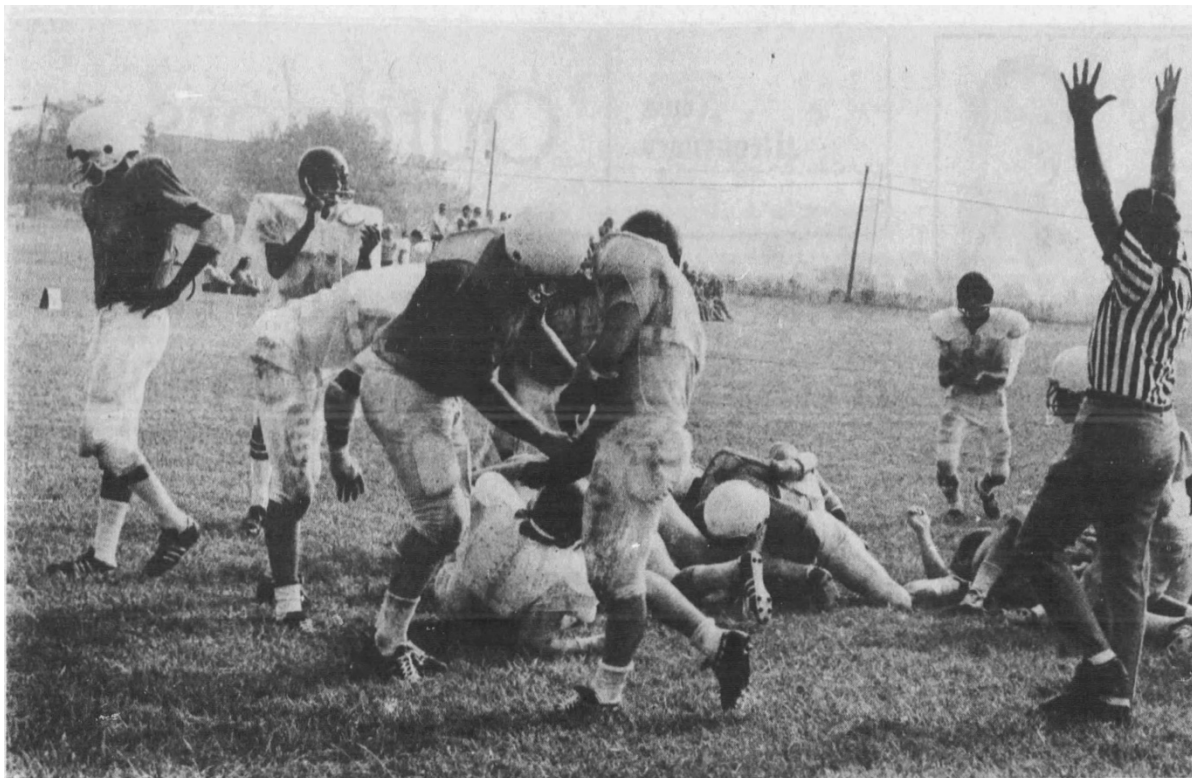
"We have to work on a pass offense. When we have to throw I want to be able to."

Besides Guyer's two scoring runs, sophomores Vince Swint, Tony Paradisio, and Bob Kaminski scored for St. Joe.

Shuff was pleased with the inside running attack of the Little Giants. "We were impressed," Shuff began, "with the running game. Especially when you realize that we were working with new tackles and a new tight end."

Steve Young scored the other Ross TD.

St. Joe will play Shelby at Shelby at 6:30 Wednesday night while Ross hosts Toledo Whitmer Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.



## Ross gains 3-1 edge over Whitmer

Coach Chuck Shuff's 1973 Ross high football machine has started to roll, its 3 to 1 scrimmage edge over Toledo Whitmer Wednesday being lauded as a major improvement over the first scrimmage a week ago.

Norman Decker, Whitmer coach, told Shuff the Little Giants are the best he has seen.

Shuff was pleased with his passing offense and his pass

defense, but felt the rushing defense left a little to be desired.

An intra-squad drill set for Saturday has been called off, heat and fear of injury being advanced as reasons.

The two photos above show some of the action, one picture taken after a score and the other after a pass failed to make connections, one youth taking his spite out on the practice field turf.





**JERRY OBERMEYER**

...Ross fullback key man on sweeps

## Elyria, Sandusky, top Buckeye picks

Elyria, Sandusky, and Admiral King are the schools to beat for the championship of the prestigious Buckeye Conference according to the coaches. Elyria is generally conceded as the favorite with Sandusky not far behind.

Findlay and Ross are given outside chances while Lorain Senior, Mansfield, and Marion Harding will be fighting it out for the spots in the bottom division of the Conference.

Elyria has a number of returning veterans plus the returns of a well established system which has turned out winners year after year.

Sandusky is given the inside shot of grabbing the title from under Elyria's nose. Sandusky is another school that is traditionally tough but they have lost a few key people that must be replaced.

Findlay is generally considered the dark horse of the league. New head coach Bill Jones has 18 lettermen returning while losing only ten. Only three of the players lost to graduation saw extensive action. Nine senior lettermen return with nine more lettermen returning as juniors.

Admiral King is given a so-so chance of winning the conference title. Usually tough, Admiral King was the only school to defeat Ross last season.

Ross will be forced to rebuild its defensive team and to fill some big holes left in the offense with the graduation of key players.

Ross coach Chuck Shuff has put together two straight 9-1 seasons and is now reaping the benefits of his budding football program.



**TIM SMITH**

...Outside threat

# Ross speed may change running game

What does a football coach do when he comes to the end of a line of powerful fast running backs and he looks to the replacements only to find no one of that caliber?

Simple? Well, maybe.

He takes what he has and admits that he will have to switch his offense a little and says that the normal powerful ground game which has pleased the crowds for the past four years will now be changed to a more "jitterbug" style which will also please the crowds. That is the situation that faces Chuck Shuff and his squad of coaches.

As every Fremont Ross Little Giant fan knows, gone are the days of Rob Lytle and Tom Pitts and the days of Tom Liggins are only a memory. But enter the new style Ross runner.

"We'll still have the powerful runner with Jerry Obermeyer," Shuff says, "but that will be straight ahead."

Tim Smith, a defensive stalwart as a junior, will step into the Lytle's old spot, the tailback in Shuff's "I" formation. It is Smith that could supply Ross fans with long electrifying runs and in getting away may have to "dance" a bit.

"Tim (Smith) replaced Lytle last year for a game and a half when Lytle was injured," Shuff recalled. "He can do the job for us."

Going with Obermeyer and Smith in the backfield will be Mike Coleman, a starter for the last seven games last season, at the wing back or as Shuff calls it, the "swing" back. Coleman is a capable receiver.

Holding the backfield quartet together is veteran signal caller Brad Borden. Coleman and Borden are the more experienced of the four ball carriers for Shuff.

Borden is coming off a year in which he completed 48 per cent of his passes good for approximately 600 yards. Shuff described him as "take charge" player who is not afraid to call an audible (change plays) at the line.

"He's able to run the option quite well," Shuff says. "He reads the defense good when running and options back at just the right time."

One of Borden's passing targets will be tight end Steve Celeck, a 6-1, 175 pounder. Celeck will be stepping into the position vacated by Ohio State-bound Bob Brudzinski. It's a large pair of shoes to fill for anyone.

At the split end slot, Shuff is likely to split time with Mike Matthes and Mike Andrews. Both players have been able to get open in preseason scrimmages and they can catch the ball.

Depth-wise, Dan Kreilick will likely be behind Celeck but Kreilick will more than likely start at a linebacker slot. Celeck

will also go at a defensive end. Harold Ramirez is another tight end possibility.

Switching to the interior line, Ross is looking for replacements at the tackle spots. Last year had Denny Reese and Bob Koebel, both 199 pounds and two of the quickest men at their position in the Buckeye Conference, but both are gone. Top candidates for replacing these two will fall on the broad shoulders of Bob "Bubba" Harris and Steve Hampshire.

Harris, a senior, stands 6-3 and tips the scales at 265 pounds. Harris played mostly defense in the action he saw last year. Down from 280 pounds in May, Harris has improved his speed and agility in preseason drills.

Hampshire is a 5-11, 230 pound senior, who lettered last year but saw limited action. Hampshire's experience came on the offensive side of the line.

Chief backup for these two could possibly be Kurt Landig, 6-0, 210 pound senior.

At the Little Giant guard slots, three players are fighting for the spot opposite All-Buckeye Conference guard Don Wensinger. The 5-8, 155 pound Wensinger is small but more than makes up for his lack of size with aggressiveness.

"Don is very quick," Shuff says about his top guard. "He does everything that we ask. He makes very few mistakes."

Left guard was Shuff's messenger spot last year and it will likely be used like that this season. Gone are Denny Weickert and Paul Silcox. Likely replacements will be Steve Zeiller, a senior at 5-10, 165; Keith Butdorf, senior, 5-10, 165; or Al Beard, a junior, 5-11, 160.

At center will be the reliable Jim Briney, an all-conference performer last season and one of the returning lettermen. Briney is 5-11, 195, and may start at middle guard on defense. Briney's backup is 5-11, 210 pound senior, Mike Prosser.

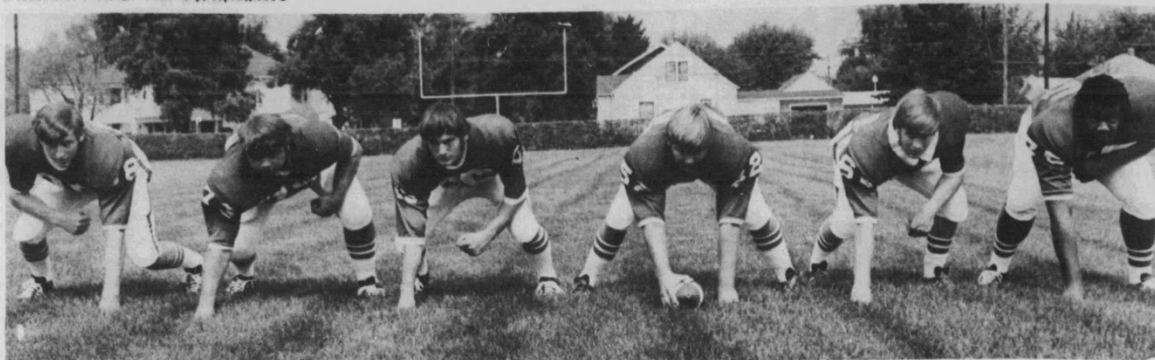
Shuff summed his offense up.

"We have the big line, but the backs are a bit on the small side," Shuff began. "The biggest back is Obermeyer (195 pounds) who is the biggest fullback that I have had while here."

"I feel that we have the speed to get outside but we will have to get the good strong play from our fullbacks to get our men outside," Shuff commented.

"We are shallow at some positions and we will have to work hard to build some depth," Shuff explained.

The Little Giant offense may suffer from shallowness this season but it will be a top notch outfit if the injury jinx keeps its ugly head out of the lineup.



THIS OFFENSIVE SET-UP CONTAINS SOME TWO-WAY PLAYERS

... (L to R) Steve Celek, Steve Hampshire, Don Wensinger, Mike Prosser, Keith Butdorf, Bubba Harris

## 'Scratch start' on Ross defense

"We've had to start from scratch," Ross football coach Chuck Shuff said as he talked about his defensive team this season. "We only have one man back that started for us last year."

That man Shuff was referring to, Tim Smith, will be playing little, if any, defense this season. Smith will be running from the tailback slot instead.

"It's a little tough replacing the defense but I would rather have it this way and not have to start from scratch on the offense," Shuff said. "Offense is more of a 'technique thing' while defense is not that technical."

"You put the more aggressive boys on the defense and you are half-way there."

Shuff is not saying that the boy who plays defense could not play offense, just that the number of plays run on offense and the different blocking assignments and a host of other things cannot be taught as fast as defense can.

"Because of this," Shuff continued, "the defensive teams are usually better during the first part of the season."

Shuff and his staff are faced with a monumental task, though, with the defensive squad. Last year the Little Giant "D" posted five official shutouts; six really because one touchdown was scored on a recovered fumble. Only 50 points were put on the boards against Ross during the 9-1 season.

Although no position is set, Shuff did boil down his candidates for the defense into possible starters. Some of them, Bob "Bubba" Harris, Jerry Obermeyer, Jim Briney, and Steve Celek could see quite a lot of two-way action.

"These boys," Shuff explained, "will play about a third to half of the game on offense while going all the way on defense. They will be rotated on offense."

As it stacks up now, Celek, 6-1, 180, and Kurt Landig, 6-1, 205, both seniors, will start at the end spots in Shuff's "angle five or slanting five" defense. These two could be spelled by Dan Michaels, 5-9, 170 pound senior, or Harry Liggins, 5-11, 155 pound junior.

At tackle, only one spot is certain and that belongs to the 265 pound Harris. Fighting for the

other spot is Steve Hampshire, a 230 pound senior, and sophomore Mike Clark who tips the scales at 240 pounds. Also working in the tackle slot is regular middle guard Jim Briney, 190, who will double as the offensive center.

Seeing duty along with Briney at the middle guard spot will possibly be Randy Hazle, a 170 pound junior, or starting right guard Don Wensinger, a 160 pound senior.

Other candidates for the three "down positions" (tackles and middle guard) are Mike Prosser, 200, senior and Scott McCord, another 200 pound senior.

At the linebacker spots, Obermeyer, 5-10, 195 pound senior, along with three other players will man the spots. That trio includes Dan Kreilick, junior, 170; Mike Coleman, senior, 175; and Harold Ramirez.

At the monster back, either Jim Oliver, 160 pound senior, or Johnny Williams, a 150 pound junior will start. When Williams is not on defense he could be

spelling Obermeyer offensively.

At the cornerback spots, Larry Liggins, twin brother of Harry, along with Dave Minich, junior, 160, or Jim Heidelberg, 160

senior, are vying for the spot.

At the halfback spot will be one of three players. Keith Pettiford, senior 155; Harry Liggins; or Minich could fill the spot.

At safety, Mike Andrews will probably start. Andrews is a 150 pound senior. Other candidates are Steve Young, 160 pound junior, and Pettiford.

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# 'Shuff system' builds tradition

By BOB MARKER  
N-M Sports Editor

Chuck Shuff and his Ross High School football coaching staff face a problem this year with the Little Giants. Graduation has decimated the team with practically all the defensive team that cavorted for the 9-1 Little Giant team last season missing. Gone from the offense are the likes of powerful tailback Rob Lytle and fullback Tom Pitts. Throw in the graduation of Bob Brudzinski and Ross has a big problem.

But this year could be the culmination of how well Shuff has built up his system at Ross since taking over five years ago. It was not until last year that he passed the .500 mark as the Ross head man. While at Ross Shuff has accumulated a 26-22-2 mark thanks to back to back 9-1 seasons.

During the last two epic seasons for Ross, the Little Giants have finished second and been co-titlist in the tough

Buckeye Conference. The Buckeye is considered by many people in different areas of the state as one of the top four schoolboy leagues in the state.

Shuff reflected a little on the first couple of years at the Ross helm.

"The first year (1-9) was what many coaches would consider a waste but for us it was the first step in building up the system," Shuff said as he leaned back in a chair in his June Street home.

"As in all rebuilding situations we had to restore discipline in the boys. This caused a few kids to drop out at first but the ones that stayed were the ones that wanted to play for us.

"Another problem that we faced the first couple of years

was the lack of a weight training program. We had some big kids but they were weak because of lack of the training."

The third year, a 5-4-1 effort, was the turning point for the Shuff teams. The gears of the Little Giant machine began to mesh and the victories began to come in streaks for the "Shuff-men."

But during those last few years there has always been the presence of the powerful runner in the Ross backfield. That is not the case this year.

"I think that we will have the type of runners that will be crowd pleasers in the fact that we have 'jitterbug' type runners this year," Shuff explained.

The past three years the Little

Giants have had the hard running smashes of such top backs as Tom Liggins and Lytle, both all-state selections. Last year it was Lytle; two years and three years ago it was Liggins and Lytle. This year a "new breed" has moved into the Ross picture.

But this is the result of the evolution of the Shuff system. Shuff and everyone knew that these powerful runners would one day be gone. That would be the time that Shuff's system would be put to the test and that time has come in 1973.

"I don't think we will be down," Shuff pointed out. "Oh, we won't have the club that will beat an opponent 42-6 or 32-0, nothing like that, but we will be respectful in every game.

"I think that we have established the tradition here at Ross and I feel that it will carry us through the season."

Shuff continued, "We have enough kids pushing each other now that the competition to make the team is bound to carry over into the games.

"This is the result of a good program. The program alone will cause other teams to respect us and this respect for us plus our own respect in the system will keep us in every ball game."

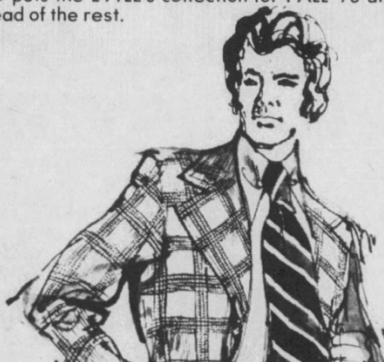
A testing year for Shuff's system? Could be, but Shuff has his charges ready for it and they have the tradition to make the Little Giant machine keep right on rolling and rolling and rolling.



BRAD BORDEN  
...Shuff's quarterback

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## Season opener

# Rams first test for Ross

By **BOB MARKER**  
N-M Sports Editor

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Why the really big one got away?

You could go on and on with hard things for you to do but try this one for size.

Have you ever taken approximately 50 boys, high school age, and tried to mold them into a cohesive team? Then after you have managed to get a facimile of what you have been striving for, get them ready for the first test of competition in a season?

Nine out of 10 of us have not. Nor would we really relish the thought of trying to do that, but Chuck Shuff and Tom Guitteau face that situation tomorrow night at Harmon Stadium here in Fremont.

Naturally the game is football, the main thought around high schools this time of year.

You may call it first game jitters but some coaches call it getting ready for the unexpected.

"Hey, it's difficult," Chuck Shuff, head coach of the Ross Little Giants, said as he got dressed for the Wednesday afternoon practice.

"You can look at the film you have on them and go back over last year's film of the game but you still are not quite sure of what they will do," Shuff smiled.

The sixth year coach of Ross was referring to Toledo Rogers which will help Ross kick off the football season in the 8 p.m. Friday clash.

"We are just getting the boys ready for the unexpected."

While Shuff is getting the Little Giants ready, his counterpart in Toledo is going through the same thing. But Guitteau will be sending his team against Ross minus one of his key players.

"We lost our quarterback," Guitteau said. "He cut his hand pretty badly in an accident at home."

That accident took away senior quarterback Bob McNair. The Rogers' preseason signal-caller was pouring hot tea into a glass when the glass broke in his

hand severely cutting the right palm.

"Other than that," Guitteau continued, "we are pretty healthy. We do have an injury to one of our defensive backs but that is about all."

"I like to think that we are ready to go. We have had some good scrimmages and I think that we can keep it up through the season."

Coming off a 1-7-2 record in '72, Rogers can only go up. The first two years of Guitteau's tenure at Rogers have been "down" years but he has high hopes for this season.

"If the first two weeks of practice are any indication of how well we are going to do," Guitteau commented, "then we should do okay."

Rogers had 14 lettermen returning to the Rams after losing one letterman because of ineligibility and two others because of their decision to work instead of playing.

Rogers is on a split schedule. In other words the juniors and seniors attend classes in the

morning and the sophomores in the afternoon and Guitteau sites this as a major problem to keeping boys out for football and getting them out in the first place.

"This leaves a lot of time," Guitteau lamented. "Sometimes if they get a good job it is hard for them to give it up."

"But I feel that we have the boys that want to play."

It is with this team that Guitteau will attempt to break a two year jinx held by Ross. Guitteau has never beaten the Little Giants as a head coach. Last year Ross won 40-0.

Rogers will run from a formation that is similar to Ross'. It is an "I" formation with a wingback or a slotback. The end will usually be split.

"They have a good tackle to tackle running game," Shuff said when asked what the Little Giants will have to stop.

"The film of them this year (first scrimmage game) showed that they could run well. The quarterback liked to keep

the ball a lot on the option.

They have a good big fullback and the lines are generally fairly large."

That fullback is 6-1, 190 pound senior Tim Kutz who will most likely take the handoff from senior signal-caller Mike Siefert, 5-9, 165, who will take over McNair's spot. Flanking Kutz will be a pair of seniors, Jim Jones, 180, and Mike Bruner, 170, at the wing back.

Ross is healthy and ready to go according to Shuff. The Little Giants will probably start Brad Borden at quarterback; Jerry Obermeyer at the fullback slot with relief from Johnny Williams; Tim Smith will run from the tailback spot with Ketih Pettiford spelling him; and Mike Coleman will operate from the "swing" back spot with Larry Liggins seeing a good deal of action.

So with first game jitters creeping up, two men are wondering if the unexpected will catch them or will the ordinary be the key.

Anyone want to trade them places?

## News Messenger

## Sports

Bob Marker, editor

### First games for area high schools

Following are the area high school football games scheduled for Friday, Sept. 7, and Saturday, Sept. 8:

#### Friday

Toledo Rogers at Fremont  
Ross, 8 p.m.

Bellevue at Port Clinton

Rosford at Genoa

Lakota at Clyde

Ottawa Hills at Woodmore

Gibsonburg at Fostoria St.

Wendelin

Margaretta at Vermilion

#### Saturday

St. Joseph at Oak Harbor

## Bowling

### LADIES P.M. Rainbow Lanes

	W	L
Wal-Mar Cleaners	4	0
Poormans	4	0
Dings Tavern	4	0
Macs Cab	3	1
Fishers Auto Body	3	1
Harrison Sohio	3	1
Davis & Son	3	1
Charity Ann Beauty Salon	3	1
Kongs Lounge	1	3
Bandbox Cleaners	1	3
Merrill Sohio	1	3
Whirlpool	1	3
Borer Sohio	1	3
McDaniel Insurance	1	3
Petra Beauty Salon	0	4
Progress Design & Machine	0	4
High team handicap series — Macs Cab, 2351.		
High individual series — Barb Conrad		

### LADIES CITY "B" Maple Lanes

	W	L
Imperial Plating Co.	3	1
J.R. Weller, Ins.	3	1
Fremont Motor Sales	3	1

Pilgrim Shop No. 1	3	1
Fremont Com. Theatre	3	1
Paul's Plbg. & Htg.	2½	1½
Sabroski's Electric	1½	2½
Warner Plbg. & Htg.	1	3
Crown Battery	1	3
Timmon's Equip. Co.	1	3
Adkins Sanitation	1	3
Pilgrim Shop No. 2	1	3
High actual team series — Imperial		

### MEN'S CITY "B" Maple Lanes

	W	L
Clicquot Club	4	0
Fremont Motor Sales	4	0
Reinbolt Store & Bar	4	0
Towne Lincoln-Mercury	3	1
Stotz Plbg. & Htg.	3	1
J.B. Garrard	2	2
Diamond View Rest Home	2	2
J.R. Weller Ins.	1	3
Sylvania J.B.	1	3
Crescent Mfg. Co.	0	4
San A Pure Dairy	0	4
D & R Marine Bar	0	4
High actual team series — Clicquot		
Club, 1006-1006-1071-3063.		
High team handicap series — Clicquot		
Club, 952-119-1071.		
High individual series — Jeff Law-		



# Little Giants rumble past Toledo Rogers

## Smith, Obermeyer lead Ross ground machine

By BOB MARKER

N-M Sports Editor

Fremont Ross took advantage of three Toledo Rogers' miscues early in the game and scored all three times as the Little Giants rolled to a 22-14 win. The game marked the debut of both teams in the 1973 season.

Tailback Tim Smith scored three times to pace the rushing game of Ross. The Little Giants had 24 points on the boards before the Rams could mount any offensive fireworks.

Smith scored on runs of 27, seven, and 23. Fullback Jerry Obermeyer scored the other TD on a three-yard burst in the first quarter.

It took Chuck Shuff's charges one Ram fumble and eight plays to go 50 yards for the first TD. Obermeyer rumbled up the middle for 16 yards on the first play from scrimmage to trigger the drive.

Ross had taken over the ball when Rogers' Jim Jones fumbled on the second play of the game. Ross' Dan Michalski fell on the ball at the midfield stripe.

From that point it was a steady ground attack by the rumbling Little Giants. Facing a second and 13 at the Rogers' 23, Ross signal-caller Brad Borden handed off to Jola Williams and the Ross junior ripped to the three-yard stripe for a first down. Williams had taken over for Obermeyer for the play but Obermeyer came back in and bulled his way over for the Little Giants' first TD at the 7:17 mark of the first quarter.

After the kickoff, Ross' Don Wensinger came up with another fumble by Jones at the Rogers' 41. This time it took only three plays for Ross to score as Smith swept right end from 23 yards out. Obermeyer carried for the conversion points to make it 16-0. The Little Giants were knocking once more on the scoring door a few seconds later on a short punt to the Rogers' 42 by the Rams' Greg Cheeseman.

