

Inter-Squad Battles Set

Two Ross high school athletic teams will stage inter-squad meets Thursday. The annual Purple-White meet involving members of the swimming squad will be held at the junior high school starting at 7 p.m.

Coach Alex Clark's basketball team will scrimmage for the public at the senior high gym starting at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited by coaches of both teams to get their first look at the 1969-70 edition of the Little Giants.

The swimming team opens its season next Thursday hosting Perkins. The basketball team will travel to Marion next Friday for its lid lifter.



1969-70 ROSS SQUAD—Ross high school's basketball team opens its season Friday with a Buckeye Conference game at Marion Harding. Members of the squad are: first row, Tom Brough (20), Denny O'Brien (24), Denny Smith (12) and Dave

Krider (32). Second row, Mike Ruland (40), John Lewis (10), Denny Shearon (30), Kerry Pitts (44), Jim Werling (22), Rick Dudley (14), Russ Zimmerman (34) and Daryl Knipp (42).

Hoopsters Open At Marion

Ross Gets Its Chance

Ross high school's basketball team is finally going to get its chance.

The Little Giants, who haven't played a game yet this season, even though most teams in the area have played two or three, will lift the curtain on the 1969-70 campaign at Marion Harding Friday.

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Clark admits the squad will be facing several disadvantages when it tangles with Harding.

"Marion has played four games," the first year coach said, "all of those first game jitters are gone for them. Marion also will have a tremendous height advantage. And, we will be going with a lineup that doesn't have one returning letterman."

Clark is only sure about one starting position. He indicated Dave Krider (5-8, junior) will definitely start at one of the guard slots. Battling for the other guard berth are Tom Brough (5-10, senior) and Rick Dudley (6-1, junior).

Either Kerry Pitts (6-4, senior) or Daryl Knipp (6-0, senior) will lineup at center. Three individuals are still in the running for the forward positions—Jim Werling (6-1, senior), John Lewis (6-0, junior) and Denny Shearon (6-2, junior).

"We have 10 boys of about equal ability," Clark said. "I wouldn't hesitate to start any of them. Some are better on defense than the others and some are better offensive players."

Only one letterman is on the squad, but he won't even dress for the meeting with the Presidents. Rusty Zimmerman (6-1, senior) is recovering from a broken toe.

A common complaint from a coach before the first game is that he still thinks his squad needs more practice time.

This isn't true with Clark.

"I think we're ready to play," Clark said. "In fact we might be one week beyond being ready. We have had four scrimmages with double A schools and done fairly well."

"The extra time in preparing has been a help in some ways. We have decided to spend more time showing the kids what we want to do early."

"The defensive system is new to the kids. The extra time has allowed us to spend more time on fundamentals."

Clark feels for the Little Giants to have a winning season the team will have to play a strong defensive game.

"This sounds like the St. Joseph coach (John Kable) talking but we are emphasizing defense," Clark said. "Defense and hustle are our strong points."

"We have probably spent two thirds of our practice time working on defense."

Ross' game plan will be to control the game using its defense.

"We want to force the other team to do things with its offense that it doesn't want to do when running its offense," Clark said.

What kind of offense will Ross run?

"This sounds like the St. Joseph coach (John Kable) talking shot," Clark said. "We feel we just can't shoot any shot because we aren't going to be able to get the ball off the boards. Our offensive patterns might be run four or five times before we take the shot we want."

The schedule:

December 12—at Marion; 20—Akron Garfield

January 2—Elyria; 3—Admiral King; 9—at Mansfield;

10—at Tiffin; 13—Sandusky; 16—Marion; 17—at Huron;

23—Lorain Senior; 24—at Findlay; 30—at Sandusky;

31—Toledo Whiteman.

February 6—at Elyria; 7—Lorain Senior; 10—Mansfield;

13—Admiral King; 14—Findlay.

Four SBC Games Friday

Marion Wins, 61-44

Ross Falls

At Harding

MARION — Marion Harding jumped out to a 21-4 lead then matched Fremont Ross point-for-point over the last three quarters as the Presidents took a 61-44 decision Friday night.

The game was the first of the season for the Little Giants. Harding now has a 2-3 record and is 1-1 in the Buckeye Basketball Conference.

"Our kids were working with a lot of new stuff and in that first quarter we had the first game jitters," Ross mentor Alex Clark said. "In the last three quarters I think we probably played better than they did."

"With it being our first game we expected to have a rough first quarter but I didn't expect it to end up like that," Clark added.

Clark said the Little Giants were unable to adjust their defense properly in the first quarter. Ross' only points came on two field goals by John Lewis.

Oliver Hardman got 12 of the Presidents' 21 points. Max Thorpe added six more and Larry Gipson had three.

In that first quarter, Marion shot an amazing 80 per cent from the floor. The Presidents were 8-10. Ross was 2-9. For the game, Ross was 18-47 and Marion connected on 21 of 44 attempts.

John Lewis topped Ross scorers with 13 points. Rick Dudley, who didn't start, added 12. Three Harding players—Hardman, Gipson and Thorpe—combined for 46 of the home team's 61 points. Hardman had 26 and Gipson and Thorpe bucketed 10 apiece.

With Lewis leading the way, Ross had a 30-28 edge in rebounding. Lewis had seven rebounds.

Clark said he was pleased with the performance turned in by 6-4 senior center Kerry Pitts in the final three quarters. Pitts replaced Daryl Knipp, who started the game. Other Little Giant starters were Lewis, Jim Werling, Tom Brough and Dave Kridler.

"After the first quarter all of the kids hustled and played good ball," Clark said. "A couple boys may have looked a little better than others."

