

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 Grabel, 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 Gruber, Jim Hazard, 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, Colman, 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."

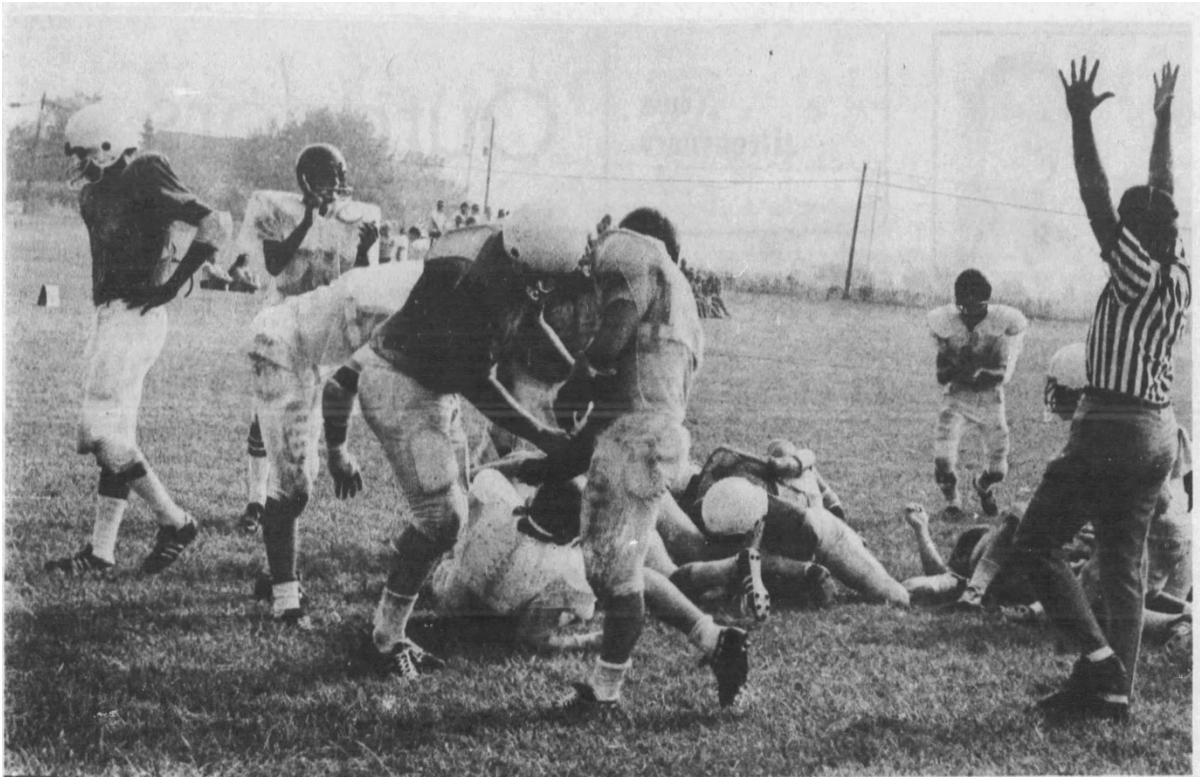
"We have to work on a pass offense. When we have to throw I want to be able to."

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 Celek, a 6-1, 175 pounder. Celek 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 preseasom scrimmages and they can catch the ball.

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

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.

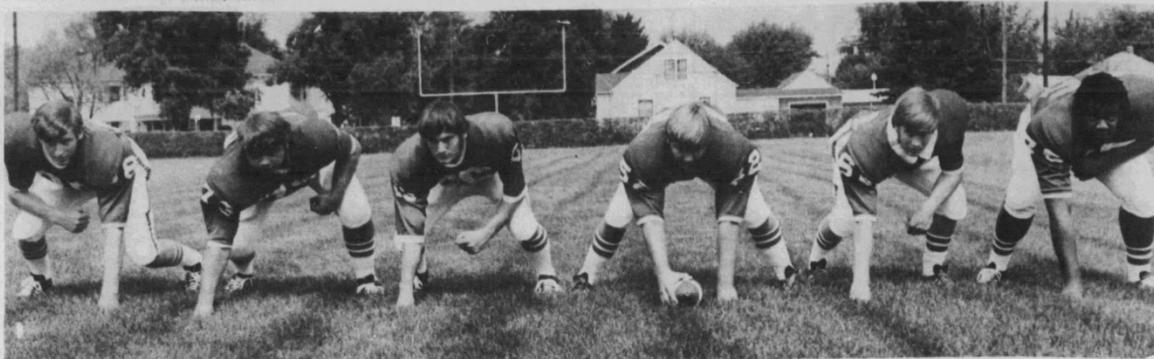
At center will be the reliable Jim Briney, an all-conference performer last season and one of the returning lettermen. Briney is 5-11, 195, and may start at middle guard on defense. Briney's backup is 5-11, 210 pound senior, Mike Prosser.

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 rested 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 carted 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

What's the most difficult thing in the world for you?

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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 severly 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 Keith 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?

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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

Rossford 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

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| Wal-Mar Cleaners | 4 | 0 | Pilgrim Shop No. 1 |
| Poormans | 4 | 0 | Fremont Com. Theatre |
| Dings Tavern | 4 | 0 | Paul's Plbg. & Htg. |
| Macs Cab | 3 | 1 | Sabroski's Electric |
| Fishers Auto Body | 3 | 1 | Warner Plbg. & Htg. |
| Harrison Sohio | 3 | 1 | Crown Battery |
| Davis & Son | 3 | 1 | Timmon's Equip. Co. |
| Charity Ann Beauty Salon | 3 | 1 | Adkins Sanitation |
| Kongs Lounge | 1 | 3 | Pilgrim Shop No. 2 |
| Bandbox Cleaners | 1 | 3 | High actual team series — Imperial |
| Merrill Sohio | 1 | 3 | Plating Co., 910-966-889-2705. |
| Whirlpool | 1 | 3 | MEN'S CITY "B" |
| Boren Sohio | 1 | 3 | Maple Lanes |
| McDaniel Insurance | 1 | 3 | |
| Petra Beauty Salon | 0 | 4 | |
| Progress Design & Machine | 0 | 4 | |
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| High individual series — Barb Conrad | | | |
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| | | | Stotz Plbg. & Htg. |
| | | | J.B. Garrard |
| | | | Diamond View Rest Home |
| | | | J.R. Weller Ins. |
| | | | Sylvania J.B. |
| | | | Crescent Mfg. Co. |
| | | | San A Pure Dairy |
| | | | D & R Marine Bar |
| | | | High actual team series — Clicquot |
| | | | Club, 1006-1006-1071-3063. |
| | | | High team handicap series — Clicquot |
| | | | Club, 952-119-1071. |
| | | | High individual series — Jeff Law- |

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 Santagos.