Eleven plays later Smith went in from the seven. Key play in the drive was a seven-yard burst up the middle by Obermeyer.

### Schroeder leads second round

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — "That sure was a lot of birds," sighed a smiling John Schroeder after blasting out a phenomenal eight of them on his way to the second round lead in the \$100,000 Southern Open golf tournament.

The 27-year-old son of former tennis great Ted Schroeder fired a blistering 65 Friday to go along with his opening round 67 for a two-stroke margin over South Africa's Gary Player and Grier Jones, each tied at 134 entering today's third round.

Player, also sizzling in the 67-degree heat at the par-70, 6,790-yard Green Island Country Club course, matched Schroeder's 68 after an opening 69.

meyer on a fourth and one situation at the Rams' 14.

Rogers finally got untracked on the ensuing kickoff. Starting from the 19 yard line, the Rams drove 81 yards in 11 plays to reach pay dirt for the first time. Fullback Tim Kutz carried seven times for 59 yards in the drive. Mike Bruner scored the TD on a seven-yard run around the left end. Mark Meyers scored on the conversion.

The only scoring in the third period was on a blocked punt by Ross' Larry Liggins. The ball bounded out of the end zone for a two-point safety.

The third period was the high point of the game for Rogers even though they did not score. The Ram defense put the clamps to Ross' running game that had picked up 142 yards in the first half by limiting them to only 27 in that third stanza. The Little Giants did not pick up a first down in the quarter.

A punt to the Ross one-yard line put the Little Giants back against the wall with 3:59 to play. Smith was forced to punt out of his own end zone and got it to the Ross 38.

The Rams took over and moved the ball to the Ross 28 where they faced a fourth and one. Kutz picked up more than enough to the 25 to keep the drive alive. That carry came on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Three plays later Meyers ripped off a 13-yarder to the seven and the Rams had a first and 10. Kutz carried 14 yards to the drive stalled temporarily when Mike Coleman threw Ram quarterback Mike Siefert for a four yard loss. Kutz got back three of those lost yards but the Rams faced a third and goal situation at the nine. Kutz scored on a four and goal from the one with 8:03 to go after a pass interference penalty against Ross.

The final Ross touchdown came on Smith's swivel-bipped run down the sidelines from 23 yards out.

Shuff was pleased but not surprised at the running of Obermeyer who picked up an unofficial 75 yards on 15 carries in the game.

"No," Shuff said as he received congratulations from the fans streaming into the dressing room. "He was running like he can and is supposed to."

Smith, a slightly built blond-haired speedster, laughed a bit when he was asked if he missed playing defense.

"You bet," he smiled. "I like to hit more than I like getting hit."

Smith played that role to the fullest last night because there were very few Rogers' tacklers able to hit the high-stepper once he got his hands on the ball. The only time that Smith was hit hard was when his happy teammates were pounding him on the back after another trip into the Ram end zone.

Little Giant ramblings... Smith was the leading runner in the game.

for Ross with 86 yards in an even dozen carries plus getting off three punts for 43-plus average. One punt carried 50 yards and another 47.

Williams ripped off 10 carries for 63 yards.

Leading rusher for Rogers was Kutz with 23 carries and 111 yards, 83 coming in the first half.

Yardsticks		
Rogers		Ross
11	First downs	12
10	Rushing	11
0	Passing	1
1	Penalty	1
3	Pass attempts	4
0	Completed	2
1	Intercepted	0
174	New yards gained	279
174	Rushing	281
0	Passing	18
3	Fumbles lost	3
3	Fumbles lost	3
4-32.7	Punts-average	3-43.3
1-5	Penalties-yards	2-9
Individual scoring		

# Lincoln West next test for Ross Little Giants

By BOB MARKER  
N-M Sports Editor

Cleveland Lincoln West is in its fourth year of existence and it is proving to be a year of problems for the only football coach that the school has had. Dick Sowinski has had four years of problems all rolled into this very year. One of the problems is meeting Ross Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

"We were counting on a strong group of boys off our junior varsity team," moaned Sowinski. "The team had 42 boys on it and some of them were very promising athletes . . . well, only nine of them decided to come out this year."

The JV team was 4-2 last season compared to the varsity's 4-5 mark in the West Center League in Cleveland.

"They (the majority of the boys that did not come out for football this season) did not want to go along with my system," Sowinski said. "And with me it is essential that they go along with my philosophies. Those that did not

want to go along were pointed toward the door."

Lincoln West defeated Rocky River last Friday night 12-2 and Sowinski contributes the win to luck.

"Both teams were very green," the West mentor described, "but we made fewer mistakes than they did and we won."

"We got a long way to go," Sowinski added.

Some coaches say there is strength in numbers. Sowinski is one of the coaches that cannot even think of that claim. He has only 34 boys on the varsity team from a school that has 850-900 boys in attendance.

One of the 34 players on the team is a player that Chuck Shuff of the Little Giants and his staff call the best player that they may face this season. That all-purpose back is Israel "Izzy" Santiago, a 180-pound senior, who does just about anything asked of him.

"Ross people will remember him from last year's game," Shuff said. "He was all over the

place, both offensively and defensively. He went four quarters straight on both teams without a rest."

And Sowinski is as equally impressed with Santiago as Shuff is.

"He could play anywhere," Sowinski indicated. "He may play tailback, fullback, or quarterback, depending on the situation. He will play at linebacker when on defense."

Sowinski looks at Santiago as the only player that has proven himself. The "Mr. Everything" of Lincoln West is a three-year starter and naturally the team leader. But Sowinski does not have 11 Santiagos.

Shuff regards Lincoln West's quarterback, Ken Whitehead as one of the top three passers that the Little Giants will face this season. Against Rocky River, the 143-pound junior was eight of 15.

While Whitehead has the arm for passing, Sowinski credits split end Clarence Washington with

having the speed and the catching ability to gather in his tosses. He weighs only 145.

Going at tailback, if Santiago does not start there, will be a player that broke his collar bone on the first day of practice as a junior a year ago. Bob Talpas is a 161-pound senior who will go at safety along with his offensive assignments.

In summing up his first win this season, Sowinski commented, "Really I don't know where our strength lies. We moved pretty good through the air and at times we did okay off-tackle, but to be perfectly honest, I really don't know."

Shuff feels that he and his staff know what Sowinski does not.

"They pass about one-third of the time," Shuff says. "They play good straight football . . . they emphasize the off-tackle play and they do a good job of it."

Shuff was fairly satisfied with the Little Giant effort last week against Toledo Rogers with exception of some aspects of the defensive team.

"That 81 yard march they had against us was the longest that anyone has driven against us in years," Shuff said. "We are looking around this week for some minor changes in the defensive line and maybe a shift in the linebackers."

Shuff continued, "We were pleased with the linebacker play of Dan Kreilick, Mike Coleman, and Keith Butdorf."

Any changes that the Little Giant staff may make, however, will be minor Shuff indicated.

## Little Giant stats

Individual Rushing						
	Carries	YG	YL	Net	Avg.	
Smith	12	89	3	86	7.2	
Obermeyer	15	77	4	73	4.9	
Williams	10	63	0	63	6.3	
Borden	7	37	8	29	4.1	
L. Liggins	1	10	0	10	10.0	
Receiving						
	Catches	YG	YL	Net	Avg.	
Celek	1	14	0	14	14.0	
Coleman	1	4	0	4	4.0	
Passing						
	Passes	Comp.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	
Borden	4	2	18	9.0	0	
Punting						
	No.	Avg.				
Smith	3	43.7				
Punt returns						
	No.	Avg.				
L. Liggins	1	5.0				
Williams	1	-				
Kickoff returns						
	No.	Avg.				
L. Liggins	1	14.0				
Williams	2	6.0				
Interceptions						
	No.	YR.	Avg.			
Heidelberg	1	6	6.0			

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## Witte's 'frame of mind' may make Cavalier rookie a star

MENTOR, Ohio (AP) — Center Luke Witte has been criticized for his lack of aggressiveness, and he's not refuting the charge but trying to do something about it in the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball camp.

"I have to work on my ag-

gressiveness all around," the 7-foot Ohio State University product said. "I have to get under the boards every chance I can."

The mustachioed Witte was the fourth-round draft pick of Cleveland's National Basketball Association representative. He

is the first seven-footer acquired by the three-year-old organization.

"I feel like I have the ability to stay on top of the ball all the time," Witte said.

The bushy, blond-haired, 230-pounder said he is working on becoming more aggressive by getting in the right frame of mind.

"It requires a great deal of concentration on what I am doing," Witte said. "Sometimes I have to put a lot out of my mind to gain that concentration."

"It's mind over matter. I just keep telling myself that I have to get the ball at all cost. I'll try and contain the center, and if I can at least make the opposition give up the ball, I'll be contributing a lot to the team."

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# Ross defense shines in 46-0 bombardment



JOHNNY WILLIAMS RUNS FOR DAYLIGHT AGAINST LINCOLN WEST  
... Little Giant fullback rambled for 84 yards on just eight carries (N-M Photos by Jim Wasserman)

## Hiller ties pitching mark

By FRED ROTHENBERG  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
John Hiller saves the 35th me he's rescued a drowning Detroit arm this season—tying parky Lyle's American league record in that department. "I think it's a thing to be proud of," said Hiller after propping Mickey Lolich's 2-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

In 10 innings, California edged Kansas City 3-2 and the New York-Baltimore game was rained out. Hiller wouldn't get excited about his pitching feat. But that's better than when he couldn't. Doctor's orders. Hiller suffered a heart attack in January, 1971. Hiller made Lolich look good Friday night, protecting the big left-hander's victory for the third straight time and thwarting Jim Colborn's bid to win his 20th game.

Elsewhere in the American league, Minnesota blanked Chicago 6-0, Boston subdued Cleveland 6-4, Oakland beat Texas 5-1

and last year's Series hero, is starting to warm up. Tenace's team, the A's, preparing for post-season competition after moving 5-1-2 games ahead of runner-up Kansas City in the AL West, were down to their last out, trailing the Rangers and Jim Bibby 1-0. But that last out was Tenace who singled in the tying run after pinch runner Al Lewis moved into scoring position with a steal of second.

Then in the 10th Tenace was there again in a two-out situation. Bill North led off with a single and moved up on Bert Campaneris' sacrifice. Then an intentional walk to Sal Bando and Mike Andrews' single lifted the bases before Tenace's 23rd homer unfurled them and ended the game, 5-1 for the A's.

Angels 3, Rangers 2  
California's Frank Tanana, a 20-year-old rookie, made the Royals' pennant hopes a game more unrealistic when he fired a six-hitter to beat Kansas City 3-2.

Tanana struck out six and walked one to avenge his loss to Kansas City last week in his major league debut.

Twins 6, White Sox 0  
Bert Blyleven hurled a four-hitter, recorded his ninth shut-out of the season, struck out 12 and gained his 18th victory in pitching the Minnesota Twins to a 6-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

The Minnesota victory moved the Twins into a virtual tie with the White Sox for third place in the AL West.

Red Sox 6, Indians 3  
Carl Yastrzemski drove in four runs with a homer and a single to lead the Red Sox over the Indians 6-3.

Yastrzemski slammed his afternoon games find Minnesota at third-ranked Ohio

16th homer after Tommy Harper had walked and Luis Aparicio singled.

In the National League the scores were: Montreal 3, Philadelphia 2; Cincinnati 7, Atlanta 6; Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 2; Los Angeles 13, Houston 1; San Diego 4, San Francisco 3 and the Chicago-New York game was postponed because of rain.

## Trojans set to roll

By HERSHEL NISSEN

With things just the opposite of last year's opener, Southern California begins defense of its national college football championship tonight against an inexperienced Arkansas team in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

The Trojans, ranked No. 1 in the nation again this season in the Associated Press poll, are a three-touchdown favorite to extend their 12-game winning streak, longest among major colleges.

Arkansas has only seven seniors on its squad.

Arkansas-Southern Cal is just one of 29 major games under the lights, no less than 10 of them involving at least one member of the Top Twenty.

Sixth-ranked Alabama entertains California at Birmingham, ninth-ranked Tennessee hosts Duke, No. 10 Colorado visits No. 15 Louisiana State in the only Top Twenty matchup, No. 11 Oklahoma is at Baylor, No. 12 Arizona State at Oregon, Kansas State at No. 14 Florida, Virginia at No. 17 North Carolina State, Rice at No. 18 Houston and Utah at No. 20 Texas Tech.

Afternoon games find Minnesota at third-ranked Ohio

## Tim Smith scores five Little Giant touchdowns

By BOB MARKER  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

The Ross Little Giants put on an awesome display of defense to crush the Wolverines of Cleveland Lincoln West 46-0. The Little Giant defense did not allow a single first down on the ground as the Wolverines could muster only a minus 14 yards rushing.

"There was a heck of a lot of improvement," Ross coach Chuck Shuff laughed after the game. Shuff was referring to the game last week with Toledo Rogers. He was not entirely pleased with the way his squad performed then but it was a different story last night.

Shuff described the Little Giant play as "good full football." It was more like water pouring through a rusty eaves trough for Lincoln West. The Wolverine defense had as many holes in it as Swiss cheese and the Little Giant that found the most holes, Tim Smith, made the most of them.

Smith scored five touchdowns. Counting the three that he scored against Rogers, the fleet blond senior scored eight TD's in a row before his string was broken by Keith Pettiford's 36 yard scramble in the fourth period.

"I had tremendous blocking out there tonight," said the Ross speedster. "On that 80 yarder, there was a big hole. Johnny (Williams) hit the linebacker and there was no one left."

Williams, the Ross backup fullback to regular Jerry Obermeyer, had a field day in the first half. Besides getting the key block on the long Smith run, Williams came up with another block that let Smith waltz into the end zone from four yards out.

It was strictly a "Smith-Williams" night with a bit of Obermeyer and Brad Borden thrown in. Smith ran for touchdowns of four, seven, four, and 80 yards. Borden hit Smith on a 40 yard pass in the third period for the fifth TD of the night.

Smith picked up 120 yards on eight carries in the first half and finished up with 126 yards for the night. The only reason that he did not get more than that in the second half was because Shuff was flooding the field liberally with Little Giant Subs.

Williams was finding the holes that Smith did not whenever he was carrying the ball. The stocky junior picked up 84 yards in the first half on only eight carries. The longest was a 32 yard scamper to the Lincoln West four when the Little Giants were facing a third and 36 at the 38. They could have picked up a first down inches from the goal line. On the next play Williams threw the key block to spring Smith for the TD.

Obermeyer did his share of finding holes in the Wolverine defense. The senior picked up 60 yards on 10 carries and defensively helped bolster the stubborn Little Giant defense.

And defense was the game for Ross. With big Bubba Harris anchoring the front line, the Little Giants threw Wolverine ball carriers for a total of 55 yards in losses. Ross completely handuffed the runs of highly touted Israel Santiago. The back who was called one of the best in the area by Ross coaches managed only a minus-six yards on seven carries.

Harris along with teammates, Jim Briney at middle guard, Keith Buford and Don Wensinger on the interior and Steve Celek and Kurt Landig outside, and many more, took away the tackle to tackle game that Lincoln West had used in their opening game win against Rocky River.

The linebackers were especially effective with last week's "player of the week," Mike Coleman, performing near perfection. It was the linebackers and the deep backs that managed to contain the brute of Lincoln West's only effective offense during the night, the pass.

Wolverine quarterback Ken Whitehead went to the airways 19 times in the game with eight completions for 92 yards but that was about all the defense Ross gave up. The majority of the passing yardage was gained because the Little Giants were giving up the short pass and were playing a loose containing type defense.

It took Ross only to the 8:22 mark of the game to score the first TD. With Williams picking up 27 yards in an eight play, 61-yard march, Smith scored on a four yard run on a option in which Borden literally faked the Wolverine defense off its feet before pitching back.

The second tally came on a seven yard run by Smith at the 2:27 mark in the first period and that was literally the ball game. There was no stopping the Little Giant machine and there was everything stopping the Wolverines.

Ross notes ... Johnny Williams was all smiles after the game. He was pleased about his 32-yard run that set up the third Ross TD.

"I like to run that 'draw' play," Williams' face crinkled up as he explained the run. "I like to watch Obie (Obermeyer) run it but I know I may be a little faster than him and there is always a big hole. It's just a lot of fun running that thing."

It was fun for Johnny but no fun for Lincoln West.

### Little Giant stats

Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Lincoln West	0	0	0	0	0
Fremont Ross	16	15	7	7	46
Yards					
First downs	12				12
Running	10				10
Passing	2				2
Penalty	0				0
Plays attempted	19				19
Completed	8				8
Intercepted	7				7
Net yards gained	78				78
First downs	10				10
Running	8				8
Passing	2				2
Penalty	0				0
Fumbles lost	2				2
Individual scoring	7:27				7:27
Points Average	13				13
Penalties-yards	3-45				3-45
Ross Smith, four-yard run (PAT run by Obermeyer) 8:22, first quarter					
Ross Smith, seven-yard run (PAT run by Obermeyer) 12:27, first quarter					
Ross Smith, four-yard run (PAT run by Borden) 13:35, second quarter					
Ross Smith, 80-yard run (PAT run by Borden) 18:01, second quarter					
Ross Smith, 80-yard pass (from Borden) (PAT kick by Cunningham) 37, third quarter					
Ross Pettiford, 36-yard run (PAT kick by Cunningham) 4:40, fourth quarter					

### Bowling standings

THURSDAY NITE LATE

W	L
Davies Marine	50
Latham's Super Market	51
Bo's Arc	51
Mickey Inn	51
Ernie Plumbing & Heating	44
Nora's Home	44
Illus Solus	44
Pondosa Steak House	44
American Legion No. 3	55
Grant City	55
Team No. 3	24
Fremont Art Inn	24
Bowers Sanitation	17
Cow's Battery	17
High actual team series - Midway	104-649-17-199
High team handicap series - Midway	104-70-83-227
High individual series - Tim Arnold	238-108-109-563

FRIDAY NITE MIXED COUPLES

W	L
Skru Drivers	46
Lenn Oaks	46
Namptons 4	46
Hot Ones	31
Jacks & Jills	31
Four Spares	31
Allen Cars	31
Nuts & Bolts	10
Free Haws	10
Family Affair	10
B-Sert	10
Four Smiths	10
Woodchucks	04



ROSS' BRAD BORDEN GETS OFF PASS  
... Wolverine's Micky Burns (54) hits Ross quarterback

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**Standings**

American League			National League		
East	W	L	East	W	L
Baltimore	86	39	Pittsburgh	72	71
Boston	81	47	Montreal	72	72
Detroit	78	50	St. Louis	72	74
New York	74	47	New York	71	52
Milwaukee	70	73	Chicago	69	76
Cleveland	64	80	Philadelphia	65	82
West			West		
Oakland	84	61	Cincinnati	80	67
Kansas City	80	66	Los Angeles	80	62
Chicago	72	75	San Francisco	81	59
Minnesota	71	74	Houston	74	73
California	67	78	Atlanta	72	77
Texas	51	93	San Diego	53	92
Results			Results		
New York at Baltimore, postponed			Montreal 3, Philadelphia 2		
Boston 6, Cleveland 4			Chicago at New York, postponed		
Detroit 2, Milwaukee 1			Cincinnati 7, Atlanta 6		
Minnesota 6, Chicago 0			Bergh 3, St. Louis 1		
Texas at Oakland			Los Angeles 13, Houston 1		
Kansas City at California			San Francisco at San Diego		

## Lake Flyers edge Genoa 15-14

# Winless Bowsher next Ross opponent

By BOB MARKER  
N-M Sports Editor

"Been coming down there too long," Toledo Bowsher head football coach Charles Darnell laughed when he was asked how long he had been involved with teams playing Fremont Ross. The Little Giants, unbeaten in two games host the still winless Bowsher Rebels in the season's third game.

"We have been going down there a long time," Darnell said after he thought awhile. "They (Ross) have had their down years

One of the more outstanding athletes on the Rebel team is the man right in the center of the offensive line, Chuck Rogers. The senior, 6-4, 200 pounder, is a standout in both phases of the game.

"We think he is an all-state candidate," Darnell contends. "He's an outstanding offensive center and a great defensive end. He has been heavily recruited by a number of colleges already."

Another one of the "two-way" boys for Darnell is a player that was injured in the fourth quarter of last week's game. Jim Reagan, a 5-10, 179 pound senior, was injured but will be ready for the game against Ross. Reagan doubles up at the left guard slot on offense.

Perhaps a star of the future (at least brighter) is sophomore linebacker Steve Hockin. The Rebel 180 pounder started and lettered as a freshman last year and gained a reputation of being one of the hardest hitters in the Toledo area.

"He likes to hit," Darnell beams when speaking of Hockin. "In our first game he had nine solo tackles and against Start, he had 15 solos and that is playing some rugged defense."

Other players that Darnell will be counting on heavily for double duty included Reagan and Rogers; Paul Papke at fullback in the Rebel "wishbone" formation; Tom Wagner, Bill Shafer, Lonnie Konz, and possibly one or two others. But these are the men that Darnell says will more than likely play both ways.

"Our main thing," Darnell contends, "is we have to stay healthy. We do not have enough depth so we cannot afford any injuries. The injuries we incurred last week have been taken care of and the boys should be ready to go."

The Rebels will line up defensively in a "5-2", a defense much similar to that of the Little Giants. It is offensively where Ross fans will notice the biggest difference.

Bowsher will run from the "wishbone." A formation and an offense that was made famous by the Texas Longhorns. The formation is known for the "triple option" that befuddles many teams.

Darnell reacted strongly when it was suggested that his team "shows" the wishbone but does not run the triple option. "We run it," Darnell

emphasized. "Other teams have to stop it before we stop running it. We can be forced out of the option but it takes some doing."

The key to a good triple option off the wishbone is a good quarterback and Darnell feels he has just such a signal-caller in 6-1 senior Joe Cieslewicz.

"He's good on the option; runs well; and he can throw the ball. He has hit about 50 per cent of his passes in the two games."

In summarizing his team's chances against Ross, Darnell was definite.

"We know what they (Ross) are going to do. They run up the middle, option, and trap in the middle and at the tackles. They have outstanding speed but they are not as big as they were last season."

Darnell continued, "We think they show definite tendencies ... fall into a pattern that I think we have figured out."

"Anyway you look at them, they look pretty tough. We just have to get started early against them."

Ross notes: It's "Parent's Night" for the Little Giants. At 7:30 p.m., the members of the Little Giant team and their parents will be introduced. All parents are asked to assemble at the south end of Harmon Field, on the black-top driveway, inside the fence no later than 7:10 p.m. Flowers will be distributed to the mothers of the players at that time.

## Little Giant stats

Scoring (team)		0	8	0	6-14		
Opponent		32	24	2	13-78		
Ross							
Individual scoring		TD	PAT	Saf	Tot.		
		1	2				
Tim Smith	8	—	1	—	50		
Jerry Obermeyer	1	—	5	—	16		
Keith Pettiford	1	—	—	—	6		
Brad Borden	—	—	1	—	2		
Guy Cunningham	—	2	—	—	2		
Larry Liggins	—	—	—	1	2		
Rushing		At.	YG	YL	Net.	Avg.	TD
Tim Smith	23	217	5	212	9.2	7	7
J. Williams	18	147	0	147	8.2	0	0
J. Obermeyer	25	137	4	133	5.5	1	1
K. Pettiford	3	47	0	47	15.7	1	1
S. Young	2	9	0	9	4.5	0	0
Dave Zilles	3	6	1	5	1.7	0	0
Quaintance	1	0	0	0	—	0	0
Passing		At.	Cp.	YG	Avg.	TD	
Brad Borden	11	5	107	17.8	1	1	
Receiving		No.	YG	Avg.	TD		
Mike Mathes	2	52	26.0	0	0		
Tim Smith	2	37	18.5	1	1		
Steve Celek	1	14	14.0	0	0		
Mike Coleman	1	4	4.0	0	0		
Punting		No.	Avg.	Long.			
Tim Smith	5	43.2	50				
Jerry Obermeyer	1	20.0	20				
Kickoff returns		No.	Avg.	TD			
John Williams	3	8.0	0	0			
Larry Liggins	1	14.0	0	0			
Interceptions		No.	Avg.	TD			
Jim Heidleburg	1	6.0	0	0			

but here recently they have been real strong. They got a good system under way and it turns out some good ball players."

Darnell then added, "But I think that we can play with them."

And that is how the Rebel coach began when asked about how he viewed his team's chances against Ross. Bowsher is fresh off a 14-6 loss to Toledo Start; a game that they led nearly the whole distance only to lose in the last quarter because of two key injuries.

"We're young," Darnell says about his Rebel team. "We lost about half our boys from last year's team (5-4 record including five wins in the last six ball games) and it has put us into a bit of a hole. We have six or seven boys that go both ways and toward the end of the ball game they are getting pretty tired."

