

1977 Class AAA Sectional Tournament

Ross girls seeded

The Ross High School girls basketball team was seeded second in the drawing for the Class AAA sectional tournament at Findlay held Tuesday night.

Ross, carrying a 7-7 season record, will go against Tiffin Columbia (2-6) in the first game on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Findlay High School. Columbian, which Ross beat last Thursday 42-37, ironically is the team the Little Giants faced in the first game of the tournament last season and defeated.

Wapakoneta (2-5) and Findlay (4-4) will play in the second game at the high school on March 8 with the winner to go against the Ross-Columbian winner at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 11, at the high school.

In the lower bracket, top seeded Bowling Green (10-2) plays Elida (3-7) at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 at Findlay College. Lima Senior (1-5) will go against either Celina (5-2) or Defiance (6-7) in the second game at the college on Wednesday with the winners meeting in the second game at the high school on Friday. Celina and Defiance open the tourney at Findlay High School on Monday, March 7.

The two survivors of the Findlay sectional will advance to the district tournament at Upper Sandusky on March 18 and 19 against the two winners of the Shelby sectional.

In the Shelby sectional, Shelby (100-0) was voted the top seed and Galion (7-2) was seeded second.

The Bellevue Redmen (3-2) will play the second game on March 9 against either Vermilion (6-3) or Marion Harding (3-9), who play March 7. If Bellevue advances, it will play the Galion-Ashland (7-4) survivor on March 11.



Columbian upsets Ross in girls AAA sectional

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FINDLAY — Columbian played as well in the second half as it had played badly in the first half and Ross, well, stayed just about the same all the way through the first game of the Findlay Class AAA Girls Sectional Basketball tournament.

"What can I say," questioned grim faced Sue Wolf, coach of the Ross girls moments after the Tornadoes had upset the number two seeded Little Giants 40-31. "I can't put the ball in the basket for them — that's all I can say."

As if in a reflex she added, "We never got going tonight."

Columbian, with Barb Richards leading the attack, rebounded from a horrendous second quarter to outscore Ross in the third period to take a 25-18 lead. The Tornadoes never lost that lead.

Ross had lumbered to a 13-7 half-time lead when the Tornadoes

missed connections on all 18 shots in the second quarter. Ross was not much better canning one of 18 tries but had three free throws while outscoring Columbian 5-1.

That was the end of the road for the Little Giants. Columbian wiped out the Ross lead before two minutes had ticked off the clock in the third period. Buckets by Richards, Linda Reiss, and Deb Mizen knocked the score at 13 at the 6:29 mark.

Richards' 18-footer from the right of the lane put Columbian on top for the first time at the 3:57 mark. Roxie Price brought Ross back to a 15-15 tie with a bucket but the Tornadoes went on a 10-2 scoring splurge to grab the third period lead.

Ross rallied briefly at the start of the final quarter, running off the first four points of the period.

Paula Zimmerman connected from the lane and Price knocked one home from the right of key to

cut Columbian's lead to 25-22 with 7:17 to play before Ross faltered.

A pair of turnovers and a 7-0 scoring run by Columbian put the game out of reach for the Little Giants.

Columbian's biggest lead was 14, 38-24, with four minutes to play.

Ross hit only 10 of 62 shots while Columbian, with a 15 of 35 performance in the final half, finished with 18 of 67 from the field. Ross committed 26 turnovers to Columbian's 23.

Richards led all scorers with 15 points and Reiss tossed in nine for the Tornadoes. Price with 11 and Diane Flickinger with 10 led Ross.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	8	5	5	13-31
Columbian	6	1	18	15-40

SCORING

ROSS — Flickinger 3-4-10, Price 5-1-11, Solze 0-0-0, Zimmerman 2-0-4, Bliss 0-3-3, Myers 0-1-1, Carter 0-2-2; totals 10-11-31

COLUMBIAN — Haman 1-0-2, Reiss 4-1-9, Stiger 1-0-2, Wahl 1-0-2, Morris 2-0-4, Richards 7-1-15, Heyman 2-2-6; totals 18-4-40
Season record: Ross 8-9