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 | | | | | |
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| | Passes | Comp. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
| Borden | 4 | 2 | 18 | 9.0 | 0 |
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| Punting | | | | | |
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| | No. | Avg. | | | |
| Smith | 3 | 43.7 | | | |
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| Punt returns | | | | | |
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| | No. | Avg. | | | |
| L. Liggins | 1 | 5.0 | | | |
| Williams | 1 | — | | | |

| Kickoff returns | | | | | |
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| | No. | Avg. | | | |
| L. Liggins | 1 | 14.0 | | | |
| Williams | 2 | 6.0 | | | |

| Interceptions | | | | | |
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| | No. | YR. | Avg. | | |
| Heidelberg | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | | |

News Messenger

Sports

Bob Marker, editor

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 (IN-M Photos by Jim Wasserman)

**Tim Smith scores five
Little Giant touchdowns**

By BOB MARKER

New-Messenger Sports Editor

The Ross Little Giants put on an awesome display of defense to crush the Wolverine defense. 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 hitting. The Ross' Chuckie Pfeiffer 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 this night.

Shuff described the Little Giant play as "good full football."

It was more like water pouring through a sieve trown for Lincoln West. The Wolverine defense was not perfect. The Swiss cheese was 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-footed senior scored eight TD's in a row before his string was broken by Keith Pettiford's 36 yard scamper in the fourth period.

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

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

It was strictly a "Smith-Williams" night with a bit of Obermeyer and Braden four, seven, four, and 80 yards. Borden hit Smith on a 40 yard pass in the third period for the first score of the night.

Smith picked up 120 yards on eight carries in the first half and finished up with 125 yards for the night. The only reason that he did not get more was that in the second half was because Shuff was flooding the field liberally with Little Giant subs.

Williams was finding the holes that Shuff did not whenever he was carrying the ball. The stocky senior picked up 84 yards on 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 36. 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 Burns anchoring the front line, the Little Giants threw Wolverine ball carriers for a total of 55 yards in losses. Lincoln West had a total of 100 yards 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.

He was along with teammates, Jim Briney at middle guard, Keith Butdorf and Doy Wensinger on the interior and Steve Celek and Kurt Landig outside, and many more, took away the tackling, tackle game at Lincoln West's expense in the opening game win against Rocky River.

The linebackers were especially effective with last week's "player of the week," Mike Colman, performing almost perfectly. It was the linebackers and the defensive backs that managed to contain the brunt of Lincoln West's only effective offense during the night: the pass.

Wolverine quarterback Ken Whitehead was the best and 19 yards in losses 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 37 yards in an eight play, 61-yard run, Williams scored on a 10 yard pass 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 the 32 yard run, the 40 yard pass from Borden, 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 match Ohio (Obermeyer) run it but I know I'm running 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.

Hiller ties pitching mark

By FRED ROTHENBERG
Associated Press Sports Writer

John Hiller saves.
Friday night was the 35th time he's saved a drowning arm from the seas of parky's Lyle's American Legion record in that department.

"I think it's a thing to be proud of," said Hiller after preventing Mickey Lolich's 2-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

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

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Standings

| American League | National League | |
|-------------------------------------|--|------|
| | East | West |
| Baltimore 36 59 183 100 | Pittsburgh 23 71 507 100 | |
| Boston 36 59 183 100 | Montreal 23 72 497 100 | |
| Detroit 73 69 521 9 | St. Louis 22 72 497 100 | |
| New York 73 74 497 100 | New York 23 73 486 97 | |
| Minnesota 73 74 497 100 | Chicago 23 73 486 97 | |
| Cleveland 64 85 420 24 | Philadelphia 45 82 442 97 | |
| Winnipeg 24 61 379 - | Cincinnati 40 57 612 - | |
| Kansas City 24 61 379 - | San Francisco 81 64 559 694 4 | |
| Chicago 72 75 490 11 | Houston 73 73 497 17 | |
| Minnesota 171 74 496 11 | Atlanta 73 73 497 17 | |
| Calgary 1 51 85 349 16 | Los Angeles 13 73 497 17 | |
| Texas 51 85 354 32 | San Francisco at San Diego | |
| New York at Baltimore post- game | Montreal 3 Philadelphia 2 | |
| Boston 4 Cleveland 4 | Chicago at New York, post- poned | |
| Detroit 2 Milwaukee 1 | Cincinnati 7 Atlanta 6 Pitts- burgh 6 | |
| Minnesota 2 Chicago 0 | Los Angeles 13 Houston 1 | |
| Texas at Oakland | San Francisco at San Diego | |
| Kansas City at California | | |

Lake Flyers edge Genoa 15-14

in 10 innings. California edged Kansas City 3-2 and the New York-Baltimore game was rained out.

Tenace's team, the A's, pre-

pared for post-season competition ahead of runnerup Kan-

sas City in the AL West.

were down to their last out, trailing the Rangers and Jim Bibby 1-0.

But then last out was Tenace's with a single. The next run after pinch runner Al Lewis moved into scoring position with a steal of second.

Then in the 10th Tenace was

thrust again in a two-out situ-

ation.

Bill Tenace led off with a single and moved up on Bert Campaneris' sacrifice. Then an hit by Mike Andrews and Mike Andrews' single filled the bases before Tenace's 23rd homer unfilled them and ended the game.

The Angels 1, the A's 0.

Angels 1, the A's 0.

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 16-3.

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

Twins 6, Angels 0.

Bert Blyleven hurled a four-hitter, recorded his ninth shutout of the season, struck out 12 and gained his 18th victory in pulling 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

18th home after Tommy Har-

per had walked and Luis Apa-

riga singled.

In the National League the

scores were: Montreal 3, Phila-

delphia 2, Cincinnati 7, Atlanta

6; Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 2;

Los Angeles 3, San Francisco 2.

The Chicago-New York game was postponed because of rain.

It was a tremendous performance by the A's.

Williams has only seven sen-

tors on its squad.

Arkansas-Southern Cal is just

one of major games under

the lights, no less than 10 of

them involving at least one

member of the All-Twenty.

Sixty-four Alabama enter-

prises, California at Birming-

ham, ninth-rated Tennessee

hosts Duke, No. 10 Colorado

visits No. 15 Louisiana State in

the only All-Twenty matchup,

No. 13 Arizona State at Oregon,

Kansas State at No. 14 Florida,

Virginia at No. 17 North Caro-

lina State, Rice at No. 18 Hos-

ton and Utah at No. 20 Texas

and Texas at California.