## Area schedule

### Friday night

Toledo Bowsher at Ross, 8 p.m.  
Clyde at Margaretta, 8 p.m.  
Gibsonburg at Elmwood, 8 p.m.  
Bellevue at Upper Sandusky, 8 p.m.  
Otsego at Oak Harbor, 8 p.m.  
Oregon Clay at Port Clinton, 8 p.m.  
Lakota at Woodmore, 8 p.m.  
Eastwood at Genoa, 8 p.m.

### Saturday

St. Joseph at Huron, 8 p.m.

## Training tough for Crusaders

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (AP) — Some of the veteran Cleveland Crusaders consider this year's hockey training camp to be the toughest they've ever experienced.



## Second quarter blitz obliterates Rebels

## Little Giants coast to third win, 48-20

By ROY WILHELM

A second period explosion propelled the talented Ross High Little Giants to a lopsided 48-20 romp over visiting Toledo Bowsers Friday night.

The Ross second quarter blitz poured 30 points on the board, giving the Giants a 35-0 halftime margin as they coasted to their third win in as many outings this season.

A fleet of talented backs, operating behind an aggressive line, and a stingy defense combined to give Ross the easy victory, but it was two fellows bearing a familiar name who limited the romp.

Just two years ago Tom Liggins bulled his way to state honors as he played a key role in a great season for the Little Giants. Friday night it was his younger brothers, Harry and Larry, who were capturing their share of the spotlight.

Ross was holding a 16-6 lead as the Rebels tried to move back into contention midway through the second period. Larry, from his defensive backfield spot, really stuck Bowsher receiver Bill Shafer when the Toledan appeared headed for a first down.

Larry hit him head on and stopped him in his tracks, two yards short of a first down on a third down play. Then, two plays after

Bowsher's punt Larry came from his receiver's position, took an inside handoff and raced 43 yards for the Giants' third touchdown. He made a sweep of scoring honors by grabbing a pass from Brad Borden for the extra points.

Just one play after the following kickoff, Harry pounced on a Bowsher fumble at the Toledo 15 yard line, setting up a pass from Borden to Steve Celley for the fourth touchdown.

The touchdowns came within 38 seconds of one another and destroyed any hopes that the invading Toledoans might have had.

While the Liggins boys were providing that instant explosion, there were plenty of other heroes in the romp.

Another junior, John Williams scored two touchdowns in that big second period, including a 71 yard dash that ended with just one second to go in the half.

The speedy, hard-running Williams piled up 136 yards in just 11 carries—all in the first half. Williams, unfortunately, injured his shoulder on the first play of the second half and coaches feared that it might be a



separation

Tim Smith, who also was hurt on that first play of the second half, added 65 yards in just eight carries for the evening. Smith, who had been piling up touchdowns this year, had two called back because of penalties. His only scoring of the night was a two-point run after one of the Pass TD's.

Robert "Bubba" Harris and Mike Coleman recovered fumbles for the defense.

Borden fired a pair of touchdown passes and handled the offense almost flawlessly.

That offense rolled up 385 yards, including 356 on the ground. The Giants had 280 yards total offense in the first half and their total for the game apparently could have been much higher, but head coach Chuck Shuford mercifully poured in the substitutes throughout the second half.

Each team scored the first time it had the football.

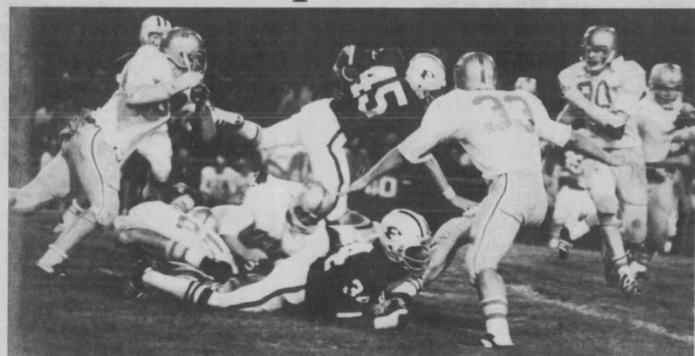
The Giants moved 50 yards in 10 plays after Larry Liggins returned the opening kickoff 29 yards to midfield. Smith sprinted into the end zone on the fourth play of the drive, but a clipping penalty at the five yard line moved the ball back to the 20. A big third down run by Jerry Obermyer gave Ross a first down on the 10. Then, after Obermyer had gained two yards and Smith had lost 7, Borden fired a low bullet to Mike Matthes who made a great grab and fell into the end zone. Obermyer's run for the extra points gave the Giants an eight point

Bowsher threatened to make a game of it by moving 63 yards in nine plays after getting the Ross kickoff. Power-driving fullback Matt Brown broke through for a 35 yard gain on the first play of the drive. A 17-yard Joe Cieslewicz to Jim Parker pass completed the drive. Ross stayed on top by halting

The Little Giants made it 16-6 after taking the next kickoff. With Williams doing most of the work, they moved from their own 39 yard line in nine plays. Williams, who had a big run of 26 yards after a 15 yard penalty had lengthened the Giants' effort, gained 46 yards in the march and scored the touchdown from one yard out.

Smith had a 20 yard run early in the march and a 21 yard touchdown run called back by that 15 yard holding penalty.

Not much later, the Liggins boys took over and then Williams added the icing with his 71 yard sprint as time ran out.





# Little Giant 11 rates No. 6

The Little Giants of Ross High, easy victors in three warm-up grid contests before the Buckeye Conference gets under way Friday, rate No. 6 in the first 1973 AP high school football poll.

Coach Chuck Shuff's gridders invade Lorain Friday night to tangle with the always-tough Admiral King crew.

Massillon, Columbus Watterston and Marion Pleasant, all of whom made the first state playoffs last fall, are the first state-wide division leaders this season.

Massillon, in Class AAA, and Marion Pleasant, which has won the last two mythical Class A crowns, were runaway leaders in the first balloting by sports writers and broadcasters.

Massillon's Tigers, who achieved their 500th career victory earlier this season, piled up 203 points to 136 for runner-up Warren Western Reserve, the 1972 big school playoff champion.

Massillon was bumped in the Class AAA semifinals last fall by Cincinnati Princeton.

Pleasant, a Marion County powerhouse on a 41-game winning streak, came within one point of tripling its margin over No. 2 Sugar Grove Berne Union in Class A. The Spartans, the playoff champions, had 185 points to 63 for the Fairfield County runnerup.

Watterston, beaten in the Class AA playoff championship game by Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary in 1972, edged Washington Court House 90-86 for the lead in the middle division.

All of the leaders are off to 3-0 starts this season.

Every member of the top ten carries unblemished records except Barberton, 2-1-0 and tenth in Class AAA, and Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary, fourth in Class AA with a 2-1-0 mark.

Cincinnati Moeller was a distant third in Class AAA and then, in order, came Steubenville, Akron Garfield, Fremont Ross (only nine votes back of fourth position), Zanesville, Newark, Findlay and Barberton.

The Class AA scramble was wide open with 22 points separating the top five-rated teams, Watterston, Washington Court

House, Minerva, St. Vincent-St. Mary and Ironton.

Dayton Jefferson was No. 6 in Class AA, followed by Cincinnati Reading, Lisbon Beaver, Nelsonville-York and Bel-laire.

Portsmouth Notre Dame, a former AP state champion, was third in Class A. Lorain Clearview and Newark Catholic, another former titleholder, were tied for fourth.

Kirtland was sixth, Cory Rawson and McDonald tied for seventh and Ada and East Canton deadlocked for the No. 9 spot among the small schools.

## How AP rates schoolboys

CLASS AAA				
School	W	L	T	Pts
1. Massillon	3	0	0	203
2. Warren Western Reserve	3	0	0	136
3. Cincinnati Moeller	3	0	0	96
4. Steubenville	3	0	0	65
5. Akron Garfield	3	0	0	59
6. Fremont Ross	3	0	0	56
7. Zanesville	3	0	0	54
8. Newark	3	0	0	49
9. Findlay	3	0	0	44
10. Barberton	2	1	0	34
Other schools receiving 10 or more points: Wintersville, Lakewood St. Edward and Hubbard 32, Canton McKinley 31, Gahanna and Youngtown Mooney 30, Cincinnati LaSalle 26, Cincinnati Elder 25, Middletown and Columbus Eastmoor 24, Columbus Walnut Ridge 23, Toledo DeVilbiss and Elyria 22, Dayton Stebbins 21, North Canton Hoover 20, Upper Arlington 18, Dover and Bowling Green 17, Eastlake North 15, Lima Shawnee, Cincinnati Princeton and Cincinnati St. Xavier 14, Cuyahoga Walsh Jesuit 12, Toledo Scott 11, Bellevue and Willoughby South 10.				

CLASS AA				
School	W	L	T	Pts
1. Columbus Watterston	3	0	0	90
2. Washington Court House	3	0	0	86
3. Minerva	3	0	0	74
4. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary	2	1	0	69
5. Ironton	3	0	0	68
6. Dayton Jefferson	3	0	0	55
7. Cincinnati Reading	3	0	0	49
8. Lisbon Beaver	3	0	0	38
9. Nelsonville-York	3	0	0	34
10. Bellaire	3	0	0	32
Other schools receiving 10 or more points: Warren Kennedy 31, Lima Bath 29, Beloit West Branch 28, Zoarville Tuscarawas Valley, Newark Licking Valley,				

Wheelerburg and St. Marys 24, Steubenville Catholic 21, Lima Catholic, Toronto and Cleveland Benedictine 20, Ottawa Glandorf and Chagrin Falls 18, Bucyrus 16, Dublin and Clear Fork 15, Bryan and Solon 14, Urbana, Rossford, Elyria Catholic, Dayton Carroll and Fostoria 13, Louisville Aquinas, Milan Edison and Hannibal River 12, Lafayette Allen East, Columbus Mifflin and Springfield Catholic 11, Wellsville, West Muskingum, Lorain Catholic, Hanoverton United, Versailles and Huron 10.

CLASS A				
School	W	L	T	Pts
1. Marion Pleasant	3	0	0	185
2. Sugar Grove Berne Union	3	0	0	63
3. Portsmouth Notre Dame	3	0	0	51
4. (tie) Lorain Clearview	3	0	0	49
Newark Catholic	3	0	0	49
6. Kirtland	3	0	0	43
7. (tie) Cory Rawson	3	0	0	41
McDonald	3	0	0	41
9. (tie) Ada	3	0	0	35
East Canton	3	0	0	35
Other schools receiving 10 or more points: Brilliant Buckeye North 34, Arlington, Norwalk St. Paul and Irontale Stanton 33, Cincinnati Lockland 30, Lowellville 29, Cedarville 28, Frankfort Adena and Racine Southern 25, Covington 22, Canal Winchester and Cleveland Lutheran East 20, Fredericktown 19, Montpelier and Millersport 18, Mount Blanchard Riverdale and Proctorville Fairland 17, Columbus St. Charles 16, Hicksville 15, New London, North Lima South Range and Sidney Lehman 14, Middletown Fenwick and Sebring 12, Granville, Plain City Alder, Ottawa Hills and Williamsburg 11, Yellow Springs 10.				

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## Buckeye Conference opener Admirals first road test

By BOB MARKER  
N-M Sports Editor

Admiral King coach Don Fritz has been having his problems this season. Problems that have him on the verge of something drastic. Things like pulling his hair out, kicking himself if he could.

Admiral King (1-2) will be Fremont Ross' first Buckeye Conference opponent this Friday night and the contest will be the first game of the season that the Little Giants have not had on friendly soil.

Ross fans, and you can bet the Little Giants themselves, remember what Admiral King did last season. The Little Giants were rolling along smoothly with a 3-0 record, the same as this season, when the Lorain based school rolled into town.

Fritz had his players ready for the game. Despite a rather poor first three games, the Admirals still had a 2-1 record and the game was expected to be hard

fought but a game that Ross was expected to dominate.

It was just the opposite. Fritz' crew handed the Little Giants their only season loss, a 19-14 shocker. The loss cost the Little Giants a spot in the state playoffs.

"They should be coming down here ready to tear our heads off," Fritz admitted. "But then, our kids know that is what Ross will be wanting to do and they are prepared for them."

"You know," Fritz continued, "Ross could be at a disadvantage because they will be favored. They were favored last year and our kids got up for them."

"However, I've been trying to compare this year's team with last season," Fritz explained, "and I don't like what I see. You know last season with that Rob Lytle kid they were impressive but this year without him, somehow they are even more impressive."

Fritz went on explaining why they felt this way.

"Take a look at the league stats. All three of the top rushers are from Ross. The team is first in practically every offensive category except passing. If I didn't know better, I would say that Ross over-emphasizes offense and forgets a little about defense," Fritz pointed out.

But Fritz added, "But they are always tough defensively, too, so what are you going to do?"

Fritz explained about some of the problems that have plagued his team.

"In our first game (an 8-7 loss to Eastlake North), we had three fumbles and two passes intercepted. Then against Berea, we simply didn't execute and couldn't move the ball."

Berea won that second game 13-6. Last week Admiral King dumped Lorain Southview 24-0.

"We didn't make an extra point last week," Fritz moaned. Kicking is an important facet of the Admiral King game.

"Our regular kicker, Ephrem Higgins, has had trouble with his

hip. When he is healthy I wouldn't hesitate to let him try from 35 yards or more."

Did Fritz think that the game could be decided by a field goal? "I don't know but it will be close."

A bit on the comic side of Fritz' problem happened on a punting situation. The Admiral King punter missed the ball entirely when he attempted to boot the ball.

"That happened to us once about 10 years ago," Fritz recalled. "But when it happened this year, well, I was glad I didn't have anything sharp around or I might have cut my wrists!"

Those problems are behind Fritz and he pointed out something that may sound unusual but may very well be right at a good many schools.

"I think my kids are finally getting around to playing big time ball," Fritz said. "I honestly think they look upon the first three games as exhibition games."

But Fritz is confident about his team this Friday.

"My kids have a way of getting themselves up for the good teams and they know they have a good one coming in here Friday."

Admiral King's offensive attack is well rounded. They blend the passing game in with the rushing but have yet to have a good consistency with either facet this season.

Leading the rushing corps for the Admirals is 185 pound full-back Bob Micoloff. The stocky senior ranks seventh in the conference with 173 yards in 38 rushes for a 4.6 average.

The speedster of the backfield is 190 pound Bernard Lawrence, a starter at tailback. Lawrence is averaging 4.1 yards per carry while scoring three TD's.

At quarterback is Craig Macovey who is 14 for 37 this season for one touchdown. In the first game of the season Macovey set a new Admiral King record for career TD passes with his 13th. Macovey is a senior.

A double threat for the Little Giants will be Mike Greenhill. Against Southview, Greenhill had a field day both offensively and defensively. The Admiral King flanker caught three passes for 28 yards offensively and defensively, picked off three Southview passes and recovered a fumble to set up a TD.

On the Ross side of the ledger, there are only two doubtful starters or players as of Wednesday. Little Giant head coach Chuck Shuff said that both Tim Smith and Johnny Williams, injured in last Friday's win over Toledo Bowsher, will see limited duty.

It's hard to tell right now how they will be Friday, Shuff said. "Both are coming along good right now but now I am getting concerned about the flu bug."

"Don Wensinger missed yesterday and today's practice (Wednesday) because of the flu and we have two or three others down with it. I hope it doesn't get any worse."

For Ross the game could be a game of redemption, not only for last season but for years past. The Little Giants have an anemic 1-2 record against Admiral King. The only Ross win was two years ago, a 43-6 drubbing in which Ross scored 37 points in the second half of play.

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#### Little Giants stats

Score by quarters							
Opponent	6	8	0	20	34		
Ross	40	54	17	15	126		
Individual scoring							
	TD	PAT	Saf	Tot.			
1 2							
Tim Smith	8	2	—	—	52		
Jerry Obermeyer	1	—	—	—	18		
Keith Pettiford	2	—	—	—	14		
John Williams	2	—	—	—	12		
Larry Liggins	1	—	1	10	—		
Mike Mathes	1	—	—	—	6		
Steve Celek	1	—	—	—	6		
Guy Cunningham	0	2	—	—	2		
Brad Borden	0	—	1	—	2		
Steve Young	0	—	1	—	2		
Team	—	—	—	1	2		
Rushing (Top six)							
	At	YG	VL	Net	Avg	TD	
Tim Smith	31	293	16	277	8.9	7	
J. Williams	29	283	0	283	9.4	2	
J. Obmeyer	28	159	4	155	5.5	1	
K. Pettiford	7	76	0	76	10.9	2	
L. Liggins	1	43	0	43	43.0	1	
Steve Young	9	29	4	25	2.8	0	
Passing							
	At	YG	VL	Net	Avg	TD	
Brad Borden	14	8	137	171	3	3	
Pat Belch	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Receiving							
	No.	YG	VL	Net	Avg	TD	
Mike Mathes	3	68	22	1	1		
Tim Smith	2	37	18.5	1	1		
Steve Celek	2	29	14.5	1	1		
Mike Coleman	1	4	4.0	0	0		
Punting							
	No.	YG	VL	Net	Avg	Long	
Tim Smith	2	43	2	50			
Jerry Obermeyer	2	29.5	39				
Interceptions							
	No.	YG	VL	Net	Avg	ret.	TD
Jun Heidleburg	1	6.0	0				

#### Buckeye standings

	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T		W	L	T	
Fremont Ross	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Findlay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandusky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mansfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elvira	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Admiral King	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lorain Senior	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Friday schedule

Fremont Ross at Admiral King

Sandusky at Findlay

Mansfield at Lorain Senior

Marion vs. Elvira

#### Area schedule

Norwalk at Bellevue  
Elmwood at Oak Harbor  
Genoa at Lakota  
Perrysburg at Port Clinton  
Woodmore at Otsego  
Eastwood at Gibsonburg  
Huron at Clyde  
Saturday night  
Margaretta at St. Joseph

### Braves defeat Cavaliers

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) — Garfield Heard scored 25 points and Jim McMillan chipped in with 20 as the Buffalo Braves defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 103-100 in a National Basketball Association exhibition game Wednesday night.

The Braves, pushing their exhibition record to 2-2, trailed most of the first half, but pulled ahead in the final two periods in handling Cleveland its third straight preseason loss.

Austin Carr led Cleveland with 16 points, while veteran Len Wilkens had 15, including 11 free throws.

Dwight Davis had 13 points for Cleveland and former University of Minnesota All-American Jim Brewer added 12.

Bob McAdoo scored 15 points for Buffalo while rookies Ernie DiGregorio and Kevin Kunnert had 12 apiece.

### 'Man with the golden toe' is key man in Brown point machine

CLEVELAND (AP) — Last season one man and his toe scored 35 per cent of the Cleveland Browns' points.

Don Cockroft kicked 28 extra

points and 22 field goals for a total of 94 points. The Browns as a team scored 268.

During the Browns' humiliating defeat 33-6 Sunday at the hands of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Cockroft kept Cleveland from getting shut out the second consecutive year in Three Rivers Stadium.

"I never really think about my percentage of team points scored," the 28-year-old Adams State graduate said.

"It would be different if I had the chance to kick about 40 or 45 times a year. I'd like to have that opportunity, but it just doesn't happen here."

Last season Cockroft had 27 field goal attempts and 81 per cent accuracy—the best in the National Football League—earned him the title of The Man with the Golden Toe.

Cockroft also punts for the Browns and the nature of his job keeps him separated from the rest of the club both in practice and on the field but he doesn't feel isolated.

"If I were one of those kick-

ers who came from Europe and all I ever did was kick I might have a feeling of being separated from the team," he said.

"But I know what it's like to be in the middle of the action," he continued. "I was a defensive back in college until I hurt my ankle."

Ironically, Cockroft believes that injuring his ankle was the best thing that ever happened to him.

"I couldn't run anymore and it made me concentrate on my kicking," he said.

Cockroft doesn't relish the idea of having to get involved in tackles after he has punted or kicked off.

"I've made my share of tackles," he said. "But if a runner gets past the rest of the team we're in trouble because it means their deep in our territory."

"Also the pads I wear could probably be purchased in any kids sporting goods department. They don't give me much protection."

#### Directions to Little Giant- Admirals game

For Fremont fans that have never been to George Daniel Stadium, Admiral King's home field in Lorain, following is one set of directions provided by the Ross athletic department.

Route six (6) to Jackie Meyer Highway (routes six (6) and two (2)); follow the highway east to Lorain; turn onto route 611 at "Y" intersection. Follow 611 to Oberlin Avenue (there will be a traffic light at the intersection); turn right; the stadium is two blocks from the intersection.

Good luck.

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**JERRY OBERMEYER GETS OFF LAST QUARTER PUNT**  
... Mark Conley (71), Kenny Franks (11) watch Admiral's Joe Farais get blocked (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)

## Little Giants hand Admirals 24-6 setback

By BOB MARKER  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

LORAIN—"Man, we wanted to get them guys," crowed massive Bob "Bubba" Harris as he happily accepted congratulations from well-wishers in the Ross Little Giant locker room. Harris had reason to be accepting the backslaps and handshakes from the multitude milling around in the crowded room.

Harris had led a company of Little Giant defenders in the best overall showing of the season as Ross gained revenge for their only defeat last season. Ross racked up a 24-6 win over the Admiral King Admirals in a Buckeye Conference opener.

Harris was instrumental in a defense that allowed only 69 net yards on the ground and 58 through the air. Harris and company sacked Admiral King ball carriers for an unofficial 50 yards in losses.

"I wanted this one," Harris laughed. "The whole defensive line was up for this one."

"We just wanted to pay them back for that 19-14 loss last season," the 260 pound Ross tackle yelled.

Pay them back they did.

Behind the iron claw defense, the Ross offense was steadily

grinding out the yardage and at the center of it all was the masterful running of Tim Smith, Ross' diminutive tailback.

Smith turned loose his best night rushing of the season, picking up 148 yards on the ground and scoring two TD's. Smith has now racked up 10 touchdowns this season.

With ribs heavily taped from an injury in last week's game with Toledo Bowsher, Smith scored from five yards out with 3:15 remaining in the first quarter. Fullback John Williams provided the key block for the last five yards by flattening the Admiral cornerback.

Williams added the two points as Ross jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead.

Key play of the seven plays, 50 yard drive, was a 26 yard scamper by Smith on a second and nine at the King 31. Smith had received key blocks on the run by Williams, Steve Hampshire, and Keith Butdorf, the latter two pulling from the right side of the line to lead the play going to the left.

Ross next took advantage of a bad snap from center to score in four plays from 15 yards out.

Facing a fourth and six at their own 44, the Admirals' Bob Nicoloff watched helplessly as a snap from center on the punt sailed

over his head. By the time he corralled the wildly bouncing pigskin, he was nailed for a 29 yard loss by Harry Liggins at the 15.

Four plays later, Smith followed Hampshire and Butdorf into the end zone off right guard for the TD. Borden followed the same duo into the end zone for the two-pointer and Ross led 16-0 with 1:45 to play in the second half.

King seemed to come to life after that TD and struck for their only score with 1:01 to play in the half. Taking over at the Ross 49 following an "on sides" kick by Ross after the touchdown, Admiral King needed just four plays to score.

Key play on the drive was a 42 yard "bomb" from King signal-caller Craig Macove to Mike Greenhill. By the time a Ross defender had stopped Greenhill, the ball was resting on the Little Giant one.

Bernard Lawrence crashed over right guard and into the end zone for the TD. On the point after touchdown, the Admirals unveiled a "quarterback eligible" pass that failed by inches. Lawrence took a handoff from Macove who went downfield for a pass but Lawrence overthrew Macove.

Admiral King mounted their most serious threat of the second half in the first offensive series. Lawrence carried four straight

times for 12, 15, nine, and two yards before the Little Giants defense could stop the ground attack. Lawrence carried all four times on the same identical play, taking a pinchout after Nicoloff had gone in motion the opposite direction.

A 15-yard holding penalty further hampered the Admirals. Backed out to the Ross 29 with a third and 14, Macove hit Ernie Carrian in the end zone for an apparent TD. However, Carrian was ruled out of the end zone when he caught the ball and the touchdown was wiped out. Ross defensive halfback Mike Andrews intercepted Macove's pass on the fourth down play to kill the rally.

That was it for the Admirals as Little Giant's ball control game took over.

Ross scored their last TD with 3:39 to play in the third period. The drive covered 85 yards but involved only eight plays.

A Brad Borden to Mike Coleman pass good for 38 yards to the Admirals' 38 was the first of two key plays on the drive. On the very next play, Smith took a pinchout from Borden and behind another fine block from Williams made it all the way to the two.

Jerry Obermeyer scored up the middle on the next play and Ross had it wrapped up when Keith Pettiford skirted left end for the conversion points.

### Shuff praises Ross fan support at Admiral King game

LORAIN—Chuck Shuff was a happy man; the Ross coaching staff was happy; the players were happy, and the Little Giant fans were happy after watching Ross gain a measure of revenge against the Admiral King Admirals, Ross had dominated the Buckeye Conference opener for both schools by rolling to a 24-6 win.