Afternoon games find Min-

nesota at third-ranked Ohio

Little Giant stats

Lincoln West vs. Fremont Ross

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Lincoln West vs. Frem

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

Little Giant stats

| Opponent | Scoring (team) | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | 0 | 8 | 0 | 6-14 | 32 | 24 |
| Ross | | | | | 2 | 13-78 |
| Individual scoring | | | | | | |
| | TD | PAT | Saf | Tot. | 1 | 2 |
| Tim Smith | 8 | — | — | 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 |
| J. Williams | 18 | 147 | 0 | 147 | 8.2 | 0 |
| J. Obermeyer | 25 | 137 | 4 | 133 | 5.3 | 1 |
| K. Pettiford | 3 | 47 | 0 | 47 | 15.7 | 1 |
| S. Young | 2 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 4.5 | 0 |
| Dave Zilles | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1.7 | 0 |
| Quaintance | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |
| Passing | | | | | | |
| | At. | Cp. | YG | Avg. | TD | |
| Brad Borden | 11 | 6 | 107 | 17.8 | 1 | |
| Receiving | | | | | | |
| | No. | YG | Avg. | TD | | |
| Mike Mathes | 2 | 52 | 26.0 | 0 | | |
| Tim Smith | 2 | 37 | 18.5 | 1 | | |
| Steve Celek | 1 | 14 | 14.0 | 0 | | |
| Mike Coleman | 1 | 4 | 4.0 | 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 | | | |
| Larry Liggins | 1 | 14.0 | 0 | | | |
| Interceptions | | | | | | |
| | No. | Avg. | TD | | | |
| Jim Heidelberg | 1 | 6.0 | 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."

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.

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

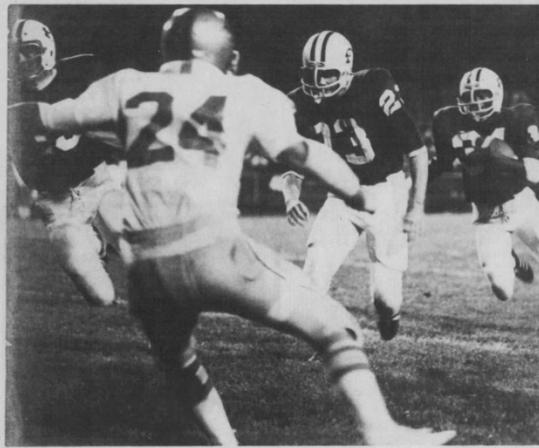
BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (AP) — Some of the veteran Cleveland Crusaders consider this year's hockey training camp to be the toughest they've ever experienced.

Second quarter blitz obliterates Rebels



WHERE HAVE ALL THE REST OF THE LITTLE GIANTS GONE?

... Mike Andrews (45) is about to be brought down by Bowsher tacklers; Keith Pettiford (34) is on the ground (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)



ROSS' STEVE YOUNG READY TO BLOCK FOR PETTIFORD

... Bowsher's Howard Hochmuth is Young's target

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Hiller set AL record

By ROD ROTHBERG
Associated Press Sports Writer

Billy Martin left a record-setting left-hander in Detroit, but don't feel sorry for the new Texas Ranger Manager.

It was the 10th time this season Martin

waved in so often when Seattle Detroit waved in so often when Seattle Detroit earlier this season, recorded his 38th save to set a new major league record. The Detroit victory over Boston Friday night.

And David Clyde, out of the then-average arm of the Brewers, introduced Friday night's starting lineup, came within one out of his first major league complete game despite the Rangers' 6-1 loss to the California team.

In games in the American League, not involving a team managed by Billy Martin this season, Minnesota knocked off Oakland 8-3, Baltimore beat Milwaukee 4-2 and

Chicago 4-3.

John Hiller set an AL record

with his 10th save of the season.

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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 grididers invade Lorain Friday night to tangle with the always-tough Admiral King crew.

Massillon, Columbus Watterson 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.

Watterson, 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, Watterson, 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 Belaire.

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

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| 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 Youngstown 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 15, Lima Shawnee, Cincinnati 14, Cuyahoga Walsh Jesuit 12, Toledo Scott 11, Bellevue and Willoughby South 10.

CLASS AA

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| 1. Columbus Watterson | 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. Bellbrook | 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, 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 Little 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 fullback Bob Micloff. 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 Bowshier, 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 1-8-2 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 0 0 20—34

Ross 40 54 17 15—128

Individual scoring

TD PAT Saf Tot.

Tim Smith 8 1 2 — 32

Jerry Obermeyer 1 6 — 18

Keith Pettiford 2 1 — 14

Mike Williams 2 2 2 12

Larry Liggins 1 — 1 10

Mike Mathes 1 — — 6

Steve Colek 1 — — 2

Mike Birmingham 0 2 — 2

Brad Borden 0 1 — 2

Steve Young 0 — 1 2

Team — — 1 2

Rushing (Top six)

At YG YL Net Avg. TD

Tim Smith 31 293 14 277 8.9 7

J. Williams 28 228 0 228 8.9 2

Olmayr 28 159 0 155 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 Cb. YG Avg. TD

Brad Borden 14 8 137 17.1 3

Pat Belch 1 0 0 0 0

Receiving

No. VG Avg. TD

Mike Mathes 3 68 22.7 1

Tim Smith 2 22 18.5 1

Steve Colek 2 29 14.5 1

Mike Coleman 1 4 4.0 0

Punting

No. Avg. Long.

Tim Smith 43.2 50

Jerry Obermeyer 2 29.5 39

Interceptions

No. Av. ret. TD

Jim Heidleburg 1 8.0 0

Buckeye
standings

Conference Overall

Fremont Ross W L W L T

Findlay 0 0 3 0 0 0

Sandusky 0 0 2 0 0 1

Mansfield 0 0 2 1 0 0

Marion 0 0 2 2 1 0

Admiral King 0 0 1 2 0 0

Lorain Senior 0 0 1 2 0 0

Friday schedule

Fremont Ross at Admiral King

Sandusky at Findlay

Mansfield at Lorain Senior

Marion vs. Elyria

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Area schedule

Norwalk at Bellevue
Elmwood at Oak Harbor
Genoa at Lakota
Perryburg at Port Clinton
Woodmore at Otsego
Eastwood at Gibsonburg
Huron at Clyde
Saturday night
Margaretta at St. JosephBraves 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 handing 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 Kunert had 12 apiece.

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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LITTLE GIANT BLOCKERS SET TO LEAD SMITH AROUND END
...John Williams (31), Brad Borden (13) lead Tim Smith to another gainJERRY OBERMEYER GETS OFF LAST QUARTER PUNT
...Mark Cooley (71), Kenny Franks (41) 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 Editor

LORAIN — "Man, we wanted to get them beaten," 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 maturing members of the team.

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' defense had been so stout that it allowed only 69 net yards on the ground and 65 through the air. Harris and company sacked Admiral King ball carriers for an official 32 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 262 pound Ross tackle yelled.

Pay them back they did.

Behind the iron-clad 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 had his best showing of the season, picking up 140 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 left 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 Butterfield, the latter two pulling from the right side of the line to lead the play onto the end zone.

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 Nicoll watched helplessly as a snap from center on the punt sailed

over his head. By the time he corralled the wildly bouncing pigskin, it was nailed to a 29 yard line by Harry Higgins at 1:15.

Four plays later, the Ross offense completed a 60-yard drive into the end zone off right guard for the TD. Borden followed the same 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 1:03 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 of the drive was a 42 yard "bomb" from King quarterback 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 second time in the point after touchdown. The Admirals unveiled a "quarterback eligible" pass that failed by Charles 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 on the first offensive series. Lawrence carried four straight

times for 12, 15, nine, and two yards before the Little Giants defensive line stood ground after Lawrence carried all four times with the same identical pitch, taking a pitchout after Nicoll off gone in motion in the opposite direction.

A 15-yard holding penalty further hampered the Admirals. Borden kicked out to the Ross 29 with a time out. Macove hit Ernie Carrington in the end zone for a 29-yard playout drive. On the very next play, Smith took a pitchout from Borden and another Ross 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.

That was it for the Admirals as Little Giant's ball control game was 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 10, was followed by a 15-yard run by Coleman to the 2. On the very next play, Smith took a pitchout from Borden and another Ross block from Williams made it all the way to the two.

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Oak Harbor Rockets bury helpless Elmwood 58-12

Shuff praises Ross fan support at Admiral King game

LORAIN — Chuck Shuff as a player and 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 were good," he said.

Last year, the Admirals had shot down the Little Giants 19-14.

Little Giant stats

| Score by quarters | |
|-------------------|---|
| Ross | 0 8 8 6—24 |
| Admiral King | 0 6 0 0—6 |
| Yardage | |
| Ross | Admiral King |
| 11 | First down |
| 1 | Passing |
| 1 | Running |
| 199 | Net yards rushing |
| 19 | Passing |
| 3 | Completed |
| 1 | Interception |
| 56 | Passing yardage |
| 200 | Total yardage |
| 2 | Fumbles |
| 1 | Punt |
| 42 3 | Punts-Average |
| 76 | Individual scoring |
| Ross | 100 yards, 1 yard run (Williams run) 1:05, first quarter |
| | 100 yards, 1 yard run (Borden run) 1:45, second quarter |
| | Admiral King 1:01, second quarter |
| | Ross (Obermeyer) two yard run (Pettiford run) 1:00, third quarter |

"We would have kept on running like that," Shuff pointed out, "until they made us quit by calling a timeout or taking the ball away from us."

Shuff was asked about the large number of plays going to the right for Fremont.

"I don't know," Shuff admitted. "I guess I just must be right-handed."

The sixth year Ross coach was not only proud of his team, he was equally proud of the fans of Ross following on the rainy night.

"I really appreciate the Fremont crowd," Shuff said. "I think we had more fans cheering from Fremont than King had. This really means a lot to me and to the team."

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

Wet weather lengthens Met lead

By BOB MARKER

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

The Rockets were not 5-0 in the SLL and 3-1 overall, roared away to a 40-10 halftime margin and then coasted to the victory.

With Jack Shuff, Jerry Wittman and Mike Sprouse 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 Sprouse had 75 yards in a dozen cracks at the line of scrimmage.

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

Their 10th consecutive 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 was three times as many fast down and more than twice as much

high gear for their key SLL

game next week.

Columbus' The powerful

Admirals had their

third straight

win.

Highland Park

beat Marion 41-0.

2. Sugar Grove

Bethel 40-0.

3. Portsmouth

Notre Dame 34-0.

4. Lorain

Clarendon 30-1.

5. Westerville

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6. Kirtland

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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 lififter.

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 Fahrbach; 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, Tom Swidersky 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, 9000 N. Canada Clif-

How schoolboys stand

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| 1. Massillon | 4 | 0 | 267 | 3. Newark Catholic | 3 | 0 | 134 |
| 2. Warren Western Reserve | 4 | 0 | 230 | 4. Kirtland | 4 | 0 | 119 |
| 3. Cincinnati Moeller | 4 | 0 | 210 | 5. Sugar Grove Berne Union | 4 | 0 | 118 |
| 4. Akron Garfield | 4 | 0 | 163 | 6. Cory Rawson | 4 | 0 | 102 |
| 5. Fremont Ross | 4 | 0 | 142 | 7. Ada | 4 | 0 | 78 |
| 6. Zanesville | 4 | 0 | 99 | 8. Lorain Clearview | 3 | 1 | 65 |
| 7. Newark | 4 | 0 | 77 | 9. McDonald | 4 | 0 | 64 |
| 8. Barberton | 3 | 1 | 67 | 10. East Canton | 4 | 0 | 55 |
| 9. (tie) Sandusky | 3 | 1 | 38 | 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. | | | |
| 10. Cincinnati Elder | 4 | 0 | 38 | | | | |

Other schools receiving 10 or more points: Youngstown Money 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.

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| 2. Minerva | 4 | 0 | 167 | 4. Kirtland | 4 | 0 | 119 |
| 3. Cincinnati Reading | 4 | 0 | 130 | 5. Sugar Grove Berne Union | 4 | 0 | 118 |
| 4. Dayton Jefferson | 4 | 0 | 128 | 6. Cory Rawson | 4 | 0 | 102 |
| 5. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary | 3 | 1 | 115 | 7. Ada | 4 | 0 | 78 |
| 6. Columbus Watterson | 3 | 1 | 104 | 8. Lorain Clearview | 3 | 1 | 65 |
| 7. (tie) Ironton | 4 | 0 | 101 | 9. McDonald | 4 | 0 | 64 |
| 8. Bellaire | 4 | 0 | 101 | 10. East Canton | 4 | 0 | 55 |
| 9. Nelsonville-York | 4 | 0 | 76 | Other schools receiving 10 or more points: Dayton Carroll 36, Elyria Catholic 34, Lima Bath 30, Ottawa Glandorf and Lorain Catholic 25, Zoarville 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. | | | |
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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 turnaround.

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 lusty 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 percent 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."

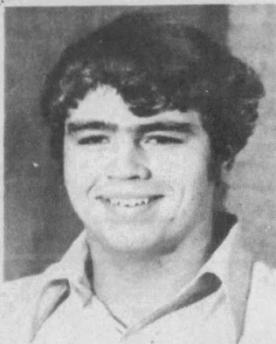
Miller was asked about his first year in the Buckeye Conference and what he had observed.

"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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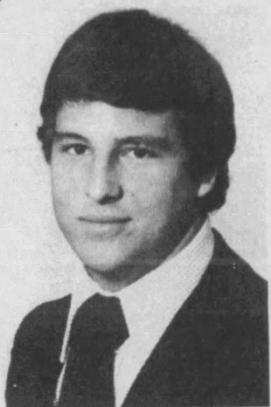
ROSS
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STEVE HAMPSHIRE

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

NM Sports Editor

Chuck Shaff's Fremont Ross Little Giants turned miracle workers last night. The purple and white clad pack buried Tygers into "kettles" in the second Buckeye Conference test.