"The kids really played a sharp game," Shuff smiled after the contest. "There are still a few rough edges but they really wanted this game tonight." Last year the Admirals had shot down the Little Giants 19-14.

#### Little Giant stats

Score by quarters		8 8 8 0-24	
Admiral King	Yards	Admiral King	Yards
11	First downs	11	First downs
10	Run	10	Run
0	Passing	0	Passing
199	Net yard rushing	199	Net yard rushing
5	Pass attempts	5	Pass attempts
1	Completed	1	Completed
0	Interceptions	0	Interceptions
36	Passing yardage	36	Passing yardage
238	Total yardage	238	Total yardage
2	Fumbles	2	Fumbles
4:22.1	Puntless loss	4:22.1	Puntless loss
6:50	Puntless yardage	6:50	Puntless yardage
Individual scoring			
Ross: Smith, five yard run (Borden run) 1:45, second quarter			
Admiral King: Lawrence, two yard run (Pettiford pass failed) 1:31, second quarter			
Ross: Obermeyer, two yard run (Pettiford run) 3:39, third quarter			



**ROSS' HARRY LIGGINS GETS GOOD HOLD**  
... Admiral King quarterback Craig Macove looks for help

### Wet weather lengthens Met lead

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### Oak Harbor Rockets bury helpless Elmwood 58-12

OAK HARBOR—The powerful Oak Harbor Rockets rolled to their third straight victory, crushing visiting Elmwood, 58-12, in a Suburban Lakes League football battle Friday night.

The Rockets, now 2-0 in the SLL and 3-1 overall, roared away to a 34-0 halftime margin and then coasted to the victory.

With Jack Moor, Jerry Wittman and Mike Srouse leading the way, the Oak Harbor crew piled up 402 yards on the ground.

Moor led the Rocket infantry with 102 yards in just seven carries. Wittman gained 80 yards in just six tries and Srouse had 75 yards in a dozen cracks at the line.

Wittman and Moor each scored two touchdowns while Srouse scored once.

The nine-touchdown assault served notice on the rest of the SLL that the Rockets were aiming for the top.

In their romp to their third straight victory, Oak Harbor had three times as many first downs and more than twice as much

quarter. Oak Harbor, however, bounced right back with two touchdowns in the third period and added two more after Farabee had scored one a one yard plunge early in the final quarter.

The victory got the Rockets in

high gear for their key SLL battle with Givensburg next week. Coach Tom Greer's Rockets take their 3-1 mark to Gibsonsburg to face the undefeated Golden Bears next Friday. Both teams are 2-0 in the league.

#### Scores of AP's top 10

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Here's how the top-rated teams in The Associated Press Ohio high school football poll fared in Friday night action.	4 Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary 21-6, was idle.
CLASS AAA	5 Dayton 4-0, beat Jackson 28-14.
1 Massillon 4-0, beat Niles McKinstry 22-7.	6 Dayton Jefferson 4-0, beat Eaton 44-0.
2 Warren Western Reserve 3-4, was idle.	7 Cincinnati Harrison 27-6.
3 Cincinnati Mellier 4-0, beat Hamilton Garfield 35-0.	8 Beaver Local 4-0, beat Oak Glen W. Va. 14-12.
4 Findlay 3-1, lost to Warren Harding 27-4.	9 Newberry Vets 4-0, beat Zanesville Rosecrans 80-0.
5 Akron Garfield 4-0, beat Akron East 20-6.	10 Ballwin 4-0, beat New Philadelphia 16-13.
6 Fremont Ross 4-0, beat Lorain King 34-0.	CLASS A
7 Zanesville 4-0, beat Cambridge 21-0.	1 Marion Pleasant 4-0, beat Marion Egan 27-0.
8 Newark 4-0, beat Portsmouth 37-7.	2 Sugar Grove Berne Union 4-0, beat Millersport 18-0.
9 Findlay 3-1, lost to Sandusky 18-14.	3 Portsmouth Notre Dame 3-0, was idle.
10 Barberton 3-0, beat Canton Lincoln 24-0.	4 Lorain Cheshire 3-0, beat Newark Catholic 3-0, was idle.
CLASS AA	5 Kentland 4-0, beat Newburg 34-0.
1 Columbus Waterson 3-1,0.	

# AP rates Giants fifth in state

Ross High's rampaging Little Giants, victors in their first four grid games of the 1973 season and piling up a 37.5 point per game offensive mark, moved up one spot today to fifth place in the Associated Press big school ratings.

The Chuck Shuff-coached crew has counted 32, 46, 48 and 24 points in its first four starts, the 24 against tough Lorain Admiral King in the Buckeye Conference lidlifter.

Mansfield Senior poses the second conference threat of the year Friday evening, invading Harmon Field at 8 o'clock.

Three other Conference teams drew AP votes, Sandusky being tied for ninth and tenth and

Findlay and Elyria being in the list of elevens getting more than 10 votes.

Washington Court House's Blue Lions, bidding for their best record in 21 years, are the new state leader in Class AA high school football.

The Fayette County powerhouse dislodged Columbus Watterson as the middle division pacesetter in The Associated Press poll this week. The Blue Lions had 197 points and a 30-point lead over runnerup Minerva.

Watterson, beaten 25-0 by Class AAA strongboy Cincinnati Elder, tumbled all the way to sixth place in the balloting by a state-wide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Massillon and Marion Pleasant, meanwhile, kept sizable leads in Class AAA and A.

Massillon's Tigers polled 267 points to 230 for Warren Western Reserve and 210 for Cincinnati Moeller, second and third in Class AAA for the second consecutive week.

Pleasant, which can set an all-time state winning streak

record with its 42nd victory against Sycamore Mohawk Friday, piled up 255 points in Class A to 151 for runnerup Portsmouth Notre Dame. Newark Catholic was No. 3 with 134 points.

Washington Court House has shut out four straight opponents, piling up a 142-0 scoring advantage. The Lions have not been unbeaten and untied since the 1952 season.

Akron Garfield was fourth in Class AAA and then, in order, came Fremont Ross, Zanesville, Newark, Barberton and Sandusky and Cincinnati Elder, deadlocked for the No. 9 slot.

In Class AA, Cincinnati Reading again was third, followed by Dayton Jefferson fourth, Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary fifth, Watterson fifth, Ironton and Bellaire tied for seventh, Nelson-York ninth and Lisbon Beaver No. 10.

In Class A, it was Kirtland fourth, Sugar Grove Berne Union fifth, Cory Rawson sixth, Ada seventh, Lorain Clearview eighth, McDonald ninth and East Canton tenth.

## 130 youths in contest

Rainy weather Saturday didn't dampen spirits of 130 youngsters competing in the annual Punt, Pass and Kick event held at Ross High School.

Winners of the top three positions in each age group received trophies Monday evening at Don Paul Ford, sponsor of the tournament.

Roger Flick of the Jaycees was coordinator of the event.

Winners include:  
Eight-year-old: 1. Tad Winning; 2. David Dohanos; 3. Craig Trick.

Nine-year-old: 1. Jeff Koebel; 2. Scott Hinkle; 3. Jeff Decker.

10-year-old: 1. Kevin Widman; 2. Jack Hoffman; 3. David Miller.

11-year-old: 1. Bobby McCoy; 2. Tom Woleslagel; 3. Ken Kovaleski.

12-year-old: 1. Mike Fahrback; 2. Tom Brudzinski; 3. Ken Elmore.

13-year-old: 1. Karl Schabel; 2. Chris Fisher; 3. Wayne Lee.

Helping conduct the competition were Bob Marshall, Orie McDonald, Chuck Collins, Tow Swedersky and Flick, with Tim Brown and Richard Mehling of the K. of C. lodge also helping.

## Suburban Lakes League seeking commissioner

The Suburban Lakes League is accepting resumes of persons interested in applying for the commissionership of the league.

The salary has been set at \$600 and resumes should be sent to the league secretary, Roland Eaton, 2980 N. Geneva, Clay

## How schoolboys stand

### CLASS AAA

	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
1. Massillon	4	0	0	267
2. Warren Western Reserve	4	0	0	230
3. Cincinnati Moeller	4	0	0	210
4. Akron Garfield	4	0	0	163
5. Fremont Ross	4	0	0	142
6. Zanesville	4	0	0	99
7. Newark	4	0	0	77
8. Barberton	3	1	0	67
9. (tie) Sandusky	3	0	1	38
Cincinnati Elder	4	0	0	38

Other schools receiving 10 or more points: Youngstown Mooney 36, Canton McKinley 34, Steubenville and Lakewood St. Edward 26, Bowling Green 25, Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit 22, Findlay Cincinnati Princeton and Columbus Eastmoor 20, Wintersville 18, Columbus Walnut Ridge 15, Lima Shawnee and Willoughby South 14, Elyria, Cincinnati St. Xavier and Cincinnati Bacon 13, East Liverpool and Fairborn Baker 11, Dover, Toledo DeVilbiss and North Canton Hoover 10.

### CLASS AA

1. Washington C.H.	4	0	0	197
2. Minerva	4	0	0	167
3. Cincinnati Reading	4	0	0	130
4. Dayton Jefferson	4	0	0	128
5. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary	3	1	0	115
6. Columbus Watterson	3	1	0	104
7. (tie) Ironton	4	0	0	101
Bellaire	4	0	0	101
9. Nelsonville-York	4	0	0	76
10. Lisbon Beaver	4	0	0	63

Other schools receiving 10 or more points: Dayton Carroll 36, Elyria Catholic 34, Lima Bath 30, Ottawa Glandorf and Lorain Catholic 25, Zorville Tuscarawas Valley 24, Warren Kennedy, Beloit West Branch, Wheelersburg, Steubenville Catholic and Urbana 21, Toronto 20, Newark Licking Valley 19, Solon 18, Rossford 17, Ridgewood 16, Huron and Cleveland Benedictine 15, Dublin 14, Lima Catholic and Columbus Mifflin 12, Springfield Catholic and Wellsville 11, Bucyrus and Marion River Valley 10.

### CLASS A

1. Marion Pleasant	4	0	0	255
2. Portsmouth Notre Dame	4	0	0	151

3. Newark Catholic	3	0	0	134
4. Kirtland	4	0	0	119
5. Sugar Grove Berne Union	4	0	0	118
6. Cory Rawson	4	0	0	102
7. Ada	4	0	0	78
8. Lorain Clearview	3	0	1	65
9. McDonald	4	0	0	64
10. East Canton	4	0	0	55

Other schools receiving 10 or more points: Yellow Springs 32, New London 28, Norwalk St. Paul 24, Lowellville 22, Irondale Stanton 21, Canal Winchester and Fredericktown 20, Brilliant Buckeye North and Montpelier 19, Arlington 18, Cincinnati Lockland and Sebring 15, Mount Blanchard Riverdale and Ottawa Hills 13, Plain City Alder 11, Frankfort Adena, Cleveland Lutheran East, Columbus St. Charles, Middletown Fenwick and Hicksville 10.



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# Complete turnabout Tygers next foe of unbeaten Ross

By **BOB MARKER**  
N-M Sports Editor

"I've never seen so many good players on one team," Sam Miller said yesterday. "I could go on and on about them if you wanted me to."

Miller was referring to the Fremont Ross Little Giants, the team that his Mansfield Tygers will play this Friday night at Harmon Field. Miller is in his first year as head coach of the Tygers and he has the Tygers performing a complete turnabout.

Last year Mansfield dropped to a miserable 2-7-1 record under Jim Lutz. This year under Miller, the Tygers have already won more games, three, while losing the opener (14-13 to Ashland) by only a point.

The contest will mark the second in Buckeye Conference play for both teams. Ross is coming off a 24-6 win over Admiral King while Mansfield edged Lorain Senior 22-18 on a touchdown by quarterback Berry Lawrence with only 18 seconds left to play.

Just as in most cases when a coach takes over a new head football job, Miller faced a rebuilding job. The job was nothing new to the 33-year-old coach.

Taking over at New Philadelphia in 1967 after spending several years as an assistant, Miller took just one season to turn out a winner. Following a 2-8 opening season debut, Miller's team posted a 7-3 mark the next season and then won the Cardinal Conference title with a 6-0 and a 9-1 record overall in 1969.

In six seasons as a head coach, Miller, a graduate of Muskingum College, sports a lousy 36-23-1 record. The coaching talent is there and the Tygers appear to have the talent on the gridiron this season.

Mansfield was "down" when Miller took over this year.

"They were down," Miller agreed, "to say the least."

"But I found that these kids are a good group to work with."

They are young and are very easy to coach."

Don't look for Miller's young team to pull anything fancy on the field. They simply don't.

"We don't do that many things offensively," Miller said. "We don't use too many plays; we just like to keep everything basic."

This type of offense leads to very few mistakes and the Tygers have made few even with an offense that starts seven juniors and one sophomore.

But the Tygers do like to pass and the "bombs" that are dropped from the Tyger backfield come from the strong throwing arm of pint-sized Berry Lawrence. The Mansfield "chucker" is only a junior and rises only 5-7 on the tape measure. Soaking wet he weighs only 143 pounds.

"He's small alright," Miller says, "but his height doesn't seem to handicap him. We use him on roll-outs and straight dropback passes. He has a good arm and he can throw long up to 50 yards I'd say."

"He doesn't mind running when he sees an opening, either," Miller said, but then quickly added, "but I shudder everytime that he does run."

Lawrence has thrown 58 times and completed 26 for a 44 per cent completion mark. Four times Lawrence's passes have ended up going for touchdowns.

Complimenting Lawrence on the other end of his throws, is top notch receiver, Vince Hafford. Hafford has been on the receiving end of nine Lawrence throws and has accumulated nearly 200 yards while catching all four TD passes.

Hafford is 5-10, 160 and runs from either flanker or split end. Miller describes Hafford as possessing "decent speed and good hands." A fairly obvious description.

The Tygers may be troubled by injuries Friday and leading rusher Sam Ware, the Tyger's leading rusher, is at the top of the injured list. Add to Ware's

injury, the sprained ankle of sophomore fullback Don Matthews, and Miller could be facing a problem in the middle of his offense for Friday.

Matthews is the key to the Tygers' inside running game.

"Our guards are small," Miller said. "One weighs 152 and the other 162 plus our center is 190 while the tackles will go a bit over 170 each. When Don runs he has to use his size to get a lot of his yards up the center."

As far as two-way performers, Miller has quite a few.

"As of right now, we plan to change no more than four players each time the ball changes hands."

When asked if this type of "two-way play" caused the players to tire out in the latter stages of the game, Miller said, "I don't believe so. I have been checking the scoring totals for the games and they are about even for both halves."

Miller reflected a little about playing Ross this Friday.

"Their execution is what impresses me the most," Miller pointed out. "I think they are rated number five in the polls right now but the way they play, I think they should be rated higher."

Miller continued, "The rushing game is the strongest part of Ross' attack ... that's obvious. They've only thrown 19 times this year so our course is to stop their runs or contain it enough where they will have to go to the air."

"But if we accomplish that, well, we had our problems with Lorain's passing game last week."

Miller was asked about his first year in the Buckeye Conference and what he had observed.

"It's everything people have said about it. I was told that it was one of the toughest conferences in the state and that's very, very true."

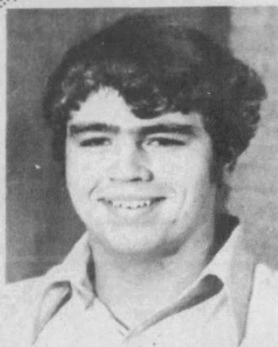
And Miller will find out how tough one part of the Conference (Ross) and his Tygers are Friday night.



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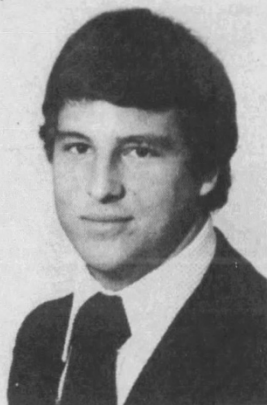
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**STEVE HAMPSHIRE**

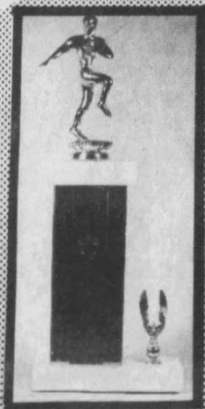
Steve is a senior and the son of Mr. & Mrs. William Hampshire. He is a tackle on offense and defense. Steve played both ways much of the game. He had 6 solo tackles and 5 assisted tackles on defense. He also tackled the passer behind the line of scrimmage once. He had several fine blocks on the offense also.

ST. JOE  
HIGH



**BRYAN OHM**

Bryan is a defensive end. He is a senior and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gene Ohm. Bryan showed great defensive play throughout the entire game. Great pass rushing. He had many tackles, good pursuit, and overall inspired the defense to a great performance.



# Little Giants cruise to 48-0 win over Tygers

## Tygers no match for unbeaten Ross

By BOB MARKER

N-M Sports Editor

Chuck Shuff's Fremont Ross Little Giants turned miracle-workers last night. The purple and white clad pack turned Tygers into "kittens" in the second Buckeye Conference test for both schools.

Ross walked all over Mansfield 48-0 in a surprisingly easy encounter for the fifth straight win and second in the B.C. Mansfield was never in the game from the opening kickoff.

Ross grabbed that opening kickoff and steadily marched down the field for the first TD of the game and it put the handwriting on the wall for Sam Miller's collapsing crew.

After Keith Pettiford returned the ball 35 yards to the Ross 47, Little Giant quarterback Brad Borden marched the Ross stompers into pay dirt in nine plays. John Williams capped the drive with an 11 yard burst up the middle as blocks by Jim Briney and Don Wensinger cleared the way.

Earlier in the drive, Tim Smith had galloped for 18 yards to set up a first and ten at the Mansfield 26.

After the first score, the Little Giants methodically blended a vicious running attack with pin-point passing to completely humiliate the Tygers.

Williams and Smith turned in the first "two 100" nights for Ross. Smith was credited with an unofficial 122 yards in 19 carries while Williams racked up 102 in 11 carries. Smith ran for 114 in the first half while Williams had 79.

Borden turned loose a rarely used weapon from the Ross arsenal, the forward pass. The senior finger completed six of 11 passes for 141 yards and a touchdown before being relieved by Pat "Burr" Belch in the final stanza. Belch completed the last Ross pass for the final TD, a 36-yarder to Dave Minnich.

After the game in the Mansfield locker room, Mansfield coach Sam Miller shook his head. "We hadn't seen them pass that much all year," the first year coach of the Tygers muttered.

"Oh, we expected that he (Borden) could throw that well because of the caliber of quarterback that he is. He runs the option well and just does everything well."

Leading 29-0 with less than two minutes to play in the first half, Borden conducted Ross on the top crowd-pleasing drive of the game. Ross took over the ball at their own 43 after a Tyger punt.

With Williams and Smith running up the

middle and around ends, Borden guided the Little Giants to a TD with no actual time showing on the clock.

Facing a fourth and two at the Mansfield 21, Smith slashed off left tackle for the first down at the 21. On the next play, Borden fired a pass to Mike Matthes but the speedy flanker-back dropped the pass at the two. On the very next play, the Little Giants ran the same play and this time Matthes held on for a first down at the three with only two seconds left in the half.

Time was called as the yard markers were moved into place and on the next play, Smith slashed into the end zone from the three to put Ross on top 34-0.

In the second half it was just a matter of containing the passing offense of the Tygers for Ross.

Mansfield rolled to the Ross five yard for the deepest penetration of the Tygers. The drive came late in the third quarter and died when Barry Lawrence, pint-sized quarterback, fumbled on a fourth and two play.

The drive was keyed by three passes to Eddie Williams and a 12-yard run by Lawrence to the five on a third and 15.

But Ross only had to go through the motions in the second half.

Ross scored on 20 and 11 yard runs by Williams in the first half; the long pass to Coleman; Smith's 12 yard and three-yard runs which enabled Ross to substitute freely in the second half.

Borden added Ross' first touchdown of the second half with a one yard sneak with 9:28 to go in the final period. Belch's pass to Minnich was added icing on the cake for Ross.

Miller praised the Little Giants offense. "They can run anywhere they want to," Miller said. "I expected them to run more of the option than they did."

Miller also talked about the Ross pass rush. "It was the best rush that has been put on us this year. It seemed like Ross was putting extreme pressure on our ends and they also had the advantage of knowing that we had to pass in the second half."

Miller then added, "They're going to make it rough on anybody this year."

Shuff was happy with his team's effort to stay the least.

"If they don't respect our passing attack now, then I guess they didn't scout us," Shuff laughed referring to future Ross opponents.



BLOCKERS, DEFENDERS, AND BALL CARRIER COME TOGETHER  
... Smith is ball carrier in midst of pileup (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)



TIM SMITH GETS OFF PUNT AGAINST MANSFIELD  
... One of only two Ross punts for the night

## Buckeye Conference roundup

### Sandusky, Elyria upset

Lorain Senior scored on a 20-yard pass to a senior receiver in the night's final game as they upset Sandusky 8-7 in a Buckeye Conference game. Findlay beat Marion Harding 34-8. John Walters of Sandusky

#### Top 30 teams in state...

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Here's how the Associated Press top-rated high school football teams fared.

**CLASS AAA**

1. Mansfield, 6-0; lost Cleveland Benedictine 5-0.

2. Warren Western Reserve, 5-0; beat Warren Harding 14-6.

3. Cincinnati Mueller, 5-0; beat Cincinnati Hughes 14-0.

4. Akron Garfield, 5-0; beat Akron Kenmore 24-0.

5. Fremont Ross, 5-0; beat Mansfield Senior 8-0.

6. Zanesville, 5-0; beat Winterville 20-0.

7. Newark, 5-0; beat Toledo Maumet 24-0.

8. Barberton, 4-1-0; beat Kent Roosevelt 10-10.

9. Sandusky, 3-1-1; lost to Lorain Senior 8-7 and Cincinnati Elder, 5-0; beat Lancaster, 6-0.

**CLASS AA**

1. Washington Court House, 5-0; beat Greenfield 34-0.

2. Marysville, 5-0; lost Elyria West 24-0.

3. Cincinnati Reading, 5-0; beat Cincinnati Wyoming 8-7.

4. Dayton Jefferson, 4-1-0; plays at National Trails today.

5. Allenton, 5-0; Vincent 34-0.

6. Marysville, 5-0; plays Covington 34-0.

7. Columbus South, 5-0; lost Findlay 34-0.

8. Findlay, 5-0; beat Waverly 34-0.

9. Norwalk, 5-0; beat Stewart Federal-Hocking 34-0.

10. Lisbon, 5-0; beat Wellsville 15-7.

**CLASS A**

1. Marion Pleasant, 5-0; beat Syracuse Mohawk 14-0.

2. Portsmouth Notre Dame, 4-1-0; lost to Wheelersburg 22-12.

3. Newark Catholic, 4-0-0; beat Johnston Northridge 44-0.

4. Kirtland, 5-0; beat Beachwood 24-0 Thursday.

5. Sugar Grove Berne Union, 5-0; beat Lancaster Fairfield Union 6-0.

6. Cory Rawson, 5-0; beat Adolph 15-12.

7. Ada, 5-0; beat Convoy 54-0.

8. Lorain Clearview, 5-0; lost to Grafton Midway 30-20.

9. McDonald, 5-0; beat Columbus Crestview 24-0.

10. East Canton, 5-0; beat Sandy Valley 34-0.

stepped out-of-bounds after the Sandusky center had snapped the ball over his head in the bizarre upset by Lorain Senior. The Blue Streaks had led for most of the game after Bob French had scored on a one-yard run in the first period. Stan Johnson's kick accounted for the seventh point.

Dave Mathews scored from one yard out in the third period with 30 seconds remaining for the Lorain Senior TD.

The game was a defensive battle all the way with Sandusky being held to a minus 15 yards on the ground and Lorain Senior, minus 13.

In the Buckeye Conference's second upset, Bernard Lawrence scored from two yards out in the second quarter for the game's only TD in the Admiral King upset of Elyria. Ephraim Hagins kicked the extra point.

Tailback Doug Schey and fullback Terry McGuire led Findlay to the runaway win over Marion Harding. Schey scored on runs of two and eight yards while McGuire scored twice on two-yard bursts. McGuire ground out 111 yards for the ground.

Findlay piled up 243 yards on the ground and 114 through the airways.