It was 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 started marched down to set up a first and ten at the Mansfield 26.

After a three-point 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 "twin 100" night for Ross, turned in the first and an unusual 125 yards in 39 carries while Williams cracked 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 Bucaneers, the four and one. The senior flinger completed six of 11 passes for 141 yards and a touchdown before being relieved by Pat "Bump" Belch in the final stanza. Belch completed the last Ross pass for the final TD, a 26-yarder to Dave Minnick.

After a 100-yard drive, the Tygers, in a 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, but we'll be honest, that's the caliber of quarterback that he is. He's not the option well, and does everything well."

Leading 28-0 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

Buckeye Conference roundup

Sandusky, Elyria upset

Lorain Senior scored for a 10th win in a row, 3-20 to go in the game and in the night's final Conference game. Finally, Marion Harding 34-8.

John Walters of Sandusky is still another upset, Lorain

Admiral King dumped Elyria 7-0 and in the night's final Conference game, Marion Harding 34-8.

Stephens out-of-bounds after the final whistle centred around the ball and in the bizarre upset by Lorain Senior. The Blue Streaks had led for most of the game after Bob Frech had scored on a one-yard run in the first period and John Stephens had the first period for the seventh point.

Dave Mayhew 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 night with Sandusky being held to a minus 15 yards on the ground and Lorain Senior, minus 13.

In the Buckeye Conference's second upset, Marion Harding Lawrence scored 10 yards in the

second quarter for the game's only TD in the Admiral King upset of Elyria. Ephram Higgins kicked the extra point.

Tailback Doug Schey and fullback Terry McGuire led Findlay to a 28-0 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 on the ground.

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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



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

St. Joseph

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.

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.

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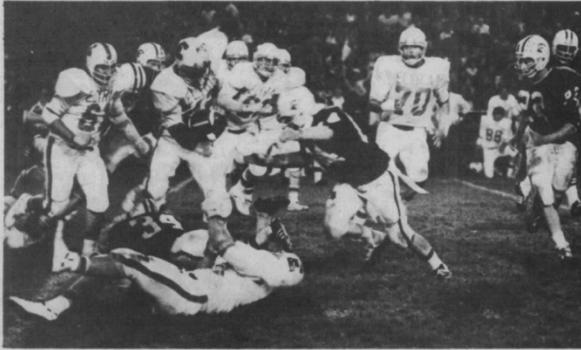
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Ross makes Elyria Pioneers sixth victim



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 in the slopes," the Mets used to cheer them 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 pushovers 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
N-M Sports Editor

Ross took advantage of two Elyria breakdowns and the slashing running of John Williams to score 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 1968. The loss dropped the Pioneer record to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the conference. Ross, meanwhile, was chalking up its sixth win 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 12-0 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 burly Barten referred to came after the Pioneers had taken the second half kickoff and marched 53 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 turnover. Taking over at the Ross 35, the Pioneers eventually found themselves facing a fourth and less than one at the Ross 25. Then came the disastrous fumble.

Underman, who had been called on three times before in the same type situation had 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 opening run by Tim Matthes of Little Giants. The Pioneers had supposedly stopped the run at the 40, Elyria ran but blocks by Brad Borden and Mike Matthes 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 1 at the start of the final period, Williams broke loose on the

"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 offense, led by Mark Allbright, Bubba Harris, and Don Williams, found the end zone in each of the four.

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 pigskin up to that point. They had not moved up first down all half, but when Williams ripped off a 20-yard run 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 do it, 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 35.

Williams' 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 Matthes with a perfect strike for five and smallish flanker Matthes capitalized immediately into the end zone.

The play capped a 10 play, 53 yard march. The drive had been aided by a misconduct penalty and a pass interference penalty on Elyria.

"The coaches told us he (Matthes) would be open," Borden said.

"He just faked a crack-back block and went on out."

"When the back saw me in," Matthes 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 the defense did its best to Larry and Harry Wagner along with Harris, Wensinger, and countless others consistently came up with the big play.

Williams finished the night with 163 yards rushing. Ross had only 178, far below average in the hard fought game. Earl Davis led Elyria with 80 yards.

Little Giant stats

Score by quarters

Ross

Yardstick

Buckeye 'giant killers' invade Fremont Friday

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

"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 8-7 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 luck 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 15-7 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 had 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."

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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 1925.

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 tapped 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 semi-finalists 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 Ashtabula 10, is now a pace-setter 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.

Ross, Sandusky 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 7.8 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 52.3 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 59.4. 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, 2016, and average per game, 336. 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 187 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 149 yards per contest. The Little Giants have surrendered 47 points in six games.

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Troubled Harding hosts high flying Little Giants

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

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 decible 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 McGarry's band is, "I think 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 in the skilled positions . . . however you want to refer to it."

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

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

"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 Prexies are 0-4.

"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 at 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 individuality 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 that 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 | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|---|---|
| | L | T | W | L |
| Fremont Ross | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Admiral King | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Findlay | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Sandusky | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Elmore | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Lorain Senior | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Mansfield Senior | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Marion Harding | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| Friday games | | | | |
| Fremont Ross at Marion Harding | | | | |
| Elmira at Findlay | | | | |
| Lorain Senior at Admiral King | | | | |
| Sandusky at Mansfield Senior | | | | |
| SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE | | | | |
| Conference | Overall | | | |
| Elmira | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Clyde | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Sandusky Perkins | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Sand. St. Mary's | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Margaretta | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Fremont St. Joe | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Tiffin Calvert | 0 | 4 | 0 | 7 |
| Saturday games | | | | |
| Huron at Perkins | | | | |
| Calvert at Margaretta | | | | |
| SUBURBAN LAKES LEAGUE | | | | |
| League | Overall | | | |
| Gibsonburg | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Oak Harbor | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Genoa | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Eastwood | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Osage | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Woodmore | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Elmwood | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Lakota | 0 | 5 | 0 | 7 |
| Thursday games | | | | |
| Gibsonburg at Lakota | | | | |
| Osage at Elwood | | | | |
| Woodmore at Eastwood | | | | |
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| Oak Harbor at Genoa | | | | |
| NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE | | | | |
| League | Overall | | | |
| Gibsonburg | 4 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Belleview | 4 | 1 | 0 | 6 |

How the teams rate . . .