#### Little Giant stats

Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Mansfield	0	0	0	0	0
Ross	22	22	0	4	48
Yards	1	2	3	4	Total
Ross	19	11	11	11	52
First downs	13	11	11	11	46
By rushing	13	11	11	11	46
By passing	0	0	0	0	0
By penalty	0	0	0	0	0
Yards lost	13	11	11	11	46
Net yards rushing	13	11	11	11	46
Net yards passing	0	0	0	0	0
Pass attempts	12	11	11	11	45
Completions	6	6	6	6	24
Badly intercepted	0	0	0	0	0
Yards punting	37	37	37	37	148
Total offense	432	432	432	432	1728
Fumbles lost	1	1	1	1	4
Fumbles	2	2	2	2	8
Penalties	238	238	238	238	952
Penalties yards	238	238	238	238	952
Individual scoring					
Ross: Williams, 11 yard run (run failed) 9:28, first quarter					
Ross: Coleman, 40 yard pass from Borden (run failed) 9:28, first quarter					
Ross: Williams, 20 yard run (Smith run) 17, second quarter					
Ross: Smith, 12 yard run (Smith run) 4:49, second quarter					
Ross: Smith, three yard run (run failed) 4:49, second quarter					
Ross: Borden, one yard run (Oliver kick) 9:28, fourth quarter					
Ross: Minnich, 36 yard pass from Belch (Oliver kick) 4:06, fourth quarter					

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## Tom Seaver can't look

CINCINNATI (AP) — Tom Seaver mailed the child an autographed baseball.

Working out Friday for today's scheduled opener of the National League playoffs in the stadium at Riverfront Stadium, striking a young girl on the head. Blood flowed. Seaver cringed.

"It upsets you," he said later, after an unsuccessful effort to locate the girl.

Seaver's team, the New York Mets, left Cincinnati for Houston after the game, but Seaver

"He's a guy who's gotten a lot of national acclaim, and a lot of people say to me, 'he's a snob.'" Harrelson said.

"Well, I've known some good people and some snobby people, and this guy is one of the nicest, most down to earth people I've ever known."

"I'm the kind of guy who looks away when a ball goes into the stands," Harrelson said, "because I don't want to see it. Tom gets concerned."

The St. Louis Cardinals, who are tied with the Redkins for second place in the NFC East, host the Oakland Raiders of the American Conference's Western Division.

In other football games, the

## New home for Giants

By KEN RAPPOPORT

Associated Press Sports Writer

The New York Giants raise the curtain in the Yale Bowl

against the Green Bay Packers Sunday...and hope they don't bomb in New Haven.

While a new outdoor arena for the Giants is being built in New Jersey, they'll be staging the remainder of this National Football League season and all of next in the Bowl's Theater-In-The-Round.

Taking the act out of town could be beneficial—the Giants struggled to tie the supposedly weaker Philadelphia Eagles in their Philadelphia game last weekend in Cleveland.

The 1-11 record hardly deserves rave notices and has left the Giants fourth in the National Conference's Eastern Division.

The Packers, meanwhile, have a cast of brilliant defenders who have allowed a conference low of 31 points enroute to a 1-11 mark. That's good for a second-place tie in the Central race.

The leaders in the NFC's Eastern Division, the undefeated Dallas Cowboys (3-0), play the Washington Redskins (2-1) in a significant Monday night game.

The St. Louis Cardinals, who are tied with the Redkins for second place in the NFC East, host the Oakland Raiders of the American Conference's Western Division.

In other football games, the

## 49-6 in last 55 games

# Elyria next for Ross

By BOB MARKER  
N-M Sports Editor

Bill Barton is one of the more successful football coaches in the state of Ohio. He is not used to losing and he has his Elyria Pioneers in the same mood. Last week the Pioneers lost for only the sixth time in the last five years.

The Pioneer have not lost two straight games since 1965. Elyria

will play Ross Friday night in the Little Giants' biggest test to date.

Two of the last six losses for the Pioneers have come at the hands of the Little Giants, 14-7 in 1970 and 18-0 just last year. Sandwiched in between those wins was a 15-7 win over the Little Giants, the only defeat in 1971 for Chuck Shuff's crew.

Add to the outstanding 46-4 (actually 49-6) in the last five years is the fact that Elyria has either won outright or tied for the Buckeye Conference title in each of those years.

Going back a bit farther, in the last eight years only three teams have scored three touchdowns against the potent Pioneer defense. Ross was the last team to pull off that trick. Never has a team scored more than 20 points against Elyria in that time span.

So defense is literally the game for Bill Barton and his squad. Barton is in his 19th season as the head man for Elyria and those 18-plus years have been ultra-successful. Elyria teams have chalked up 122 wins against 51 defeats and seven ties for Barton. In more than 20 years of coaching, Barton has a record of 157-69-8.

You can understand when Barton complains, "Losses never help."

Barton did not alibi for last week's loss to Admiral King (7-0). "We played a poor game and they played a good one," Barton said.

Barton took a look ahead at the game with Ross this Friday. He cited the difference in Ross and the rest of the Conference and it was an obvious one.

"They are scoring more points," Barton said, but he added that was the main difference in this year's Little Giant squad and last year's 9-1 squad.

"They (Ross) look like a real sound ball club," Barton stated. "It looks like Chuck (Shuff) got them going real good."

Barton and his team will be facing a different situation this Friday. A situation that he and the Pioneers are not familiar with, especially in the past few years.

"I can't remember when we have gone into a ball game being such an underdog. It may cause us a problem with our boys."

Barton continued, "Being such an underdog I don't know whether we can get the kids adjusted and play decent ball."

One thing for sure, if fans think that the Little Giants pass only in dire situations, they will think that the airways are a plague when the Pioneers take to the offensive.

"We only pass when we need to," Barton emphatically said. "You look down through the years ... you'll find that most winning teams stick to the ground and don't throw a lot. If they do throw, it is only when they have to and only in a key situation."

But defense is the Pioneers' game this season.

"We've had problems offensively and our defense has carried us. Anyone who wins consistently has a very good defense."

This last statement led to two problems that Barton would like to cure. One problem is defensively, a strange malady for him, and the other offensively.

"I can't remember when we have not had a back in the top 10 rushers for the Conference."

Actually Earl Davis of the Pioneers is fifth with a 6.5 average per carry on 312 yards in 48 carries. But Davis has not scored a touchdown all year.

The defensive problem is the pass defense. The Pioneers have given up only 232 yards in the air but Barton feels that they have not really been tested yet.

The defensive front four of Harry Cole, 200, and Jeff Sears, 235, at the ends; Dave Wilbert, 180 and Marv Burgess, 184, at the guard slots, have given up only 75 yards a game on the ground. Ross is averaging nearly 287 yards on the ground per game.

On the Ross side of the field, injuries have made doubtful starters of two key players for the Little Giants. Linebacker-fullback Jerry Obermeyer is still recuperating from a thigh injury and is questionable as of Wednesday.

Bob "Bubba" Harris suffered a slight concussion in last Friday's 48-0 win over Mansfield and will probably not start. Jim Briney will likely take the 265-pounder's spot on the defensive line.

The game will be the 40th between the two schools. Elyria holds a 22-15-2 edge in the series.



LF—Reds leftfielder Pete Rose questioning in dressing room at hey got the fans in a zoo and took did Pete while talking about the toughs who literally tore apart won the National League flag.

## s St. Joseph

d Hoelzel rolled to a 17 second win with a 10:58 clocking. The closest runner to him was Waltameuer of St. Wendelin with an 11:15 time over the Thornwood course.

Tim Luc was the second St. Joe runner to cross the finish line with a sixth place finish. Luc ran the distance in 11:45. Following Luc was Ken Haynes.

Top 10 runners: 1—Hoelzel (SJ) 10:58; 2—Waltameuer (SW) 11:15; 3—Senelbach (SW) 11:19; 4—Guillen (SW) 11:24; 5—Smith (SW) 11:34; 6—Luc (SJ) 11:45; 7—Haynes (SJ) 11:59; 8—Saller (SJ) 12:04; 9—Missler (SJ) 12:16; 10—Stover (SJ) 12:17.

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# Ross makes Elyria Pioneers sixth victim



JOHN WILLIAMS BREAKS ELYRIA TACKLER'S GRASP  
... Jim Briney (51) prepares to throw block (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)



ELYRIA'S EARL DAVIS ABOUT TO BE TACKLED  
... Keith Pettiford (34) has one leg; Keith Butdorf, Mike Coleman (22) move in

## A's 'believe in Mets', too

OAKLAND (AP)—New York's Cinderellas, the Mets of 1973, that is, began testing their latest little miracle on the Oakland A's today as the World Series opened with a battle of left-handers—Jon Matlack for the Mets and Ken Holtzman for the A's.

"You gotta believe!" was the slogan the Mets used to cheer themselves from last place to first in the final month of the season and then past Cincinnati in the playoffs to win the National League championship.

Even some of the A's sound like believers. Holtzman, for example, remembered the Mets as no noshovers from his days as a

Manager Yogi Berra shrugged off his club's sorry record, pointing to health problems that plagued the team throughout the season.

"I'd like to take a chance all season with everybody healthy," said Berra.

He may not have that chance this week. Right fielder Rusty Staub, one of the most potent bats in the Mets' lineup, was a doubtful starter for today's opener because of a banged-up right shoulder, injured in the fourth game of the playoffs against the Reds.

## Little Giants struggle in 2nd half but win, 12-7

By BOB MARKER  
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Ross took advantage of two Elyria breakdowns and the slashing running of John Williams to hand the Pioneers a 12-7 setback in a key Buckeye Conference game at Harmon Stadium. The Little Giants scored all 12 points in the first half and then hung on for dear life in the second half for the win.

The loss was the second in a row for Elyria, the first time that has happened since 1965. The loss also dropped the Pioneer record to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the Conference. Ross, meanwhile, was chalking up its sixth win in this season without tasting a defeat. It was also the third win in Conference action for Chuck Shuff's team.

Ross weathered a second-half onslaught by a determined Pioneer squad for the win. Leading 13-0 at the half, the Little Giants found themselves completely bottled up by the fired-up Elyria defense.

But Ross' defense and finally the offense came on to preserve the win.

"My kids are really down," said Pioneer coach Bill Barton. "They fully expected to win this game. . . I thought we had it coming our way until we lost that fumble on the short yardage play."

The fumble Barton referred to came after the Pioneers had taken the second half kickoff and marched 58 yards in 10 plays to score, the capper coming on a third and inches smash by fullback Rick Underman.

Elyria had regained possession on its kickoff on a Keith Pettiford fumble. Taking over on the Ross 35, the Pioneers eventually found themselves facing a fourth and less than one at the Ross 26. Then came the disastrous fumble.

Underman, who had been called on three times before in the same type situation on responded favorably each time, found a hole in the Ross line, slithered through, but forgot the football. It ended up behind the line with a mass of purple and white jerseys on top of it.

The fumble ended the Pioneer drive and killed the Elyria momentum.

"Things like that have been happening to us all year," moaned Barton. "We just made too many mistakes."

One of the mistakes was made on the second play of the game and it resulted in a 63-yard scoring run by Tim Smith of the Little Giants. The Pioneers were supposedly "keying" on the swift Ross runner but key blocks by Brad Borden and Mike Mathes freed Smith for the long run and Ross led a stunned Elyria team 6-0 with only 1:12 gone on the clock.

That 63-yard run was about all for Smith on the night. The Pioneers kept good track of him the rest of the night and the Buckeye Conference's leading ground-gainer ended up with a net 62 yards rushing.

But the Little Giants and Williams pulled something on Elyria that they are not accustomed to having a team do.

With Ross deep in its own territory at the 19 and facing a second and 11 at the start of the final period, Williams broke loose on a

"trap" up the middle for 10 yards and it marked a trend for the Little Giants in the final 12 minutes. Ross had to punt on the series but the Little Giants defense, led by Mark Albright, Bubba Harris, and Don Wensinger, forced the Pioneers to punt.

Craig Schumacher's punt went out of bounds on the Ross 15 and Ross had the ball in a "do or die" situation.

The Little Giants had not been able to move the pick-up up to that point. They had not picked up a first down all half, but when Williams ripped 13 yards to the 28 on the first play, Ross was in gear in the most crucial series of the game.

Before the Pioneers were able to get the ball back, Ross had driven to the Elyria 40. Williams had carried the ball five times for 36 yards in the drive as Ross brought the ball from deep in its own territory. The last four yards Williams carried were to the Elyria 40 where he was forced to leave the game with a separated shoulder. He may be out for quite some time.

Smith's punt on the next play further isolated Elyria in its own territory.

Williams' running befuddled Barton and to some extent Shuff.

"That's the first time in a very long time that a team has been able to trap us," Barton pointed out after the game. "I didn't think they could run that play on us but they did."

"Normally you're not able to trap them," Shuff said. "We were just able to do it this time."

The Little Giants got the ball back once more on an "end around pass" from Schumacher that fell in Mike Andrews' waiting hand at the Ross 33.

The Little Giants were unable to move and had to punt but Elyria's George Henry fumbled another Smith punt and reserve center Mike Prosser came up with the ball to save Ross' win.

Ross' second TD came on another "do or die" situation. Facing a fourth and eight at the Elyria 23, Borden faded back and hit Mathes with a perfect strike at the five and smallish flanker-back waltzed unmolested into the end zone.

The play capped a 10 play, 68 yard march. The drive had been aided by a misconduct penalty and a pass interference penalty on Elyria.

"The coaches told us he (Mathes) would be open," Borden said. "He just faked a crack-back block and went on out."

When Mathes went out, he was in the clear.

"When the back saw me go in," Mathes explained afterwards, "he thought it was a run and came up. . . that left me all by myself."

The catch came in the second quarter and turned out to be the game winner.

Defensively, the Little Giants did not have their best game, yard-wise, but toughened when they needed to. Larry and Harry Liggins, along with Harris, Wensinger, and countless others consistently came up with the big play.

Williams finished the night with 103 yards rushing. Ross had only 179, far below average in the hard fought game. Earl Davis led Elyria with 80 yards.

### Little Giant stats

Score by quarters: 0 7 6-7  
Ross 0 6 0 6-12

Yards Rushed: 10  
4  
179  
2  
2  
0  
26  
306  
637.3  
6-50  
Individual scoring

First downs: 10  
Rushing: 8  
Passing: 2  
Penalty: 0  
Yards rushing: 179  
Pass attempts: 114  
Completions: 7  
Interceptions: 1  
Yards passing: 172  
Total offense: 372  
Fumbles: 3  
Fumbles lost: 2  
Points-average: 541.6  
Penalties-yards: 4-40

Individual scoring: 10-48, first quarter  
Ross, Smith, 63 yard run (Ross failed);  
Ross, Mathes, 23 yard pass from  
Borden (run failed) 6-48, second quarter  
Elyria: Underman, one-yard run (Bears  
kick) 6-43, third quarter

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## Lorain stings Findlay; Sandusky, King romp

Lorain Senior pulled off its second straight upset in the Buckeye Conference last night by edging Findlay 10-9. A 25-yard field goal by Dave Schaefer and his

yards for the Findlay touchdown with 4:23 to play. Findlay went for broke on the extra point play by going for two but Lorain's Jim Sandusky blocked the kick.

The Blue Streak started the first series of plays on their own five but scored in only three plays. The first play of the game



# Buckeye 'giant killers' invade Fremont Friday

By BOB MARKER  
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"Lucky!" exclaimed Doug Thompson when asked how his team had defeated Sandusky and Findlay on two successive Friday nights. Thompson guided his Lorain Steelmen to consecutive one-point decisions over the power-laden Buckeye Conference foes.

And he has a chance to be a "giant-killer" for the third time in as many weeks when he brings his team to town Friday night to battle the unbeaten and untied Ross Little Giants.

The game will be the Little Giants' Homecoming contest. "We have a group of young men who have really been working at it," said the man who is in his ninth year at the helm of the Steelmen. "We are extremely small but when we beat Sandusky and Findlay, the cards fell just right."

Just right enough to pound out 6-7 and 10-9 wins.

Against Sandusky, Thompson's theory of "luck" may have been so, but the luck was to his and his spunky team's making.

Trailing 7-6 with three and one-half minutes left in the game, the Steelmen erected a steel wall in front of the Blue Streaks and forced them to punt from deep in Sandusky territory.

The result was a bad snap from center with the punter stepping out of the end zone for the safety and the win. Luck on the snap but luck made by a very stubborn defense.

Facing the Little Giants' ground-consuming offense, will be the Steelmen's number three rated defense. The Steelmen are the third-hardest team to run against. And Ross is a running team.

"Sure they like to run," Thompson agreed, "but they also have a very promising pass offense. That quarterback (Brad Borden) can throw."

Getting back to the fact that Thompson says his team is small, the veteran coach came up with a statement that some people and most probably the Little Giant coaching staff will raise their eyebrows at.

"Ross will out-weigh us by 20-30 pounds a man on the line," Thompson insisted. "Our biggest man is Jim Chapman and I doubt if he weighs 200 pounds." (According to scouting reports, the Steelmen offensive line will average about 185 pounds. About the same as Ross.)

The Steelmen started the season on a dismal note; Parma Valley Forge handed them a 16-7 loss. Matters did not improve in the next four weeks with the Steelmen showing only a 1-3 record before meeting Sandusky. Since then the season has turned around.

And Thompson does not take the credit for the transformation. He had a great deal to do with it of course, but "the assistant coaches should get the credit," he emphasized.

Another reason for the poor start, Thompson pointed out, was injuries plus the fact the returning lettermen actually lacked experience.

"We have had three players that have had to undergo knee surgery this year," Thompson said. "At one time we lost three defensive backs in one game but all of them are back now."

## Proceeds to Baumgartner fund

OAK HARBOR—Ticket proceeds from the game-football

Offensively, the Steelmen rank a dead last in rushing in the BC but are the top passing team in the Conference. A tandem of "Smiths" have put the Steelmen passing game at the top and Thompson is high on both of them.

Joe Smith is probably the biggest quarterback that the Little Giants will have to put up with this year. He weighs in at 205 pounds and uses his weight well when he has to. The other Smith in the "Smith to Smith" combination, is split end Bob Smith. They are not related.

Bob Smith is Lorain's "Mr. Everything." Not only is he the top receiver in the BC, but he leads the Conference in kickoff returns; is second in punt returns; and third in pass interceptions.

Joe Smith has fired the ball 107 times this season and completed 56 for 618 yards, but only two touchdowns. Bob Smith has been on the receiving end of the big quarterback's aerials 19 times. Those catches have accounted for 221 yards and one TD.

Teammate Jim Stephenson is tied for fourth in the BC in receptions with 14 for a TD and 180 yards. Stephenson, a 171 pound senior, is also rated as the kingpin on defense for the Steelmen. He plays at one of the linebacker slots.

Thompson was hesitant about where he thought Ross would run at his defense.

Keeping away from talking about any weaknesses, Thompson said, "Well, I'm not going to say where I think they will go but I imagine Shuff has figured out what to do."

Whether Thompson has figured out what he will be trying to do, Ross will not know until Friday night when the two schools meet for the 34th time. Lorain leads the series 20-12 with one tie. The series dates back to 1923.

As for the Little Giants, only one major change is scheduled and that was necessitated by the injury to fullback Johnny Williams. Coach Charley Shuff has tabbed three prospects for the job. One Jerry Obermeyer, is still suffering slightly from a badly bruised thigh but was the starter at fullback during the early part of the season.

Others tabbed by Shuff for the spot are Steve Young and Ken Franks. Both the latter have played infrequently during the season. Other than that the Little Giants are ready to play Friday.

## Golden Bears still lead; Ross 7th in computer poll

Gibsonburg retained its lead in region 10 (A) of the Ohio High School Athletic Association "computer ratings" while Ross jumped from 13th to seventh to highlight advances made by area teams. The computer ratings are

used to determine the four semifinalists in each class for the state championship playoffs.

Gibsonburg, leader by only four points last week, raised that lead to 13-plus points this week in its drive toward the playoffs.

The Golden Bears of Dick Tressel are unbeaten in six contests this fall while allowing only 25 points. Genoa, winner of three games in a row will face the Golden Bears this Friday at Gibsonburg.

Ross, at one time 32nd in region two of the AAA portion of the ratings, continued to advance with its first appearance in the top 10.

Bowling Green and Akron Garfield took over regional leads in Class AAA, Lima Catholic moved to the front in a Class AA region and Ashabula St. John is a new pacesetter in Class A.

The ratings are compiled by a Columbus firm and are based on the strength of a team's schedule and those of its opponents. Margins of victory are not considered.

The regional leaders automatically qualify for the state playoff semifinals after the regular season is completed.

Keeping their leads again were Warren Western Reserve and Fairborn Baker in Class AAA, Elyria Catholic, New Lexington and Cincinnati Reading in Class AA and Gibsonburg, Coal Grove Dawson-Bryant and Middletown Fenwick in Class A.

Rankings of other area teams: Bellevue, 9th in region two, AAA; Port Clinton, 41st in region two, AAA; Clyde 13th, Oak Harbor 15th, Margaretta, Genoa tied for 30th, Woodmore 43rd, and Lakota 57th in region six of the AA; and Fremont St. Joseph, 13th in region 10 of the A teams.

## How the teams rate. . .

**CLASS AAA**  
REGION 1-1. Warren Western Reserve 118.90 points, 2. Garfield Heights 171.90, 3. Madison 166.60, 4. Willoughby Eastlake 165.60, 5. Eastlake North 162.20, 6. Mayfield 157.40, 7. Lakewood St. Edward 157.20, 8. Lyndhurst Brush 149.00, 9. Parma Forge 135.10, 10. Avon Lake 128.00.  
**REGION 2-1.** Bowling Green 187.10, 2. Sandusky 149.82, 3. Gahanna 124.00, 4. Oregon Clay 123.00, 5. Lima Shawnee 122.00, 6. Ashland 120.00, 7. Fremont Ross 118.00, 8. Toledo Catholic 105.42, 9. Bellevue 102.00, 10. Mansfield Senior 102.00.  
**REGION 3-1.** Akron Garfield 200.82, 2. Ross 163.12, 3. Youngstown Money 162.22, 4. Stow 162.20, 5. Dover 155.00, 6. Barberton 147.68, 7. Newark 140.20, 8. Canton McKinley 138.20, 9. Greenburg Green 135.80, 10. Zanesville 127.92.  
**REGION 4-1.** Fairborn Baker 200.00, 2. Cincinnati Bacon 189.82, 3. Cincinnati Forest Park 171.40, 4. Dayton Stebbins 165.00, 5. Cincinnati LaSalle and Cincinnati Moeller 145.22, 6. Xenia Beavercreek 140.00, 7. Cincinnati Oak Hills 129.60, Cincinnati St. Xavier 124.00, 10. Cincinnati Elder 128.38.  
**CLASS AA**  
**REGION 5-1.** Elyria Catholic 137.00, 2. Solon 120.00, 3. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary 109.76, 4. Oberlin Frelands 107.00, 5. Beloit West Branch 102.60, 6. Akron Coventry 98.80, 7. Lorain Catholic 98.00, 8. Cleveland Benedictine 96.20, 9. Warren Kentland 78.20, 10. Warrensville Heights and Wellington 75.00.  
**REGION 6-1.** Lima Catholic 154.80, 2. Columbus Delafield 128.00, 3. Lima Bath 101.00, 4. Huron 98.00, 5. Bucyrus 92.00, 6. Columbus Waterson 89.60, 7. Columbus Bexley 82.20, 8. Columbus Merrill 81.90, 9. Norwalk 76.00, 10. Ottawa Glandorf 74.40.

**REGION 7-1.** New Lexington 122.64, 2. Ironton 118.20, 3. Vincent Warren 95.40, 4. Gallipolis 92.03, 5. Newark Locking Valley 83.00, 6. Bellaire 81.66, 7. Dresden Tri-Valley 81.00, 8. Pomeroy Meigs 81.00, 9. Tiroto 80.20, 10. Wheelersburg 74.80.  
**REGION 8-1.** Cincinnati Reading 162.20, 2. Dayton Carroll 180.40, 3. Urbana 128.00, 4. Cincinnati Madeira 93.00, 5. Wyoming 90.50, 6. Cincinnati Mariemont 88.00, 7. Harrison 84.60, 8. Dayton Jefferson 81.40, 9. Ashville Teays Valley 74.20, 10. Springfield Catholic 70.00.

**CLASS A**  
**REGION 9-1.** Ashabula St. John 105.30, 2. Parma Byzantine 83.80, 3. Lovellville 83.20, 4. McDonald 82.20, 5. East Canton 59.20, 6. Lorain Clearview 58.00, 7. Middlefield Cardinal 54.90, 8. Brilliant Buckeye North 54.12, 9. Malvern 51.40, 10. Kirtland 48.00.  
**REGION 10-1.** Gibsonburg 90.80, 2. Montpelier 77.20, 3. New London 72.82, 4. Marion Pleasant 59.00, 5. Toledo Ottawa Hills 54.00, 6. Cory Rawson 51.00, 7. Ada 47.00, 8. Bluffton 44.00, 9. Crestline 43.00, 10. Norwalk 41.00, Coal Grove Dawson-Bryant 72.36, 2. Woodsfield 69.40, 3. Newark Catholic 67.20, 4. Granville 67.00, 5. Sugar Grove Berne Union 56.00, 6. Fredericktown 51.23, 7. Shadyside 50.58, 8. Proctorville Fairland 47.70, 9. Cheshire Kyger Creek 35.76, 10. Centerburg 30.00.  
**REGION 12-1.** Middletown Fenwick 114.40, 2. Portsmouth Notre Dame 88.40, 3. Yellow Springs 75.00, 4. Columbus St. Charles 71.80, 5. Sidney Lehman 68.20, 6. Williamsburg 63.00, 7. Plain City Alder 61.00, 8. Rockford Parkway 56.40, 9. Canal Winchester 48.00, 10. Maria Stein Marion Local 45.20.

## Ross, Sandusky pace Buckeye team stats

Ross and Sandusky continue to dominate the Buckeye Conference in team statistics according to official Conference statistics. The Little Giants are the top team offensively while the Blue Streaks continue to top the defensive charts.

Tim Smith and John Williams of Ross are holding the top two spots in rushing with 7.3 and 7.4 yards per carry, respectively. Smith also leads in scoring with 86 points and in punting with a 37.5 average on 15 punts.

Joe Smith of Lorain is the leading passer in the BC with a 32.3 percentage of completions on 56 of 197. The Lorain flinger has thrown for 618 yards. Ross' Brad Borden is fifth in this category with the Conference's top completion percentage of 50.4. Borden has hit 19 of 32 for 362 yards and five TD's (tied for lead).

Mike Andrews and Keith Pettiford rank sixth and seventh in punt returns. Andrews is

averaging 7.3 per return while Pettiford has returned 12 punts for a 4.0 average.

Team-wise, the Little Giants lead in rushing, 1629; total yards, 1016; and average per game, 338. The Little Giants have also scored 210 points, tops in the Conference.

Sandusky has the top defense against rushing 384 yards in six games, and has allowed on 787 yards this season. That breaks down to 131 yards per game.

Elyria is the leader in holding teams to fewest points with a yield of only 37 for the season.

Ross ranks fifth in defense, allowing 148 yards per contest. The Little Giants have surrendered 47 points in six games.

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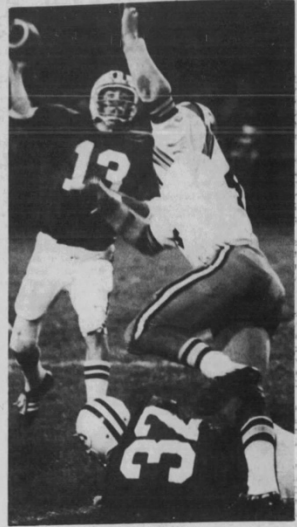
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# Little Giant air attack melts Steelmen, 16-0



UNIDENTIFIED LORAIN STEELMAN DEFENDER HANGS ONTO THE LEG OF ROSS LITTLE GIANT RUNNER TIM SMITH  
... Quarterback Brad Borden throws block as Smith runs for eight-yard gain in early action of 14-0 win (N-M Photos by Bruce Crippen)



BORDEN LETS FLY  
... Ross signal-caller was nine for 15

## Brad Borden hits Mike Matthes on two TD passes in 1st period

By BOB MARKER

The Ross Little Giants scored the first two times they had possession to gain a 16-0 win over the Lorain Senior Steelmen. The win was the seventh in a row for Chuck Shuff's team and the fourth in the Buckeye Conference.

The Little Giants mixed up the Steelmen's defense with a deadly passing attack and the slashing running of Jerry Obermeyer and Tim Smith. Quarterback Brad Borden stood out as he led the Ross machine to the surprisingly easy win.

Lorain entered the game as the third hardest team to run against in the BC, but the Little Giant ground machine dispelled that on the first offensive play from scrimmage. Obermeyer took a handoff from Borden, burst into the stunned Steelmen secondary and ran 22 yards to the Lorain 46 before being hauled down.

The Little Giants had gained possession after a 22-yard punt by Don Starr.

After Obermeyer's opening run, the Little Giants needed just eight plays to cover the remaining yardage. The final 16 coming on a Borden pass to Mike Matthes for the TD at the 4:22 mark of the first period.

The pass for the TD was the

first of two for the Borden-Matthes combination in the game.

During the 66-yard drive, Borden drew Lorain offenses twice, once on a key second and nine at the Lorain 26.

"He was using a jerky cadence," Steelmen coach Doug Thompson said as he described why his team jumped offenses five times in the game. "He (Borden) was using that cadence and then he was moving his feet."

"Our boys move when they see movement and we got caught," Thompson said. "I asked the ref if it (Borden moving his feet) was legal and he said it was, but it sure hurt us."

The last time that Borden moved his feet resulted in two steps backward and a quick pass over the middle to Matthes who was running a diagonal pattern. Matthes went into the end zone standing up.

"I think we might have surprised them with our passing," Shuff pointed out. "We haven't passed that much... I knew they respected our passing game but I still think it surprised them that we passed so quickly, especially on the second down situations."

Borden, a 6-2, 175-pound senior, who wears the number "13" on

his back, hit the first five passes he threw. Two of them went for TD's to Matthes. For the night, the Little Giant finger connected on nine of 19 tosses, good for 126 yards. Matthes, the smallest Ross split end (5-8, 160), hauled down five of the Borden aerials for 87 yards and the two TD's.

Ross scored again with only 24 seconds remaining on the clock in the first stanza.

Taking over on their own 41, the Little Giants scored in six plays. Once again a poor punt, 21 yards by Starr, set up the Ross six-pointer. The Little Giants had stopped the Steelmen at the Lorain 38 with Harry Liggins playing a key role.

Liggins stopped Dave Laidlaw after a one yard gain on the first play and then knocked down a Joe Smith pass on the second and nine situation.

Just as in the first drive, the jerky signal calling of Borden drew the Steelmen defense offside on a third and three situation at the Ross 48. The penalty gave the Little Giants a first down to keep the drive moving.

Borden connected with Matthes on a diagonal pass to the 37 and after Smith rammed to the 34, Borden faded back and lofted a pass to Matthes at the left

sidelines for the rest of the distance. The pass was just over the outstretched fingertips of a Lorain defender.

Lorain made the deepest penetration into Little Giant territory in the second period. With Joe Smith being denied his favorite target, Bob Smith, the 200-pound signal-caller switched to Jim Stephenson and Laidlaw.

With a third and five at the Ross 44, Smith's pass was intercepted by Mike Andrews at the Ross 24 to kill the drive. The interception was the third of the season for Coleman.

Lorain also made it to the Ross 40 at the 10 minute mark of the second quarter but Don Wenzinger threw Joe Smith for a 12 yard loss to force the Steelmen to punt.

Ross had a chance to score once more in the first half but after driving to the Lorain 24, Borden was thrown for a 12 yard loss by Ed Fearer, had one pass fall incomplete, and watched as the time ran out on a completion to Tim Smith that covered three yards.

Ross drove to the Lorain 18 early in the third period but failed to score. Lorain's Tom Seronka knocked down a Borden pass at the one on a fourth and 5 at the 18. The pass had been intended for

Steve Colek and Seronka's diving effort killed the drive.

That drive was the closest that Ross came to scoring in the second 24 minutes. A fumble killed a Ross drive at the nine after Smith and Obermeyer had led a drive from the Ross nine with some long distance running. Lorain had the biggest chance of scoring fly out the window after a Smith fumble on a punt had given them possession on the Ross three. On the very first play, Stan Callahan became a Ross hero when he fumbled the pitch. Larry Liggins became a bigger hero than Callahan though when he recovered the fumble to give the ball back to Ross.

After that came the long drive for Ross that ended with the fumble.

Shuff was asked why the Little Giants may have bogged down a title in the second half.

"I don't think we did," he said. "We played some good football in the first half and we moved the ball well in the second half. A couple of fumbles just kept us from scoring. We probably should have scored at least twice more."

But Ross didn't need to score anymore; they had enough thanks to the arm of Borden and the glue-like hands of Matthes.

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## Elyria rips Sandusky, 29-7

Elyria handed the Sandusky Blue Streaks a 29-7 whipping on the Pioneer's home field last night to highlight the Buckeye Conference games. Findlay dumped Mansfield Senior 28-14 while Admiral King eased by Marion Harding, 26-6. Ross defeated Lorain Senior 16-0 in the other BC game.

Elyria's defense turned the tide against Sandusky. Leading by a narrow 10-7 margin at the half, the Pioneers used three interceptions to make the game a runaway in the second half.

Early in the third period, Van Dickerson intercepted the first Blue Streak pass and returned it to the Blue Streak six. Two plays later Elyria scored. Jeff Pavlenda pulled off the next theft of a Sandusky pass on the second play of the fourth period. Six plays after that, Elyria scored again.

Scott Weiser returned an interception to the Blue Streak one to set up another Pioneer score and turn the game into a second half romp.

The Pioneer defense held Sandusky to only 17 yards rushing in the second half.

Terry McGuire scored three touchdowns on runs of four, one, and one, to lead Findlay to the win over Mansfield. McGuire picked up 92 yards on 11 carries while teammate Doug Schey ran for 84 yards on 20 carries.

Findlay scored 21 points in the second period to break the game wide open.

Bernard Lawrence rushed for 113 yards on 17 carries to lead Admiral King past Marion Harding. Lawrence scored on runs of five and 23 yards.

Mark Smith of Admiral King returned an interception pass 75 yards for another touchdown.

## Cavs come close but as usual, fall short

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — The World Champion New York Knicks were almost upset by the lowly Cleveland Cavaliers Friday night, but Knicks Coach Red Holzman took it in stride.

"We had a good quarter and they had a good quarter," said Holzman, after the Knicks nipped the Cavs 92-90 in a National Basketball Association contest. "That's the way the game goes, sometimes."

The Knicks outpointed the Cavaliers 27-12 in the third period to take a 71-54 lead.

But Austin Carr and Bob Love combined for 23 points as the Cavaliers bested the Knicks 26 to 21 in the final encounter.

The Cavs ate away New York's lead. Dave DeBusschere hit with 1:39 left to give the Knicks a 92-82 edge.

Rule, who scored all of his 11 points in the final frame, hit on two fouls. Carr followed with a 20-foot jump shot. Lenzy Wilkens sunk a jump shot from the circle and Carr repeated to bring the Cavs to within two points—92-90—with two seconds remaining.

The Knicks had the ball and didn't have much trouble running the clock out for their third victory in four tries.

Holzman complimented his defense, saying "that's what prevented them (the Cavs) from scoring more." That defense was led by Walt Frazier who had four steals, and DeBusschere and Willis Reed, who snatched 11 rebounds apiece.

Reed nipped his 12,000th point as a Knick and his 11 points for the evening put him seven points over the 12,000 mark.

"You really can't be happy when you lose," Cavs Coach Bill Fitch said. "But the team could have folded. Its sent and gone home in the third period, but they fought back and I think that's a good indication."

"I think that's a very good sign when you have 79 games left."

## How the top 10 fared...

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Here's how the top-ranked Ohio high school football teams in The Associated Press poll fared.

CLASS AAA  
1. Warren, Western Reserve, 6-0, plays Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary Saturday.  
2. Cincinnati, Moeller, 7-0-0, beat Cincinnati Bacon 14-0.  
3. Akron Garfield, 6-0-0, beat Akron Finestone 24-12.  
4. Dayton Jefferson, 7-0-0, beat Carlisle 52-0.  
5. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary, 5-1-0, plays at Warren Western Saturday.  
6. Columbus Waterson, 5-1-0, plays Columbus Deflate Saturday.  
7. Cleveland Benedictine, 4-2-1, beat Deer 28-6.



ROSS' LARRY LIGGINS STOPS STEELMEN'S FULLBACK JIM MAYHEW  
... Mike Coleman is on his back at right while Dan Michaels is on the ground at the left

Glover back

# Troubled Harding hosts high flying Little Giants

By BOB MARKER  
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Jim Drake of Marion Harding High School probably wishes he never heard the twang of a rhythm guitar, the headache producing beat of drums, or the decibel defying cry of an acid rock singer; but he did and he regrets it.

"We had the second best passer in the Buckeye Conference last season," Drake said, "but over the summer the band he was in won a contest and now he is on tour somewhere."

Drake doesn't know for sure what the name of Mel McGary's band is, (he thinks it's the "Boppers") but his Prexie football team will be hosting the unbeaten and untied Fremont Ross Little Giants with the hopes that they are able to beat a tune on the helmets of Chuck Shuff's crew. Something that no team has been able to do yet.

The records are just the opposite when Ross and the Presidents (or the "Prexies") as they are referred to in the Ohio High School guide) meet Friday in Marion. Ross is 4-0 in the

Buckeye Conference while the Prexies are 0-4.

Only once in seven outings have the Prexies tasted the sweet smell of victory and that was in the opening game against Columbus Mohawk. Since then it has been a series of humiliations for Drake and his crew.

"Not as good as we had hoped," Drake said when he was asked how well his team was doing despite the losses. "We suffer from lack of size on the line and senior maturity or experience at the skilled positions... however you want to refer to it."

Drake went on to explain some of the problems that have plagued him.

"Besides McGary, we have two or three other lettermen that are not on the team. One (John Culp) didn't come out; the other, Jeff Beam, was a starting tackle at 245 pounds last year. Over the winter and summer he (Beam) put on weight, got out of shape, and consequently did not want to pay the price to get back into shape."

"As for the others, they did not want to conform to discipline such as getting haircuts, training rules, and other things."

Drake may have uttered an understatement when he cited the biggest problem that has been

troubling his team since the opening win.

"Our inability to contain the other team's offense," said Drake dryly.

That could apply to quite a few teams in the area but Drake went on to clarify that statement.

"On third and nine situations or along that line, we have been letting the other teams pick up the yardage for the first down. I know it is only a mental problem but we can't get it licked."

Taking a look at the few bright sides of the Prexie team, Drake cited the youthfulness of his team. Against Admiral King last week (26-6 loss) the Prexies started one sophomore, eight juniors and two seniors.

"The way I look at it at this stage of the game, if a junior and a senior are of equal ability and have been doing the job equally well, I will go with the junior."

One junior and a sophomore who have carried the brunt of the running game for the Prexies are more or less a "Mutt and Jeff" act. Darrell Middleton is 6-2 and weighs approximately 220 while Tom Owens is only 5-7 and weighs 128. Middleton is the sophomore. Both run from the tailback spot and Middleton has been good enough to rank as the eighth best

rusher in the BC, averaging 3.7 yards per carry.

Owens gained 97 yards on 10 carries against Admiral King last week.

"He's small and fairly fast," Drake says about Owens. "He has to be fast; he's too little to be a power runner."

"As far as Ross is as a team, they are the best-coached team that we have seen this season. They are excellent in execution and discipline."

Drake continued, "They are definitely the quickest team at every position that we have seen. On defense you have the two big 'whales' (Bubba Harris, 265, and Steve Hampshire, 240) and then there is that super middle guard (Don Wensinger), and they have good linebackers and cornermen... you could go on for a long time describing them."

Last year, Drake's first as head coach at Marion, the Prexies finished 1-9. They will be hard pressed to beat that record this season but Drake claims they are better than last season despite having only the single win.

"Just look at our schedule and how many games those teams have won. We've been able to move but not able to score," Drake stated.

## Tickets and directions

Reserve seats for the Ross-Marion Harding football game at Marion are sold out. However, Ross officials have announced that general admission tickets will go on sale after 5 p.m. tonight at Tremper's.

Directions to the game site: Take route 53 through Tiffin to 23. Take route 95 exit off 23; (you will be going west according to Marion officials) go to the fifth (5th) traffic light to Greenwood, turn left on Greenwood, this street will deadend at the high school.

Parking facilities at Harding High School are limited so it is advised Ross fans should arrive early to be able to park close to the field.

## Area high school standings

BUCKEYE CONFERENCE				
	Conference	Overall	W	L
Fremont Ross	4	0	7	0
Admiral King	3	1	0	4
Findlay	2	2	0	2
Sandusky	2	2	0	2
Elyria	2	2	0	4
Lorain Senior	2	2	0	4
Mansfield Senior	1	1	0	4
Marion Harding	0	4	0	7

Friday games:  
Fremont Ross at Marion Harding  
Elyria at Findlay  
Lorain Senior at Admiral King  
Sandusky at Mansfield

SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE				
	Conference	Overall	W	L
Huron	3	1	0	6
Clyde	3	1	0	2
Sandusky Perkins	2	2	0	4
Sand. St. Mary's	2	1	0	4
Margaretta	1	1	1	4
Fremont St. Joe	1	1	1	4
Tiffin, Calvert	0	4	0	7

Friday games:  
Huron at Perkins  
Calvert at Margaretta

Saturday games:  
St. Joe at Clyde  
Findlay at Wendell at St. Mary's (NC)

SUBURBAN LAKES LEAGUE				
	League	Overall	W	L
Gibsonburg	4	0	6	0
Oak Harbor	4	1	0	2
Genoa	3	2	0	4
Eastwood	3	2	0	4
Woodmore	2	2	0	4
Elmwood	1	2	1	4
Lakota	0	5	0	7

Thursday games:  
Gibsonburg at Lakota  
Lorain at Elmwood

Friday games:  
Woodmore at Eastwood

NORTHERN LAKES LEAGUE				
	League	Overall	W	L
Oak Harbor at Genoa	4	1	0	6
Bellevue	4	1	0	6

## Gibsonburg maintains lead; Ross 3rd in computer pole

Gibsonburg continues to lead the "A" teams in region 10 of the Ohio High School Association's "computer ratings." Fremont Ross jumped from seventh to third behind Bowling Green and Oregon Clay in region two of the "AAA" ratings.

The Golden Bears of Gibsonburg enjoy nearly a 10 point lead over Montpelier in the "A" rankings. This marks the third straight week that Gibsonburg has been on top of the region.

Ross, 32nd in the ratings only four weeks ago, continued the upward surge by taking over the third spot. The Little Giants lead fourth place Sandusky by .39 of a point in the race to determine the semi-finalists in the state playoffs.

Nearby Bellevue is the only other area team ranked in the top 10 for the regions. The Redmen are sixth in the region two of the "AAA."

Other area schools and the ratings: Port Clinton, 39th in region two "AAA"; Oak Harbor, 12th, Clyde 14th; Margaretta 31st, Genoa 33rd, Woodmore 41st, Lakota (tie) 58th, in region six "AA"; and Fremont St. Joe 15th (tie) in the region 10 "A."

Cincinnati Moeller is the only new Class AAA leader this week. The Cincinnati power, ranked second statewide in The Associated Press poll, replaced Fairborn Baker as the pacesetter in Region 4. Baker was beaten by Dayton Stebbins last week while Moeller whipped Cincinnati Bacon for its sixth straight victory.

## How the teams rate . . .

CLASS AAA  
REGION 1-1. Warren Western Reserve 367.34, 2. Willoughby Eastlake South 305.12, 3. Madison 241.49, 4. Lakewood St. Edward 234.29, 5. Eastlake North 227.81, 6. Garfield Heights 224.00, 7. Mayfield 223.00, 8. Mentor Lake Catholic 192.30, 9. Lyndhurst Brush 184.00, 10. Westlake 180.49.

REGION 2-1. Bowling Green 276.29, 2. Oregon Clay 209.90, 3. Fremont Ross 190.81, 4. Sandusky 180.42, 5. Gahanna 189.19, 6. Bellevue 178.19, 7. Groveport 169.00, 8. Toledo Catholic 168.21, 9. Upper Arlington 163.00, 10. Lima Shawnee 153.90.

REGION 3-1. Akron Garfield 271.67, 2. Massillon 240.50, 3. Youngstown Mooney 237.77, 4. Stow 230.93, 5. Dover 208.81, 6. Youngstown Chalmers 199.29, 7. Canton McKinley 197.50, 8. Medina 185.81, 9. Barberton 194.13, 10. Cuyahoga Falls Walsh 183.69.

REGION 4-1. Cincinnati Moeller 292.41, 2. Dayton Stebbins 289.00, 3. Cincinnati St. Xavier 259.56, 4. Fairborn Baker 259.00, 5. Cincinnati Bacon 249.42, 6. Cincinnati La Salle 249.24, 7. Cincinnati Forest Park 239.50, 8. Cincinnati Oak Hills 191.31, 9. Dayton Belmont 189.00, 10. Cincinnati Porcili 172.62.

CLASS AA  
REGION 5-1. Elyria Catholic 203.31, 2. Cleveland Benedictine 182.80, 3. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary 163.64, 4. Solon 162.00, 5. Oberlin Firelands 138.00, 6. Beloit West Branch 132.56, 7. Akron Coventry 122.31, 8. Lorain Catholic 122.00, 9. Chagrin Falls 115.00, 10. Warren Kennedy 114.62.

REGION 6-1. Lima Catholic 231.50, 2. Columbus DeSales 180.19, 3. Columbus Waterson 171.50, 4. St. Marys 160.00, 5. Lima Bath 143.00, 6. Marion River Valley 138.00, 7. Columbus Mifflin 137.19, 8. Hu-

arren Western Reserve, the AP's state leader and defending Class AAA playoff champion; Bowling Green and Akron Garfield kept the other regional leads in the big school rankings.

A Columbus firm compiles the ratings for the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the four regional leaders in each class qualify for the state semifinals.

In Class AA, Ironton was the lone new frontrunner, replacing New Lexington for the Region 7 lead. New Lexington, however, is ineligible for the playoffs since its coach did not attend a rules interpretation meeting this season.

The other Class AA regional leaders again are Lima Catholic, Cincinnati Reading and Elyria Catholic.

Newark Catholic, the statewide leader in Class A, seized the top spot in Region 11 from Coal Grove Dawson-Bryant, which fell to fourth.

McDonald also was a new Class A regional leader, joining old holds Middletown Fenwick and Gibsonburg.

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## Harding no problem Ross wins 14th straight

By ROY WILHELM  
N-M Managing Editor

MARION — Ross' High's powerful Little Giants, exploding for three touchdowns in the first quarter, coasted to an easy 40-12 Buckeye Conference football victory over host Marion Harding Friday.

The Giants, who boasted their season record to 4-0 and increased their winning streak to 14 games, had little trouble with the Presidents. The Little Giants came out slugging and if there were a knockout count in football, it would have been a short evening.

"I was a little worried about a let-down for this one," head coach Chuck Shuff said after the game, referring to the fact that the Presidents have captured just one victory. "This is one club (the

Giants) that keeps me guessing. I never know if they are going to be ready until right up to game time. They were ready tonight."

They certainly were.

The Giants scored the first three times they got control of the football.

It took the Buckeye Conference leaders just four plays to get the first points on the board after taking the opening kickoff from the Presidents. A 31-yard run by Tim Smith, who was the leading ground gainer for the day, set up Jerry Obermeyer's 21-yard touchdown run. The burly fullback broke away from a

Liggins blitzed into the Marion backfield and locked a punt at about the 40 yard line. Liggins, Keith Butdorf and a Marion player chased the pigskin deep into Marion territory before Butdorf managed to gain control at about the 14 yard line and then pranced into the end zone. Tim Smith added the extra points and it seemed like time to pack and go home.

The Giants still had plenty to show before the evening was over, however.

A rocking, lightning quick defense and a diversified, talented offense shared the spotlight.

Ross tallied still another touchdown before the first period came to an end. Wide receiver Mike Matthes cut across the middle and took a strike from

senior quarterback Brad Borden and then galloped into the end zone as two defenders collided trying to stop the play.

The third tally of the game came with nearly two minutes still to go in the first quarter and the Giants appeared to let down at that point.

"Yes, I guess we let down some there after getting those three early touchdowns," Shuff admitted. "But, you have to give Marion a lot of credit, they kept coming at us. Their offensive line was coming after us all day and their defense did well at times, especially in that second quarter."

The Marion defense shut the door on the high flying Giants in that second quarter and the Presidents' offense came to life. A late-quarter touchdown threat was snuffed out when Don Wensinger dropped Marion runners for two straight losses and then Mike Andrews picked off a desperation Rich Rees pass at the one yard line.

The Ross coaches seemed to recharge the Little Giants at the half and the invaders took command again.

Defensively, the Giants stopped Marion cold after the second half kickoff and then proceeded to march 77 yards in just six plays. Smith carried the ball on four of those plays, gaining 40 yards.

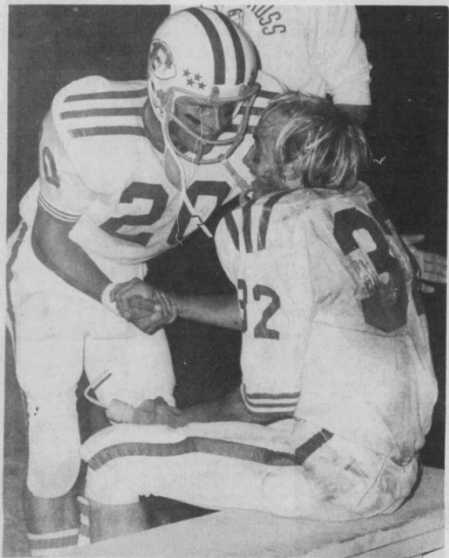
The drive ended with Borden unleashing a bomb to Matthes in the end zone.