| CLASS AAA |
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| REGION 1-1. Warren Western Reserve 131.50, 9. Bexley 121.50, 10. Bucyrus 109.00. |
| REGION 2-1. Willoughby Eastlake 137.34, 2. Marion 128.81, 8. Fremont Ross 106.81, 4. Sandusky 122.42, 5. Elmore 120.77, 6. Findlay 120.58, 7. Fremont 120.57, 8. Garfield Heights 124.00, 7. Mayfield 123.00, 8. McKinley 122.30, 9. Lorain 122.00, 10. Westlake 120.81. |
| REGION 3-1. Bowling Green 276.29, 2. Marion 209.90, 3. Fremont Ross 196.81, 4. Sandusky 184.42, 5. Elmore 180.77, 6. Findlay 180.58, 7. Fremont 180.50, 8. Toledo Catholic 182.21, 9. Upper Arlington 182.00, 10. Lima Shawnee 153.00. |
| REGION 4-1. Akron Garfield 271.67, 2. Sandusky 249.00, 3. Youngstown Mooney 240.30, 4. St. Mary's 239.77, 5. Canton 239.50, 6. Canton 239.50, 7. Greenup 239.50, 8. McKinley 197.50, 8. Medina 195.81, 9. Barberton 194.10, 10. Cuyahoga Falls Walsh 195.69. |
| REGION 4-2. Cincinnati Reading 292.41, 2. Dayton 289.00, 3. Cincinnati 288.00, 4. Xavier 259.56, 4. Fairborn Baker 259.00, 5. Cincinnati Bacon 249.68, 6. Cincinnati Sales 249.24, 7. Cincinnati Forest Park 248.50, 8. Cincinnati Oak Hills 191.31, 9. Dayton 189.60, 10. Cincinnati Purcell 172.62. |
| CLASS AA |
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| REGION 9-1. Elyria Catholic 203.31, 2. Cleveland Benedictine 183.80, 3. Akron St. John 182.30, 4. St. Mary's 181.50, 5. Lorain 180.50, 6. Lorain 180.50, 7. Middlefield Cardinal 93.63, 8. Kirtland 83.48, 9. Berlin Center Western Reserve 77.58, 10. Malvern 75.76. |
| REGION 10-1. Newark Catholic 198.10, 2. Marion 189.00, 3. Fremont Ross 188.00, 4. Findlay 187.00, 5. Elmore 186.00, 6. Elizabethtown 186.00, 7. Marion 185.00, 8. Lorain 184.00, 9. Lorain 184.00, 10. Westerville 183.00, 11. Marion 182.00, 12. New London 181.44, 4. Norwalk St. Paul 89.12, 5. Marion Pleasant 88.00, 6. Ada 79.00, 7. Ottawa Hills 70.60, 8. Cory Rawson 68.00, 9. Mount Blanchard Riverdale 67.60, 10. Monroeville 63.40. |
| REGION 11-1. Newark Catholic 110.18, 2. Fredericktown 103.31, 3. Woodfield 98.00, 4. Grove City 98.00, 5. Granville 79.31, 7. Proctorville Fairland 74.69, 8. Shady Side 62.86, 9. Centerburg 60.40, 10. Chillicothe 59.63. |
| REGION 12-1. Middlefield Fenwick 164.62, 2. Portsmouth Notre Dame 121.88, 3. Rockford Parkway 112.39, 4. Yellow Springs 111.50, 5. Adena 109.50, 6. Covington 101.19, 7. Williamsburg 92.69, 8. Columbus Mifflin 137.81, 9. Sidney Lehman 101.19, 10. Canal Winchester 81.00. |

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

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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 Elizabethtown Catholic.

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

McDonald also was a new

Class A regional leader, joining

old holds Middletown Fenwick

and Gibsonburg.

REGION 8-1. McDonald 141.50, 2. Port Clinton 138.00, 3. Ashstabula St. John 125.94, 4. Lower Dauphin 114.19, 5. Lorain 122.50, 6. Elizabethtown 120.77, 7. Middlefield Cardinal 93.63, 8. Kirtland 83.48, 9. Berlin Center Western Reserve 77.58, 10. Malvern 75.76.

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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 5-0 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.

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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.

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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.

"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.

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"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 plays for them."

For Ross, the game is not only important in helping to clinch the 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 region two "AAA" leader Bowling Green. The Little Giants trail Bowling Green, Lima Shawnee, Upper Arlington, and Oregon Clay.

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), and Lakota

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How the teams rate...

CLASS AAA
REGION 1-1. Warren Western Reserve 496.56 points, 2. Wauseon 468.30, 3. Lakewood St. Edward 332.34, 4. Madison 334.08, 5. Mentor Catholic 321.24, 6. Eastlake North 279.80, 8. Berea 277.56, 9. Mayfield 272.64, 10. Hubbard 269.56

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 237.24, 6. Greenview 251.00, 7. Olentangy 250.96, 8. Grove City 241.60, 9. Gahanna 239.56, 10. Toledo Delphus 230.16

REGION 3-1. Youngstown Mooney 368.96, 2. Akron Garfield 368.33, 3. Massillon 368.00, 4. Dover 315.68, 5. Cuyahoga Falls Walsh 307.20, 6. Canton McKinley 300.44, 7. Massillon Jackson 290.80, 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 Steubenville 395.80, 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 286.48

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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 team 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 picked up a 13-7 victory over Marion. 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.

There was a tinge of the past for both Findlay and Ross as Trojan quarterback John Vielhaber was a very "now" person against the Little Giants. The junior quarterback scored three touchdowns, passed the other, and gobbled 106 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 marching, 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 end zone, 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 great. 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 end 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."

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"Surprisingly we worked hard," Jones insisted. "We were up against a tough offensive out there tonight."

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Sandusky clips Admirals, 13-11

Sandusky jumped to a 13-3 lead after play Ross first Friday half-time lead and then held off at Sandusky, Ross already has at least a share of the title. The third quarter before Sandusky came to life. Curt Jones scored on a 15-yard run to give Sandusky the lead and Bob Freisch's three-yard jaunt made it 13-3 with 12 seconds left in the first half.

With Curt Macovey and

Admiral King's offense 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

the top of the second half.

Sandusky's win set them up for

a possible chance to get a 17-14.

Admiral King had a chance to

receive a score from

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The loss for Admiral King was

the 13th straight to Sandusky.

Rick Underman scored on a 14-yard run and Gary Stephenson

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."

"What 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 Ross 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 Mathes twice for six-pointers on seven and two yards. Mike Mathes had two down the other touchdown pass, a 23-yarder.

Findlay received the opening kickoff on the game and marched 82 yards in 18 plays to score. The drive consumed 8:07 of the clock. Vielhaber hit split end Mike Peiffer 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 at the right end zone.

Ross came back and scored on a 16 play, 62-yard march. Borden hit Mathes with a seven-yard strike on a fourth and six at the seven. Jerry Obermeyer was stopped short on the next after touchdown try to give Findlay a 7-7 lead.

But Findlay grabbed a 14-6 lead at the half on a Vielhaber scoring strike to Doug Robinson. There was 8:12 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 that was nullified back because of an offside penalty. A 23-yard option pass from Smith fell short in the end zone to kill the drive shortly before the half.

The Little Giants rallied 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 was stopped by 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 Mathes in the end zone with a third scoring pass but Ross failed to take the lead when a reverse failed for the points after the fakery.

With Vielhaber picking up 17 yards on a third and seven at the Findlay 44, the Trojans picked up the points on a 10-play, 60-yard march. Vielhaber scored from three yards out with 6:41 to play.

Ross penetrated to the Findlay 38 and a fourth and eight pass at that spot failed.

Findlay ran out the clock before the game ended at the Ross 29.

Chuck Shultz, the strain of the game, showing on his face, probably predicted.

"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," Shultz added.

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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

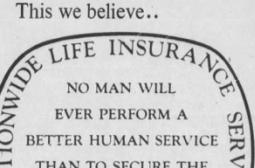
Ross, Findlay upset stats

| | Findlay | Ross | Findlay | Ross |
|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|------|
| Score by quarters | 7 7 7 2-20 | 7 6 8 6-20 | Individual scoring | 3-20 |
| Yardstick | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| First downs | 13 | 12 | 13 | 12 |
| By running | 12 | 11 | 12 | 11 |
| By passing | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| By penalty | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Yards | 187 | 187 | 187 | 187 |
| Pass attempts | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Completed | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Home intercepts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yards passing | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| Touchdowns | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Fumbles | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Lost | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Points-average | 9.0 | 9.0 | 13.6 | 13.6 |

| | Findlay | Ross | Findlay | Ross |
|-----------------|---------|------|---------|------|
| First downs | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| By running | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| By passing | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| By penalty | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Yards | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| Pass attempts | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Completed | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Home intercepts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yards passing | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 |
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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 loss 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 shutdown 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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Ross Little Giants win Buckeye Conference!



SANDUSKY'S DALE SCHNITTNER FUMBLES EARLY IN GAME
...Ross's Jim Briney (31) also sees ball bouncing away



SCHNITTNER WINS RACE FOR BALL
...Harry Liggins of the Little Giants is just a split second late

Ross gains control early to win 2nd straight title

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

SANDUSKY — Ross jumped to a 12-0 lead, stumbled a little, then regained control to post a 24-6 win over the Sandusky Blue Streaks in the Buckeye Conference title, a win that was the ninth of the season (six in the BC) against one loss for Ross.

The Little Giants wound up on top of the Conference with a 6-1 record. The 9-1 season mark was the third straight year Ross has been perched at the top of the Buckeye Conference. Last year Ross shared the crown with Elyria.

Chuck Shaff, coach, was little time in asserting its authority over the Blue Streaks. With Brad Borden guiding the smooth running Ross offensive machine, the Little Giants took the opening kickoff from Sandusky and scored in 15 plays. The drive covered 60 yards and ended with six minutes of play time.

Tim Smith followed with a 10-yard run, Jerry Obermeyer and Dale Stout to score from four yards out. An extra point kick off the foot of Guy Cunningham sailed wide to the left but Ross led 6-0.

The six-plus-plus that Ross controlled the ball was exactly what Sandusky coach Gene Kidwell wanted to keep Ross from doing. Earlier in the week Kidwell said the key to the game was ball control and Ross took charge of that in a hurry.

But bigger than the ball control in the first Ross drive was key

mistakes by the Blue Streak defensive team. Three times in the drive Sandusky defenders jumped offsides; twice the infractions gave Ross first downs. The last penalty moved Ross to the Sandusky six and two plays later Smith scored the first of his three touchdowns of the night.

"They were just over-anxious," Kidwell explained in the locker room afterwards. "There were seven offsides penalties; that's kind of hard to explain when your linemen are supposed to react on the snap of the ball."

Shaff and Borden may have had something to do with the Sandusky jumps.

"It was in our game plan," Shaff said definitely but then went on to explain. "We had Brad (Borden, Ross quarterback) mixing his count. We knew Johnson had a tendency to jump and so we planned to teach him it."

"That was a case where Johnson's aggressiveness hurt them."

Enter last night's game, Johnson had picked up only 48 yards in rushing plays this season. Against Ross it looked as though his running ability would break the game open for Sandusky. By the evening's end Johnson had carried 17 times for 103 yards. The first two times the big guy carried he picked up 13 and 11 yards.

But Ross's defense, badly outplayed last week against Findlay, rose to the occasion and despite Johnson's punishing running managed to hold its own.

Johnson scored Sandusky's only TD on a five yard run with 4:36 to go in the first half. After a direct snap to Johnson on a faked point after touchdown kick, Johnson bowled his way over for the two points.

Shaff, who really believed in Borden and Tim Smith.

Smith, nicknamed "The Fly" by his teammates, picked up 157 of Ross' 193 yards on the ground. The speedy tailback scored on runs of four, five, and three yards. The last TD coming with 2:28 to play in the game.

Shaff ended the season with 1,111 yards rushing.

After Smith's first TD, the Ross defense benefited from a Blue Streak holding penalty that forced them to punt. The punt sailed into the end zone off the toe of John Walters so Ross had to start from the Ross 20. Nine plays later Ross scored.

Borden sprinted out to the left, got excellent pass protection, and rifled a strike to Mike Matthes who took it in stride at the Sandusky five and ran it into the end zone for the TD. Matthes had beaten Jeff Lucco in the Blue Streak secondary. Borden's pass had carried 45 yards in the air.

Ross led 12-8 at the half after the Johnson TD.

The Little Giants scored again in the third quarter. Ross had taken over the ball following a Blue Streak fumble. Sandusky had been unable to move with Ross' second half kickoff.

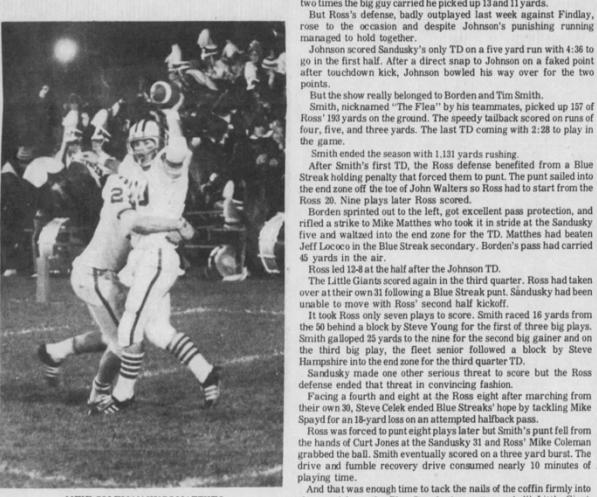
It took Ross only seven plays to score. Smith raced 16 yards from the 50 behind a block by Steve Young for the first of three big plays. Smith galloped 23 yards to the nine for the second big gainer and on the third big play, the Ross defense allowed a block by Steve Hartman to roll into the zone for the third gainer TD.

Sandusky made one other serious threat to score but the Ross defense ended that threat in convincing fashion.