The play officially only covered 28 yards from scrimmage, but the pass was really launched. Borden took a deep drop and was nailed just as he unloaded the rocket. Matthes was in the end zone and close to the side of the field. The high arching pass must have covered more than 50 yards in the air in spite of the fact that Borden was on his way down as he let go.

Wensinger and Butdorf again came up with the big defensive plays after Marion moved deep into Ross territory. The Presidents had first and ten on the 15 when the 5'8", 160 pound Wensinger made a solo tackle on 210 pound Darrell Middleton in the backfield. That one yard loss was followed by one ten times as long. Butdorf nailed quarterback Rees for the big loss.

"The defense got a lot of good work tonight and really played well," Shuff said. "We had a lot of subs in there at the end of the game when they scored."

The Giants added to their already impressive season statistics in the game. Smith



ANOTHER GOOD DAY'S WORK COMPLETED  
... Mike Matthes (59), Tim Smith share congratulations as Ross rolls



ROSS DEFENDERS CLOSE IN ON BIG DARRELL MIDDLETON  
... Mike Coleman (22), Harry Liggins (10), Keith Butdorf (64), Don Wensinger (65) converge as Bob Harris hangs on

## No surprises in Buckeye

No major surprises occurred in the Buckeye Conference slate Friday night. Besides Ross' 40-12 conquest of Marion Harding, Sandusky eased by Mansfield 7-0; Elyria dealt Findlay a 13-0 loss, and Lorain Admiral King tackled a 14-0 loss on Lorain Senior.

Earl Davis galloped 67 yards in the third quarter for an insurance touchdown against Findlay. The Pioneers had taken the lead in the first period on Rick Underman's one yard plunge.

Three fumbles killed Findlay drives at the Elyria 30 as the losers dominated the statistics but not the scoreboard. Findlay gathered up 178 yards on the ground and 111 through the airways for 289 yards. The Pioneers had 324 yards on the ground and

that was it.

Davis ended up the night with 164 yards on 23 carries.

Admiral King kept within one game of Ross with the win over Lorain Senior. Bryan Blazina scooped up a fumble and rambled 69 yards for the first score of the game in the first period. Bernard Lawrence capped the scoring with a one yard run in the second period.

Lawrence gained 183 yards on 27 carries in the game.

Sandusky's Mike Spayd scored from one yard out in the first half and the Blue Streaks held on to defeat Mansfield. The Blue Streak defense manhandled the Tigers, allowing a minus-6 yards on the ground. Mansfield had only 50 yards total in the game.

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## Reggie Smith won't have to put up with Boston anymore

By HOWARD SMITH  
Associated Press Sports Writer

outfielder Tommy Cruz. The Cards also sold shortstop Mike Kelleher to the Houston

## Around Ohio

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Admiral King 14, Lorain Senior 0  
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Athens 28, Waverly 8  
Jennings 21, Logan 6  
Gallopia 24, William 6  
Fairland 48, Oak Hill 6  
Lima Shawnee 27, Lima Central Catholic 8  
Edison 24, Collins Western Reserve 1  
New London 33, Buck River 12  
West Holmes 14, Orrville 8  
Sycamore 20, Marietta 14  
Madison 21, Indian Hills 19  
Milford 3, Glen Echo 8  
Cincinnati Oak Hills 26, Norwood 8  
Anderson 28, Mount Healthy 22  
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Cincinnati Woodcrest 4  
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Piquette 14  
Cincinnati Purcell 16, Cincinnati Blue 4

## Computer points in background

# Young Findlay stands in way of Little Giants

By BOB MARKER  
N-M Sports Editor

Fremont Ross will be seeking to clinch at least a tie for the Buckeye Conference crown while keeping an eye on the computer points this Friday night as the Little Giants play host to the Trojans of Findlay.

Ross is currently on top of the BC with a spotless 5-0 (8-0 overall) mark, while Findlay is 2-3 in the BC and 5-3 overall. The young Trojans have lost by one point to Lorain Senior, three at the hands of Sandusky, and just last week, by 13 to Elyria in a game that saw the Elyria defense come up with four interceptions.

First year coach Bill Jones is no stranger to the Trojan system; he was an assistant coach before taking over the head post this season. He inherited a young, potent squad, that Jones says is "just a little bit away" from being outstanding.

Findlay was picked by many of the Buckeye Conference coaches as the team to watch in preseason polling.

"We run a 'two-platoon' system," Jones began in his description of his youthful team. "There are no two-way players and 16 of those players on the two units are juniors. That's what is encouraging down here."

Only one of the juniors, quarterback John Veilhaber, started every game last season. He took over in the second scrimmage game after the regular signal-caller broke his arm. The rest or majority started after a wholesale "call-up" took place midway through last season's dismal 2-8 season.

"We have strictly a sophomore team in our system," Jones pointed out as he reflected back a year. "When things were not going too good last season, Bob (former coach Bob Bockrath) decided he would rather go with the players of the future. Our sophomore team was 6-0 at that time so he brought up a number

of them and started them.

"This caused quite a ticklish situation with the juniors and seniors of last year."

Seven of the sophomores lettered in those last four games. And the rest gained some experience that has helped them this season.

Jones switched to his offense and how he says it has become "conservative" this season.

"Some of the coaches in the Buckeye Conference will probably tell you that we have sort of a 'wild' offense," Jones said. "At least we threw quite a lot before this year."

"Because of our good rushing game this year, we have not thrown as much as we did in past seasons. Some coaches say that only bad things come from passing. I don't believe this."

"When the situation presents itself, we will pass."

Veilhaber supports the "we will

pass" statement statistically. The junior thrower has tossed the pigskin 97 times this year for 683 yards on 38 completions. He has been intercepted eight times, including the four last week against Elyria. Five passes have gone for touchdowns.

Leading the rushing machine for Findlay is a set of three capable runners. Terry McGuire, 175 pound senior, leads the rushers with 577 yards on 97 carries while Doug Schey, 175 junior, has 516 yards on 116 carries. Respectively, the duo is fourth and fifth in the Buckeye Conference.

The third runner is 5-4 speedster, Ruben Martinez. The 150 pound senior has been injured recently but should be full speed for the Little Giant game. Martinez leads the BC in punt returns with a 17.5 average and is rated as the Trojan's fastest back

by the Little Giant scouts.

To stop Ross, Jones says, the Trojans must stop tailback Tim Smith.

"But if you concentrate on Smith," Jones moans, "you have to worry about Borden's passing."

Jones praised Borden.

"I think he is the key to Ross offense. His faking on their 'belly' series is outstanding and he can kill you with his passing. He continually makes the big play for them."

For Ross, the game is not only important in helping to clinch tie for the BC crown, Findlay and the high ranking in the computer ratings (18th) could be a big step toward the top spot and a berth in the state playoffs. Ross is currently fifth but has a chance to make big advances with wins over Findlay and Sandusky next week.

## Gibsonburg slips to 2nd; Ross drops to fifth spot

Gibsonburg and Ross both slipped in the latest Ohio High School Athletic Association computer ratings. The Golden Bears fell from first to second in region 10 of the "A" ratings, trailing Montpelier 193.40 to 163.56 in computer points.

Ross' Little Giants, third a week ago, fell to fifth behind Bowling Green. The Little Giants now trail Bowling Green, Lima Shawnee, Upper Arlington, and Oregon City.

In other area ratings, Bellevue is 11th in region two of the "AAA" divisions while Port Clinton is 28th in the same region. In "AA" ranks, Clyde is 12th in region six while Oak Harbor (16th), Genoa (20th), Margaretta (34th), Woodmore (48th), and Lakota

(60th) trail in the same region. Fremont St. Joseph is 19th in region 10 behind Gibsonburg. Youngstown Mooney, Cleveland Benedictine and Montpelier are new regional leaders this week

in the Ohio high school football ratings.

A Columbus firm compiles the computer ratings weekly for the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

### How the teams rate. . .

#### CLASS AAA

REGION 1-1. Warren Western Reserve 496.56 points, 2. Willoughby South 465.08, 3. Lakewood St. Edward 338.24, 4. Madison 334.08, 5. Mentor Catholic 321.24, 6. Eastlake North 279.80, 8. Berea 277.56, 9. Mayfield 272.64, 10. Hubbard 254.80.

REGION 2 - 1. Bowling Green 372.24, 2. Lima Shawnee 324.00, 3. Upper Arlington 320.00, 4. Oregon Clay 269.76, 5. Fremont Ross 257.24, 6. Greenville 251.60, 7. Sandusky 247.56, 8. Groveport 241.60, 9. Gahanna 239.56, 10. Toledo DeVilbiss 230.16.

REGION 3 - 1. Youngstown Mooney 368.96, 2. Akron Garfield 368.56, 3. Massillon 368.00, 4. Dover 315.68, 5. Cuyahoga Falls Walsh 307.20, 6. Canton McKinley 300.44, 7. Massillon Jackson 280.00, 8. Stow 283.92, 9. Youngstown Chaney 282.00, 10. Medina 278.12.

REGION 4 - 1. Cincinnati Moeller 429.20, 2. Cincinnati St. Xavier 397.52, 3. Dayton Stebbins 395.00, 4. Cincinnati LaSalle 379.48, 5. Fairborn Baker 368.00, 6. Cincinnati Bacon 329.96, 7. Cincinnati Forest Park 323.44, 8. Dayton Belmont 323.24, 9. Xenia Beavercreek 291.00, 10. Cincinnati Oak Hills 285.48.

#### CLASS AA

REGION 5 - 1. Cleveland Benedictine 296.20, 2. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary 259.44, 3. Elyria Catholic 246.44, 4. Solon 246.00, 5. Lorain Catholic 222.00, 6. Akron Manchester 187.60, 7. Oberlin Firelands 186.00, 8. Beloit West Branch 184.08, 9. Chagrin Falls 155.00, 10. Brooklyn 150.96.

REGION 6 - 1. Lima Catho-

lic 317.00, 2. Lima Bath 241.00, 3. Columbus Watterson 235.68, 4. Columbus DeSales 224.56, 5. St. Marys 203.00, 6. Huron 190.32, 7. Marion River Valley 183.00, 8. Columbus Mifflin 180.92, 9. Bexley 167.92, 10. Norwalk 164.00.

REGION 7 - 1. Ironton 275.20, 2. Steubenville Catholic 230.08, 3. Wheelersburg 194.20, 4. McConellsville Morgan 190.20, 5. New Lexington 187.92, 6. Toronto 175.76, 7. Pomeroy Meigs 163.60, 8. Gallipolis 157.84, 9. Newark Licking Valley 155.72, 10. Zanesville Tuscarawas Valley 142.60.

REGION 8 - 1. Cincinnati Reading 328.00, 2. Dayton Carroll 308.44, 3. Urbana 244.16, 4. Hamilton-Badin 213.64, 5. Dayton Jefferson 195.32, 6. Cincinnati Madeira 186.00, 7. Cincinnati Mariemont 175.12, 8. Wyoming 161.56, 9. West Jefferson 159.24, 10. New Lebanon Dixie 156.32.

#### CLASS A

REGION 9-1. McDonald 204.28, 2. Ashabula St. John 170.72, 3. Parma Byzantine 169.20, 4. Lowellville 152.64, 5. Lorain Clearview 149.00, 6. Middlefield Cardinal 144.72, 7. East Canton 137.92, 8. Kirtland 107.68, 9. Brilliant Buckeye North 106.40, 10. Malvern 97.36.

REGION 10-1. Montpelier 193.40, 2. Gibsonburg 163.56, 3. Norwalk St. Paul 137.12, 4. Ada, Marion Pleasant and Mount Blanchard Riverdale 119.00, 7. New London 118.04, 8. Cory Rawson 106.00, 9. Ottawa Hills 98.72, 10. Monroeville 85.92.

REGION 11-1. Newark Catholic 170.32, 2. Fredericktown 147.32, 3. Woodsfield 124.94, 4. Coal Grove Dawson-Bryant 118.08, 5. Sugar Grove Berne Union 114.00, 6. Proctorville Fairland 99.60, 7. Granville 94.68, 8. Centerburg 82.32, 9. Midvale Indian Valley North 79.60, 10. Shadyside 68.96.

REGION 12-1. Middletown Fenwick 208.64, 2. Portsmouth Notre Dame 174.00, 3. Rockford Parkway 155.94, 4. Williamsburg 151.68, 5. Yellow Springs 148.24, 6. Covington 142.32, 7. Columbus St. Charles 142.28, 8. Plain City Alder 137.00, 9. Canal Winchester 118.12, 10. Sidney Lehman 109.32.



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# Vielhaber, Findlay snap Ross streak

By BOB MARKER  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Fremont Ross' 14-game winning streak came to a grinding halt at the hands of the fired-up Findlay Trojans last night. The charges of first year coach Bill Jones scored seven points in every quarter to dump the Little Giants 28-20.

By losing, Ross failed to win the Buckeye Conference crown because Sandusky pulled off a 13-11 win over Admiral King, the Little Giants' closest foe in the BC. The win by Sandusky set up a title clash with Ross next week at the home of the Blue Streaks. Ross is the only team in the BC with only one loss in conference competition.

Defense was a thing of the past for both Findlay and Ross but Trojan quarterback John Vielhaber was a very "new" person against the Little Giants. The junior quarterback scored three touchdowns, passed for the other, and galloped 105 yards on 11 carries.

Both teams were superb offensively but both threw up defenses that gave all the effects of pouring water through a strainer. There were very few things that the defensive teams could do right for either team.

The game had all the aspects of a slow paced tennis match. First it was Findlay marring the length of the field and then it was Ross. Only Findlay did it one more time than the Little Giants.

And it was Vielhaber who had the hot racket in this game. The second of Vielhaber's three TD's was a thing of beauty to watch from the Findlay bench but from the Ross angle, the hands of Vielhaber were quicker than the Ross defenders.

Facing a fourth and three at the Ross 33, Vielhaber faked to fullback Terry McGuire going into the line, kept the ball and raced 33 yards for the six-pointer.

"It was off our 'triple option,'" the junior signal-caller described the play after the game. "The coach called the play and it worked perfectly."

"I faked to the fullback but kept the ball when I saw the defensive end crashing to the inside. That left me in the clear. After I got by the line I looked back and saw that I had to beat two men and I just ran."

Vielhaber had not been accustomed to running as much in the early part of the season.

"Two weeks ago I carried the ball seven times but tonight was the most I have carried."

For Jones, the win was one of the high points of his brief coaching career.

"This is about as happy as I have ever been," beamed the rather round first year coach.

Jones was asked if his team worked on the defensive side of the game this week.

"Surprisingly we worked hard," Jones insisted. "We were up against a tough offense out there tonight."

Early in the week Jones had pointed out that his Trojans had to stop Ross tailback Tim Smith. The Findlay crew did allow the BC's top rusher 72 yards but it came on 19 carries.

"I think we stopped him... at least he did not get the long run," Jones said and then he went into more detail. "Basically, we slanted toward where Smith had usually run in past games. We just took away the big play from him."

"When we did this, though, we started to worry about Borden. (Brad, Ross quarterback) because we feel he is the key to their whole offense."

Jones and Findlay weren't too successful against Borden but the Trojans were just successful enough to kill Ross. Borden accounted for all three Little Giant TD's through the airways. The senior hit Mike Matthes twice for six-pointers on seven and 10 yards. Mike Coleman hauled down the other touchdown pass, a 33-yarder.

Findlay received the opening kickoff in the game and marched 82 yards in 18 plays to score. The drive consumed 4:07 of the clock. Vielhaber hit split end Mike Pfeiffer at the Ross 14 on a fourth and six at the 27 to keep the drive going.

Vielhaber polished off the long march with a seven yard effort on a sweep around the right side. He just managed to sneak in at the corner of the end zone.

Ross came back and scored on a 16 play, 62-yard march. Borden hit Matthes with a seven yard strike on a fourth and six at the seven. Jerry Obermeyer was stopped short on the point after touchdown try to give Findlay a 7-6 lead.

But Findlay grabbed a 14-6 lead at the half on a Vielhaber scoring strike to Doug Robinson. There was 6:12 to go in the half.

Ross had a chance to cut the margin at the half but the Little Giants had a two-yard TD run by Smith called back because of an officials penalty. A halfback option pass from Smith fell short in the end zone to kill the drive shortly before the half.

The Little Giants rolled back to life to tie the game at 14 when Borden tossed the 33 yard bomb to Coleman in the third quarter. Smith swept in from the right side for the tying conversion points. But the tying action did not phase Findlay.

The Trojans came right back with the go-ahead TD coming on the Vielhaber fakery.

With only 40 seconds ticked off the clock in the final period, Borden hit Matthes in the middle for a 10-yard scoring pass but Ross failed to take the lead when a reverse failed for the points after.

With Vielhaber picking up 17 yards on a third and seven at the Findlay 44, the Trojans picked up the insurance tally on a 10-play, 60-yard drive. Vielhaber scored from three yards out with 4:41 to play.

Ross penetrated to the Findlay 38 but a fourth and eight pass at that spot failed. Findlay ran out the clock before the game ended at the Ross 29.

Chuck Shuff, the strain of the game showing on his face sadly proclaimed, "There were two fine offensive ball clubs out there tonight. We had a couple of breaks go against us."

"They come off the ball quick... they just played four quarters of football against us," Shuff added.



ROSS' MIKE COLEMAN (22) SET TO THROW BLOCK IN FOURTH QUARTER ACTION  
... Tim Smith carries ball; Scott Duncan (54) of Findlay watches Smith closely before making tackle (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)



IT WAS ONE OF THOSE NIGHTS  
... Brad Borden shows strain of tough game

## Ross, Findlay upset stats

Score by quarters		7	7	7	20
Findlay	Ross	0	6	8	6-20
Yards	Findlay	12	12	12	36
First downs	Findlay	12	12	12	36
By rushing	Findlay	12	12	12	36
By passing	Findlay	12	12	12	36
By penalty	Findlay	12	12	12	36
Yards rushing	Findlay	12	12	12	36
Pass attempts	Findlay	12	12	12	36
Completed	Findlay	12	12	12	36
Had intercepted	Findlay	12	12	12	36
Total offense	Findlay	12	12	12	36
Fumbles	Findlay	12	12	12	36
Lost	Findlay	12	12	12	36
Points average	Findlay	12	12	12	36

## Sandusky clips Admirals, 13-11

Sandusky jumped to a 13-3 lead when they play Ross next Friday halftine lead and then held off Admiral King in the third period. In other Buckeye Conference games, Elvira gave themselves a shot at a share of the title by beating Ross for the dropping Mansfield, 13-6, and Lorain received a scare from Marion Harding before winning a possible chance to get a tie for the SBC title with a 13-7 victory over Margazetta here Friday night.

With Chris Macovey and Bernard Lawrence leading the ground corps, Admiral King dominated the second half. Macovey scored from one-yard to cut the lead to 13-11, but Higgins missed a field goal with 5:26 to play to kill Admiral King's hopes.

The loss for Admiral King was the 10th straight to Sandusky.

Rick Underman scored on a 14-yard run and Gary Stephenson

## Final period scores whip Margazetta, 13-7

HURON-The Huron Tigers came from behind with two last quarter scores to clinch at least a tie for the SBC title with a 13-7 victory over Margazetta here Friday night.

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## Ohio high school football scores

AREA	Cincinnati Elder 7, Cincinnati Parrell 0	Sheridan 14, Tri Valley 0
Findlay 28, Ross 20	Cincinnati Reading 28, Cincinnati Taylor 8	Akron Hoban 35, Toledo Manchester 7
Gibsonburg 31, Oregon 9	Lima Senior 19, Springfield South 12	Warren Western Reserve 12, Cuyahoga Falls 9
Oak Harbor 21, Lakota 6	Troy 34, Beaver Creek 0	Northeast 24, Monford 14
Bellevue 6, Tiffin Columbian 28	Farment East 19, Centerville 7	Alma 28, Platteau 6
Huron 15, Margazetta 7	Dayton Wayne 31, Fairmont West 20	Lewis County, Ky. 24, Green 0
Genoa 38, Woodbury 6	Dayton Sobeas 28, Xenia 6	New Lexington 30, West Mankin 15
Port Clinton 17, Perkins 15	Brookville 29, Dayton Northridge 0	Marionville 28, Philo 0
OTHELLO	Lima Shawnee 35, Lima Central Catholic 4	New Concord Glenn 17, Crooksville 4
Cincinnati Woodward 28, Cincinnati Aiken 11	Springfield Catholic 28, Sidney 28 (tie)	Morgan 14, River View 0
	East Northeastern 20, Tecumseh 6	P. Frye 26, Seneca 0
	Galion 14, Shelby 8	Paden City (W. Va.) 14, Bedford 4
	Morenoville 26, Greenwich South Central 12	Licking Valley 30, Licking Heights 4
	Black River 12, Collins Western Reserve 6	Berwin 14, Norfolk 4
	Lancaster Valley 11, New Boston 6	Greenview 20, Troutwood Madison 0
	Ory Rawson 70, Vanhook 0	Union Northmont 27, West Carrollton 6
	Laguerre 34, McComb 9	
	Liberty Benton 27, Pandora Gibbs 20	
	Hardin Northern 55, Van Buren 23	
	Bowling Green 22, Houtford 0	
	Milam 25, Colonel Crawford 6	
	Wasson 30, Patrick Henry 14	
	Huntington 18, Zane Trace 0	
	Union 42, Plain Valley 0	
	Adena 28, Platoon 4	

## Tickets scarce for Sandusky

A limited amount of general admission tickets for the Ross football game with Sandusky next Friday night went on sale at noon at Tremper's. The tickets will be on sale till noon Tuesday.

All reserve seats allotted to Ross have been sold out to coaches, administration, stadium workers, and parents of football players, cheerleaders and the band.

Student tickets will be on sale at Ross High School and Fremont Junior High School, Monday and Tuesday only.

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## Four-way tie in Buckeye Conference?

# Sandusky has added boost for annual Ross conflict

By BOB MARKER  
N-M Sports Editor

Gene Kidwell wasn't asking for any job assistance last week but he gladly took it. And he probably had a big smile encased on his face when he got that little bit of "assistance."

"Now we got something to shoot for," Tidwell beamed over the phone Wednesday.

Kidwell, the fifth year coach of the Sandusky Blue Streaks referred to the unexpected Findlay win over Fremont Ross last Friday night, a 28-20 shocker.

"I still think Ross is the best team in the Conference and I don't know how Findlay beat them," Kidwell admitted in the next breath. "But it does give us a shot in the arm . . . something to shoot at when we play them Friday."

The Blue Streaks, currently 6-2-1 overall and 4-2 in the Buckeye Conference, good enough for a three-way tie for second, will host Chuck Shuff's purple and white clad Little Giants in the annual "neighborhood" rivalry.

It's the final game of the season for both teams.

The game could also take an odd twist should Ross lose to the Blue Streaks. Sandusky, Admiral King, and Elyria have lost two games in Conference play. Admiral King will play Findlay and Elyria will go against Lorain Senior. Should Admiral King and Elyria win and Ross lose, there would be a four-way tie for the Buckeye Conference football title. A very rare occurrence but one that would show the overall balance of the BC.

But neither Kidwell or Shuff are going to settle for a situation such as that. It will be forced on both of them.

Kidwell's Blue Streaks are an oddity, statistically; however, even before you look at the possible traffic jam at the top of the standings.

The Blue Streaks are second in team defense but rank dead last offensively. A situation that needless to say, causes Kidwell some uneasiness.

"I haven't had a good back for two years," Kidwell moaned. "We have no speed or break-away threat . . . why, even some of my assistant coaches can outrun my backs."

"Last year we finished near the bottom of the Conference in

offense but we still had an 8-2 record, but this year we are more than ever a team that settles for 'two yards and a cloud of dust.'

"We have good people in the backfield who do their assignments well, such as covering the ball up and hitting the holes, but they only go two yards."

Three weeks ago, against Marion Harding, Curt Jones rambled for 129 yards on only seven carries and Kidwell thought his problems were solved, but the illusion lasted only a week. Jones was held yardless against Elyria and did no better against Mansfield. Against Admiral King, no Blue Streak runner gained over 51 yards and that total belonged to a player that specializes in defensive heroics, 6-4, 245 pound Stan Johnson.

"Yeah, you can say I haven't had a good back since Elmer Lippert," Kidwell said.

Johnson, the Buckeye Conference's lineman of the week, is an all-state candidate. Kidwell calls him the best in the BC at the middle guard spot.

"There are three people on Ross' defense that really impress me," Kidwell pointed out. "One is the middle guard and the others are two linebackers."

Kidwell referred to Don Wensinger who he called possibly the best lineman, offensively and defensively Ross has.

"Wensinger is every bit as good as Mark Loretta. I haven't seen a better middle guard other than Johnson and Stan gets the edge only because he is so big and can intimidate people."

Loretta was an all-conference performer at that spot last season for Sandusky.

The linebackers Kidwell referred to were Mike Coleman and Keith Butdorf. "And Obermeyer does a good job when he is in there," Kidwell added.

Kidwell expressed his views on what his team had to do to stop Ross.