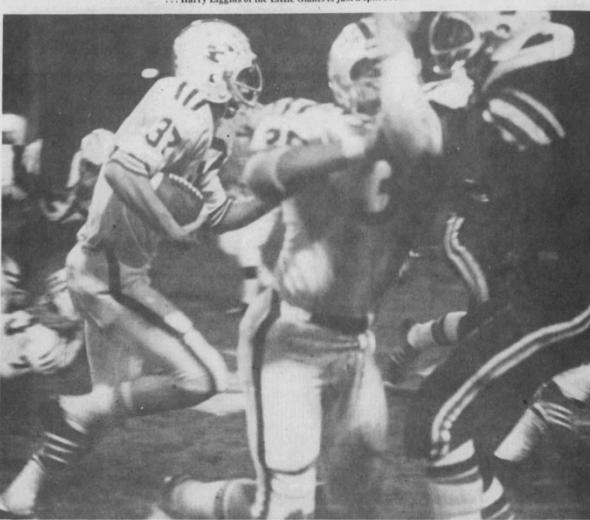
Facing a fourth and eight at the Ross 10 after marching from their own 30, Steve Calek ended Blue Streaks' hope by tackling Mike Spyad for a 10-yard loss on an attempted field goal attempt.

With a few seconds left in the game, but Smith's punt fell from the hands of Curt Jones at the Sandusky 31 and Ross' Mike Coleman grabbed the ball. Smith eventually scored on a three yard burst. The drive and fumble recovery drive consumed nearly 10 minutes of playing time.

And that was enough time to tack the nails of the coffin firmly into place and bury the Blue Streaks in an "expanded" Little Giant country setting.



MIKE COLEMAN HUGS MATTHES
...Matthes had just caught TD pass



TIM SMITH CUTS TOWARD OPEN SPACE BEHIND BLOCK
...Ross fullback Jerry Obermeyer is blocking for Little Giant tailback



STAN JOHNSON SCORED EXTRA POINTS FOR SANDUSKY BLUE STREAKS
...Briney (51), Dan Michaels (25) watch tumbling act (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

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Findlay takes second in Buckeye

Close games dominated the Buckeye Conference last night. Owens attempted run for the win but Lorain's Earl Davis scored a 14-7, 10-yard TD to give the game winner. Elyria scored with 7:33 to play in the fourth quarter.

The game with Elyria at the Lorain 20-yard line.

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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 end of 1973 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 his specific spots where he'd like to play and we've spoken to some of those clubs about him," said Brown.

Coch 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 34-year-old Carter, Billie Young University star originally signed with the Chicago Bears in 1968, 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 winning streak that started in 1971 and continued through this year of his 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 said yesterday they have been unable to substantiate any claims that Oakland played "dirty tricks" on

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 the offensive back slot at the halfback position, while 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 line by a majority of the coaches.

The three Ross tailbacks and 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 as an offensive guard slot, the second year in a row that a 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

middle guard," Ross coach Chuck Shuff said. "We were disappointed that he was not selected defensively but we know that White (Charles White) is a good athlete but he played a lot at linebacker this season."

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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.

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Steve Hampshire's selection was no surprise. He has gained over 100 yards rushing this year and his 100-yarder last week was not only the leading scorer and rusher in the conference, he also led the BC in punting and was tabbed as the "punter of the year."

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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.

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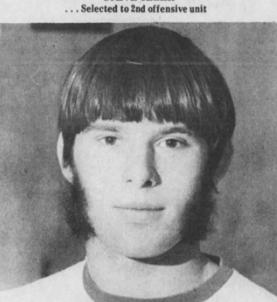
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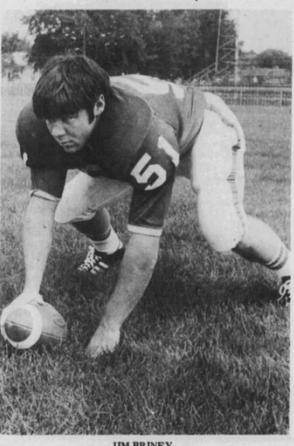
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BUCKEYE CONFERENCE LEAGUE

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Pos. Player-School Gt. Ht. Wt.

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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.

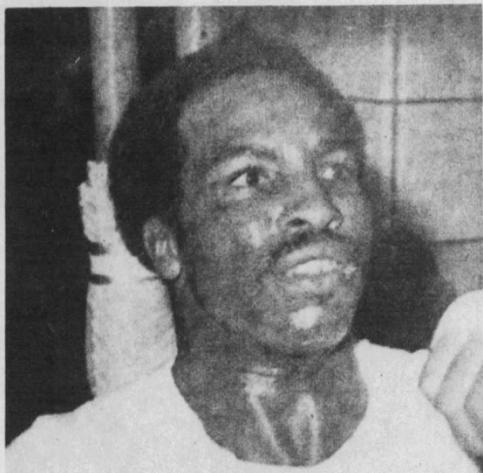
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ward, who had eight interceptions this fall for a career total of 21, was the Northwestern Class AAA Back of the Year and Stan Johnson, Sandusky's 250-pound middle guard, the top big school lineman.

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, 223, Sr., and Joe Brown, Toledo, Scott, 6-5, 220, Sr.

Middle guard — Stan Johnson, Sandusky, 6-4, 250, Sr.

Linebackers — Shaun Szensderski, 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.

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 Dunaway, 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.

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 Shepherd, Mansfield, 6-foot, 195, Sr.

Linebackers — Bruce Niehn, Sandusky, 5-11, 185, Sr.; 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.

Coaching of Year — Stu Stearns, Bowling Green.

Back of Year — John Harper, Toledo Woodward.

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Ends — Tim Donovan, Lima Catholic, 5-11, 185, Sr. and Dan Boden, Huron, 6-2, 190, Sr.

Tackles — Chris Weather Huron, 6-3, 225, Sr. and Jeff Dunlap, Lima Bath, 5-19, 195, Sr.

Guards — Dan Willis, Milan Edison, 6-1, 185, Sr. and Ken Caswell, Perryburg, 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.

Second team defense

Ends — Howard Krikke, South Central, 6-2, 205, Sr. and Dave Kratzer, Leipsic, 6-3, 180, Jr.

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Middle guard — Dennis Georig, Montpelier, 6-foot, 185, Sr.

Linebackers — Arnold Hinojosa, Leipsic, 5-10, 175, Sr.; Jeff Moehlman, Norwalk St. Paul, 5-11, 170, Sr.; Bob Grose, Monroe, 5-10, 165, Sr., and Phil Bennett, Fostoria St. Wendell, 5-9, 190, Sr.

Backs — Larry Kirwan, Gibsonburg, 5-11, 165, Sr.; Kelly Boutwell, Arlington, 6-foot, 170, Sr., and Denny Guerra, Sandusky St. Mary, 5-9, 165, Jr.

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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

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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.