"We are going to have to control the ball; something that Ross has been doing all year. We are going to have to reverse that angle of the game," Kidwell theorized. "but we haven't been able to do that with our offense all year."

Kidwell is definite about what his Blue Streaks cannot do.

"We can't concentrate on any single person. Borden is the hub of the offense but if we concentrate on him, there is Smith, and then you have those two fullbacks (Obermeyer and John Williams) that can turn it loose anytime."

Along with the possible portion of the BC crown, Kidwell need not look too hard for other verbal and visible encouragements for his Blue Streaks. Ross has pulled off the only two shutouts against Sandusky that the Blue Streaks have experienced since 1960. Two years ago Ross prevailed 32-0 on home turf while just last year, the Little Giants posted the second straight whitewash, 14-0.

That first shutout was the first time that the Blue Streaks have been shutout in Strobel Field since 1954, the year that the Buckeye Conference began play.

"We've been reminding them of this," Kidwell said, "that is another little bit of incentive."

The meeting between the schools will be the 67th. Sandusky holds a commanding 38-21-7 margin. There has been 32 shutouts in the series, not counting two "nothing-nothing" ties.

The game is probably one of the foremost rivalries in this area.

"It doesn't get me up as much as it does the people around here," Kidwell explained. "I'm not a native of Sandusky and Chuck is not a native of Fremont but we are good friends and I think we get fired up because of the close rivalry between us."

"As for the people in the town, they are alive for the first time this year. Last year they came alive and it was for the Fremont game. The kids get fired up by us and from what they absorb from the community."

"I think it goes back to the days of the Thanksgiving Day games." Who will be giving thanks this Friday could be the coach and the team that is able to grab the biggest portion of the clock. Only time will tell.

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### Carter dissatisfied; Cincy quarterback playing out option

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP) — Virgil Carter, who directed the Cincinnati Bengals to their finest hour, may be heading elsewhere in 1974.

The Bengals confirmed Thursday that Carter, who will miss the entire 1973 season due to a preseason injury, is playing out the option on his contract.

The announcement coincides with reports that the new/formed World Football League has approached Carter about joining its Chicago franchise.

Mike Brown, the Bengals' general manager, denied that Carter's action means he's considering a jump to the new league.

"Virg has named specific spots where he'd like to play and we've spoken to some of those clubs about him," said Brown.

Coach Paul Brown was not available for comment and Carter was at a mountain cabin in Utah where he could not be reached.

Tom Origer, owner of the Chicago WFL franchise, has expressed interest in Carter. The 28-year-old former Brigham Young University star originally signed with the Chicago Bears in 1968, but was traded in 1970 following a dispute with management.

He was sent to the Buffalo Bills, but acquired quickly by the Bengals in a trade for a draft choice. He arrived in Cincinnati and led the Bengals on a record-setting seven-game winning streak that resulted in a division title the third year of the club's existence.

In 1971 he led the NFL with a 62.2 per cent pass completion mark. But he has been a backup quarterback to Ken Anderson since 1971.

### 'Dirty trick' charge by Steelers unfounded

NEW YORK (AP) — National Football League officials say on the last play of the first half, all six officials said there were no problems with that land played "dirty tricks" on check, the NFL official said.

# Nine Little Giants selected to Buckeye's 'dream' team

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

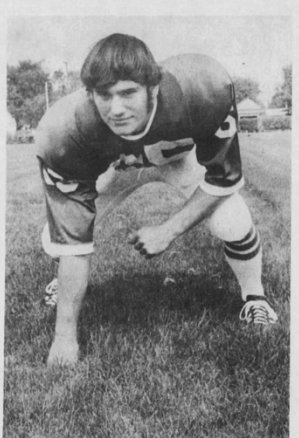
Fremont Ross and Sandusky dominated the offensive and defensive first teams in the Buckeye Conference "All-Conference" team. Ross had seven Little Giants, six on offense, to lead all schools in the balloting.

Led by "back of the year" Brad Borden, the Little Giants placed a total of nine different players on the "dream" team. Borden was voted into the first team offensive unit at the quarterback spot, plus the rival coaches voted him as the top offensive back.

Tim Smith, the Buckeye Conference's leading scorer, with 120 points, was one of only four players to be voted to either the offensive or defensive team by a unanimous vote of the coaches. The speedy Ross Tailback joined Bernard Lawrence of Admiral King and Terry McGuire of Findlay in the backfield with Borden. Both Lawrence and McGuire were unanimous choices.

Don Wensinger was selected at an offensive guard slot, the second year in a row that the 155-pounder made the first offensive team. Wensinger was one of several Little Giants that played both ways.

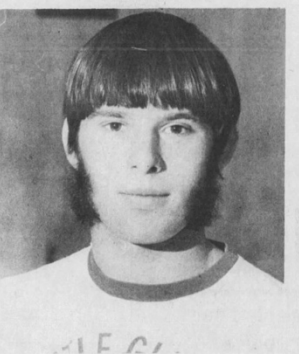
"We thought he should have made the second defensive team at



DON WENSINGER  
... Second straight year at guard



STEVE CELEK  
... Selected to 2nd offensive unit



MIKE MATTHEWS  
... Caught nine touchdowns passes

middle guard." Ross coach Chuck Shuff said. "We were disappointed that he was not selected defensively but we know that White, (Charles of Mansfield) is a good athlete but he played a lot at linebacker this season."

Jim Briney, an honorable mention last season, landed on the top team at center. Shuff was pleased with the selection. "Briney has been the most consistent center that I have ever coached," Shuff admitted. "He never had a bad exchange . . . and he had to handle middle guards like Stan Johnson (unanimous choice on the first string defensive team at middle guard), White, and Ephraim Hagins of Admiral King."

Mike Matthews was the Ross' big man in the clutch this season and the little 150 pounds) wide receiver joined 160 pound Bob Smith of Lorain Senior at the end slots. Matthews was the top touchdown receiver this season with nine snags for six-pointers.

Steve Hampshire is a self-made man Shuff feels. "Everything that he has accomplished this season has come on perseverance and dedication on his part. He earned the respect of the other players in the Conference and of the coaches, and he played both ways."

And it was both ways that Hampshire was selected to the first team offense at a tackle slot and as a tackle on the second team defense.

Mike Andrews had the distinction of being the smallest player on the select team. Andrews intercepted four passes from his defensive halfback slot and called the rotations of the backfield in the Little Giant defense. The 140-pounder was tabbed as one of the three defensive backs.

Smith's unanimous selection was no surprise. He has gained over 1100 yards rushing this year despite his 135 pound frame. Smith was not only the leading scorer and rusher in the conference, he also led the BC in punting and was tabbed as the "panther of the year."

"It's amazing that he was able to play every game because of his size," Shuff pointed out. "You know that basically the Conference was defensive-minded this year and it was really outstanding that he was able to average seven yards a carry."

Borden topped off a great season with his selection as the top back. The Ross signal-caller threw 13 touchdowns passes this season to top the BC. He also ran the Ross offense lawlessly.

"He's fantastic," Shuff flatly said. "He's so intelligent and such a smooth operator, he is usually one step ahead of the game. He knows what has to be done . . . as a matter of fact, half the time he is one step ahead of me!"

Second team selections included Steve Celek at one of the end spots. Celek operated from the tight end position for Ross and had to come up with the key block many times in Ross' run oriented offense.

Joining Hampshire on the second team defense was Mike Coleman in one of the linebacker spots. The 175 pound senior called most of the defensive signals for Ross.

"Lot of people don't know it," Shuff pointed out about Coleman, "but he is one of the finest offensive backs around. Oh, he doesn't carry the ball much but he is a great blocker."

"At linebacker, Mike was a very pleasant surprise. He had never played linebacker before but he moved into the position and took over."

Other honors handed out by the Buckeye Conference coaches went to Stan Johnson, Sandusky's 245 pound middle guard turned sometimes fullback. Johnson was awarded the "lineman of the year" honor.

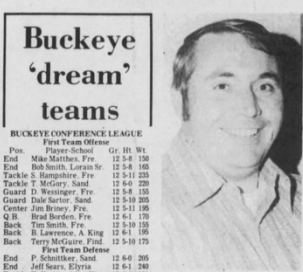
Jeff Sears of Elvira walked off with the "Kicker of the year" for the other special award.



TIM SMITH  
... One of four unanimous picks



JIM BRINEY  
... Made first team offense



BILL JONES  
... Coach of year

## Buckeye 'dream' teams

BUCKEYE CONFERENCE LEAGUE

First Team Offense

Pos.	Player-School	Gr.	Ht.	Wt.
End	Mike Matthews, Fre.	12	5-8	150
End	Bob Smith, Lorain Sr.	12	5-8	160
Tackle	S. Hampshire, Fre.	12	5-11	235
Tackle	T. McGuire, Sand.	12	5-8	220
Guard	D. Wensinger, Fre.	12	5-8	155
Guard	Dale Sartor, Sand.	12	5-10	205
Center	Jim Briney, Fre.	12	5-11	185
Q.B.	Brad Borden, Fre.	12	6-1	170
Back	Tim Smith, Fre.	12	5-10	185
Back	Terry McGuire, Find.	12	6-1	195

First Team Defense

Pos.	Player-School	Gr.	Ht.	Wt.
End	P. Schmitt, Sand.	12	6-0	205
End	Jeff Sears, Elvira	12	6-1	240
Tackle	E. Hagins, Adm. King	12	6-4	220
Tackle	Ervin Jackson, Sand.	12	6-1	245
M.G.	S. Johnson, Sand.	12	6-5	250
L.B.	B. Blazna, Adm. King	12	6-5	205
L.B.	Dale Sartor, Sand.	12	5-10	205
L.B.	J. Supremum, Lor. Sr.	12	5-10	170
L.B.	Scott Warner, Elvira	12	6-0	185
Back	Mike Andrews, Fre.	12	5-8	140
Back	M. Greenhill, A. King	12	6-2	175
Back	Pierre Bart, Elvira	12	6-1	175

Punter of the Year: Tim Smith, Fremont

Kicker of the Year: Jeff Sears, Elvira

Back of the Year: Brad Borden, Fremont

Linemans of the Year: Stan Johnson, Sandusky

Coach of the Year: Bill Jones, Findlay

Second Team Offense

Pos.	Player-School	Gr.	Ht.	Wt.
End	Steve Celek, Fre.	12	6-1	175
End	Mike Puffer, Find.	12	6-0	165
Tackle	Carl Balle, Sand.	12	6-1	250
Tackle	Kurt Swisher, Find.	12	6-1	225
Guard	Bob Magpa, Ad. King	12	5-10	195
Guard	Doug Kelley, Find.	12	6-2	185
Center	Ed Pauer, Lorain Sr.	12	5-11	195
Q.B.	Joe Smith, Lorain Sr.	12	6-3	205
Back	J. Vukobrat, Find.	12	5-11	175
Back	Sam Ware, Mansfield	12	5-9	195
Back	Mike Spivak, Sand.	12	5-9	185
Back	Karl Davis, Elvira	12	5-9	160

Second Team Defense

Pos.	Player-School	Gr.	Ht.	Wt.
End	Scott Blazna, Ad. King	12	6-5	205
End	Dale Virg, Lorain Sr.	12	6-1	250
Tackle	S. Hampshire, Fre.	12	5-11	235
Tackle	Chris Doyle, Find.	12	6-1	185
M.G.	Charles White, Mans.	12	6-1	210
L.B.	Mike Coleman, Fre.	12	6-0	175
L.B.	Jim Mayhew, Lor. Sr.	12	6-2	200
L.B.	Scott Duncan, Find.	12	6-1	185
Back	Bob Salings, Marion	12	5-11	160
Back	State Callahan, Lor. Sr.	12	5-10	185
Back	Bernard Hamilton, Sand	12	6-1	170

Ross honorable mention: Keith Burdorf, Marion

Back: Bob Harris, Harry Liggins, Larry Liggins, Dave Minch, Jerry Obermeyer, Keith Pettit, Dale Stolt, John Williams, Steve Zilles

Tribe signs

## Jones is coach of the year

Bill Jones of Findlay was voted by his peers as the Buckeye Conference's "coach of the year" in the coaches' annual meeting to select the All-Buckeye Conference teams. Jones just completed his first year as head coach of the Trojans.

Taking over a team that had won only two of 10 games last season, Jones guided the Trojans to an impressive 7-3 record. Findlay lost the three by a total of only 17 points with one loss at the hands of Elvira by a 13-0 score. Jones watched his team lose to Sandusky 18-15 and to Lorain Senior 10-9.

The high point of the season for Jones and his rejuvenated team came in the ninth game of the season when he led the Trojans to a stunning 28-20 win over



## 15 area players on AP district team

# BG's Stearns top 'AAA' coach

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Stu Stearns of Bowling Green is the Ohio Northwestern high school football Class AAA Coach of the Year and heads a list of Associated Press all-star selections for that area.

Stearns guided Bowling Green to a 10-0 campaign and a semifinal berth in the state playoffs after a 2-8 season last year.

A district panel of sports writers and broadcasters named Mike Snyder of Lima Bath (9-0-1) the Class AA area Coach of the Year and Hobie Krouse of Montpelier (8-1) as the leading Class A mentor.

John Harper of Toledo Wood-

ward, who had eight interceptions this fall for a career total of 21, was the Northwestern Class AAA Back of the Year and Stan Johnson, Sandusky's 250-pound middle guard, the top big school lineman.

In Class AA, Ned Laubenthal of Ottawa Glandorf was the No. 1 area back and Tony Guerrero of Oregon Stritch the leading lineman.

In Class A, the players' honors went to Steve Decker of Ada and Bobby Williams of New London as the co-backs and Dale Rinner of Norwalk St. Paul as the lineman.

The Ohio Northwestern District all-stars:



### Ali 'boots' Shavers

Muhammed Ali admits he booted Earnie Shavers, above, from his training camp after the heavyweight contender floored him while they sparred last week. (AP Wirephoto)

**CLASS AAA**  
**First team offense**  
Split end — Andy Jackson, Bowling Green, 6-2, 175, Sr.  
Tight end — Mark Gallagher, Toledo Central, 6-2, 204, Sr.  
Tackles — Bruce Crum, Lima Shawnee, 6-foot, 230, Sr. and Mike Mikols, Toledo Start, 6-foot, 230, Sr.  
Guards — Dale Sartor, Sandusky, 6-foot, 205, Sr., and Mike Donahue, Bellevue, 6-foot, 200, Sr.  
Center — Jim Klawitter, Oregon Clay, 6-3, 230, Sr.  
Quarterback — Dick Albaugh, Toledo Wayne, 6-foot, 180, Jr.  
Running backs — Chris Strine, Ashland, 5-10, 160, Sr.; Tim Smith, Fremont Ross, 5-11, 160, Sr.; and Dennis Richardson, Lima Shawnee, 5-10, 180, Sr.

**First team defense**  
Ends — Steve Celek, Fremont Ross, 6-1, 180, Sr., and Dennis Zawodni, Toledo St. Francis, 6-3, 222, Sr.  
Tackles — Jim Hollingsworth, Toledo St. John, 6-4, 225, Sr., and Joe Brown, Toledo Scott, 6-5, 220, Sr.  
Middle guard — Stan Johnson, Sandusky, 6-4, 250, Sr.  
Linebackers — Shaun Szendurski, Toledo Macomber, 6-3, 210, Sr.; Mike Coleman, Fremont Ross, 6-1, 175, Sr.; and Ty Butterfield, Lima Shawnee, 5-7, 150, Sr.  
Backs — John Harper, Toledo Woodward, 5-11, 176, Sr.; Mike Andrews, Fremont Ross, 5-8, 145, Sr.; and Tim Higgins, Sandusky, 5-10, 175, Sr.

**Second team offense**  
Split end — Mike Peiffer, Findlay, 6-foot, 170, Jr.  
Tight end — Paul Schnittker, Sandusky, 6-1, 205, Sr.  
Tackles — Steve Bova, Toledo St. Francis, 6-2, 215, Sr., and Mike Funchion, Napoleon, 6-3, 220, Sr.  
Guards — Mike Schlageter, Toledo St. Francis, 5-11, 195, Jr., and Daryl Berry, Bowling Green, 5-8, 180, Sr.  
Center — Jim Briney, Fremont Ross, 5-11, 195, Sr.  
Quarterback — Brad Borden, Fremont Ross, 6-1, 175, Sr.

Running backs — Terry Crosby, Toledo DeVilbiss, 6-3, 185, Jr.; Steve Shuster, Lima Shawnee, 5-9, 170, Sr.; and Terry McGuire, Findlay, 5-10, 175, Sr.

**Second team defense**  
Ends — Farley Bell, Toledo DeVilbiss, 6-4, 210, Jr., and Dick Howard, Maumee, 6-foot, 185, Sr.  
Tackles — Chris Doyle, Findlay, 6-foot, 195, Sr., and Jim Buehler, Lima Shawnee, 6-foot, 205, Sr.  
Middle guard — Mark Sheperd, Mansfield Malabar, 6-foot, 195, Sr.  
Linebackers — Bruce Niehm, Sandusky, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Rod Schag, Mansfield Madison, 6-foot, 195, Sr.; and Scott Duncan, Findlay, 6-1, 185, Jr.  
Backs — Greg Kampe, Defiance, 5-9, 170, Sr.; Jim Wells, Findlay, 6-foot, 170, Sr.; and Joe Pilewski, Toledo Start, 6-1, 170, Jr.  
Coach of Year — Stu Stearns, Bowling Green.  
Back of Year — John Harper, Toledo Woodward.  
Lineman of Year — Stan Johnson, Sandusky.

**CLASS AA**  
**First team offense**  
Ends — Tim Donovan, Lima Catholic, 5-11, 185, Sr., and Dan Bogden, Huron, 6-2, 190, Sr.  
Tackles — Chris Wechter, Huron, 6-3, 225, Sr., and Jeff Dunlap, Lima Bath, 5-10, 195, Sr.  
Guards — Dan Willis, Milan Edison, 6-1, 185, Sr., and Ken Caswell, Perrysburg, 5-11, 200, Sr.  
Center — Mike Sudzina, Huron, 5-11, 185, Sr.  
Quarterback — Ken Roethlisberger, Elida, 6-3, 182, Sr.  
Running backs — Nel Laubenthal, Ottawa Glandorf, 5-9, 170, Sr.; Norm Gladieux, Oregon Stritch, 5-10, 165, Sr.; and Nick George, Lima Bath, 5-10, 165, Sr.

**First team defense**  
Ends — Dan Maurer, Lima Catholic, 6-foot, 185, Sr., and Henry Pate, Sandusky Perkins, 6-1, 200, Soph.  
Tackles — Dave Crockett, Clyde, 6-2, 220, Sr., and Bill Myers, Lima Bath, 6-1, 215, Sr.  
Middle guard — Denny Harkness, Norwalk, 5-11, 180, Sr.  
Linebackers — Tony Guerrero, Oregon Stritch, 5-11, 195, Sr.; Tod Dunahay, Lima Bath, 5-11, 180, Sr.; and Kevin Axe, St. Marys, 5-11, 205, Sr.  
Backs — Jim Ebersole, Archbold, 6-3, 180, Sr.; Kevin Williams, Springfield Local, 5-11, 165, Jr.; and Rick Morrison, Lima Bath, 5-11, 150, Jr.

**First team defense**  
Ends — Roger Cribblez, Ada, 6-2, 195, Sr., and Paul Tarnow, Gibsonburg, 6-1, 185, Sr.  
Tackles — Doug Vanatta, Ada, 6-foot, 195, Jr., and Mark Schaffer, Norwalk St. Paul, 6-2, 225, Sr.  
Middle guard — Pete Morrison, Ottawa Hills, 5-11, 175, Sr.  
Linebackers — Jeff Huffman, Cory Rawson, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Mike Fleck, Maria Stein Marion, 6-foot, 205, Sr.; and Joe Schmenk, Sandusky St. Mary, 5-10, 160, Sr.  
Backs — Joe Whitaker, Rockford Parkway, 5-1, 175, Sr.; Mike Park, Ada, 5-9, 185, Sr.; and Bill Rspert, Norwalk St. Paul, 5-11, 165, Sr.

**Second team offense**  
Ends — Bob Uselton, South Central, 5-9, 150, Sr., and Tim Wingfield, Ridgmont, 6-foot, 165, Sr.  
Tackles — Jack Rice, Montpelier, 6-1, 180, Sr., and Mike Blasius, Hamler, 6-2, 195, Sr.  
Guards — Tim Falk, Bluffton, 5-9, 180, Jr., and Gary Reichley, Arlington, 5-10, 190, Sr.  
Center — Don Tucker, Cory Rawson, 5-10, 170, Sr.  
Quarterback — Steve Shreffler, Gibsonburg, 6-1, 180, Jr.  
Running backs — Joe Collins, Mapleton, 6-2, 200, Sr.; Dave Stratton, Bluffton, 5-10, 180, Jr.; and Sterling Brown, Ada, 6-foot, 220, Sr.

**Second team defense**  
Ends — Howard Krikke, South Central, 6-2, 205, Sr., and Dave Kratzer, Leipsic, 6-3, 180, Jr.  
Tackles — Tom Everman, Maria Stein Marion, 6-2, 250, Sr., and Phil Luginbuhl, Bluffton, 6-1, 185, Sr.  
Middle guard — Dennis Gearig, Montpelier, 6-foot, 185, Sr.  
Linebackers — Arnold Hinojosa, Leipsic, 5-10, 175, Sr.; Jeff Moehman, Norwalk St. Paul, 5-11, 170, Sr.; Bob Grose, Monroeville, 5-10, 165, Sr.; and Phil Bennett, Fostoria St. Wendelin, 5-9, 190, Sr.

Backs — Larry Kirwen, Gibsonburg, 5-11, 165, Sr.; Kelly Boutwell, Arlington, 6-foot, 170, Sr.; and Denny Guerra, Sandusky St. Mary, 5-9, 165, Jr.  
Coach of Year — Hobie Krouse, Montpelier.  
Lineman of Year — Dale Rinner, Norwalk St. Paul.  
Backs of Year — Steve Decker, Ada, and Bobby Williams, New London.

# Ross High's Steve Celek makes AP's third team

Steve Celek, Ross High senior end, is the only member of the Buckeye Conference grid title-winning eleven to win a position on The Associated Press all-Ohio Mythical squad this year.

The 6-foot-1 180-pound end was named to the third team on defense.

Stan Johnson, Sandusky's fine linebacker who also played fullback late in the season, was put on the first team on defense and was also named the Lineman of the Year. That honor thus comes to the Buckeye Conference the second consecutive year, Robert Brudzinski, a varsity letter winner at Ohio State this season as a freshman, being so cited a year ago.

The first team includes:

## Offense

ENDS — Ken Bush, Canton McKinley, 6-foot, 208, Sr., and Dave Adkins, Xenia, 6-1, 190, Sr.

TACKLES — Bob Snyder, Steubenville, 6-3, 235, Sr., and Greg Storer, Cincinnati Moeller, 6-6, 220, Sr.

GUARDS — Scott Baker, Willoughby South, 6-1, 210, Sr., and Larry Mallory, Warren Western Reserve, 5-10, 230, Sr.

CENTER — Terry Kettlewell, Wintersville, 6-4, 225, Sr.

QUARTERBACK — Tim McVay, Kettering Alter, 5-11, 180, Sr.

RUNNING BACKS — Ted Bell, Youngstown Mooney, 6-2, 190, Sr.; Robert Robertson, Barberton, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Steve

Schmitz, Lakewood St. Edward, 6-foot, 190, Sr., and Jeff Logan, North Canton Hoover, 5-10, 181, Sr.

## Defense

ENDS — Kevin Blizman, Troy, 6-5, 230, Sr., and Ed Becker, Cuyahoga Falls Walsh, 6-1, 190, Sr.

TACKLES — Joe Ertel, Cincinnati Moeller, 6-1, 210, Sr., and Aaron Brown, Warren Western Reserve, 6-2, 220, Sr.

MIDDLE GUARD — Stan Johnson, Sandusky, 6-4, 250, Sr.

LINEBACKERS — Andy Schmidt, Upper Arlington, 6-foot, 198, Sr.; Roger Andrachik, Cleveland St. Ignatius, 5-11, 205, Sr.; Marty Murray, Warren Western Reserve, 6-2, 205, Sr., and Larry Kettlewell, Wintersville, 6-3, 215, Sr.

BACKS — John Harper, Toledo Woodward, 5-11, 176, Sr.; Willie Williams, Dayton Dunbar, 6-foot, 165, Sr., and Dave Lockshaw, Youngstown Mooney, 5-11, 180, Sr.

Other youths receiving mention include:

Scott Weiser, Elyria, second team linebacker; Jeff Sears, Elyria, third team defensive end; Brian Blazina, Lorain Admiral King, third team linebacker; Bob Smith, Lorain Senior; Dale Sartor, Sandusky; Mike Donahue, Bellevue; Tim Smith, Mike Coleman and Mike Andrews, Fremont Ross, and Tim Higgins, Sandusky, honorable mention.