"We'll have five days of practice next week. We'll be spending it working on mistakes from this game."

Ross will entertain Akron Garfield next Saturday at 8 p.m. The Ross coaching staff is supposed to watch Garfield play in Akron Saturday night.

Ross also lost the reserve game, 34-24.

The box score:

ROSS (44)

Lewis 6-1-13; O'Brien 1-1-3; Werling 0-0-0; Shearon 2-3-7; Knipp 0-0-0; Pitts 0-0-0; Brough 3-1-7; Dudley 5-2-12; Kridler 1-0-2; TOTALS—18-8-44

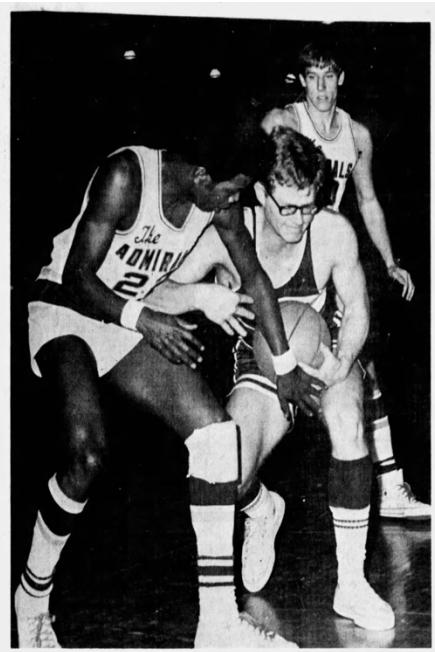
HARDING (61)

Hardman 11-4-26; Gipson 2-6-10; Thorpe 5-0-10; Gifford 2-0-4; L. Gipson 0-4-4; Patrick 0-0-0; Johnson 1-0-2; Reese 0-3-3; Homes 0-2-2; TOTALS—21-19-61

Score By Quarters

	4	12	16	12-44
ROSS	21	13	13	14-61

Akron Garfield article not available



GET OUT OF MY WAY—Denny O'Brien of Ross cradles ball with one hand while polity shoving the elbow into the side of Admiral King's Doug Taylor Saturday night. Officials noted the infraction, however, and called a foul on O'Brien. Tim Kish is the player in the background. Ross lost the game 59-54. (News-Messenger Photo)

Second Half Cold Spell Prevents Little Giants From Notching Victory

LORAIN—Fremont Ross put Kerry Pitts and the Little Giants behind in the scoring with a spectacular shooting half column with a short jumper with Saturday night 13-21 seconds. After King's Gary Deidrick 16 minutes and dropped a 55-54 connected on a jumper 16 seconds later the center turned into a battle of foul shooters.

The Little Giants connected on 13 of 21 field goal attempts in the first half. However, they made only 6 of 22 shots in the second half.

Ross was 16-27 at the foul line.

The Admirals made 15 of 25

charity losses.

"You can't take anything away from Ross," said Ross coach Alex Clark. "After the game they played Friday night (Ross) shot once. The Little Giants made the first shot once and came back and played only a few degrees off the performance they gave the night before. You can't ask for more than that."

Except for a couple of spots our kids played a good game. Admiral King hurt us with the press for about two minutes in the second quarter but that was a second quarter that was a 75-

Admiral King used Rich Jekos and Eddie McCall to enough games this weekend. Friday both were injured the last couple of weeks. Neither of them started, but coach Elmer Meyers inserted them into the lineup at the start of the second quarter when Ross led 16-11.

"I told him to use them," Clark said. "I doubt if he wanted to use those two tonight."

McCall hurt us with his rebounding. He is probably one of the best in the league in that department."

Jekos and McCall also aided the Admirals offensive machine. Jekos, a 6-1 senior, contributed 10 points and McCall scored seven.

High man for King was sharp-shooting Tim Kish, who scored 18.

Junior John Lewis scored 16 for Ross. He was 5-11 from the field and 6-8 at the foul line. Tom Brough scored 11. Brough made four of eight shots from the field and was 3-4 in the free throw department.

Ross led 42-39 going into the final quarter. Ross field goals by Barry Prosek and McCall gave King a 43-42 lead.

Ross Zimmerman's foul shot knotted the score at 43. The hosts then reeled off five consecutive points on a free throw by Jekos and field goal and two foul shots by Kish.

Admiral King won the reserve game, 35-33.

Other Buckeye games,

Sandusky trounced Mansfield, 74-

58. Elyria got by Lorain, 76-63 and

Findlay beat Marion 54-44.

Ross (4)

O'Brien 3-17, Shearon 3-8, Zimmerman 6-3, Pitts 2-6, Lewis 5-6, Kish 2-4, Deidrick 2-4, TOTALS-19-34-18-36-4.

Admiral King (5)

Taylor 4-13, Jekos 3-13, Prosek 3-11, Kish 4-10, Jekos 3-4, Deidrick 3-11, McCall 3-17, TOTALS-22-15-59.

Score By Quarters

Ross 16 14 12 12-54

King 14 17 8 26-59

Wildcats Beat Oak

Four Wildcat Rocket Vies

WOODYVILLE — Woodmore

high school recorded its fourth

straight victory in whipping Oak

Harbor 96-66 Saturday night. The

Wildcats are now 6-2. Oak Harbor

has a 1-9 report card.

After the opening moments of

the first quarter, the game was

never in doubt. Woodmore,

bolstered by the hot shooting of

diminutive guard Mike Rosper,

led 25-8 at the quarter.

Chieftains trailed by three

at halftime, but were leading by

one at the end of the third quarter

and then poured 30 points from the

net in the final eight minutes.

Four Hopewell-Loudon players

finished in double figures. Clint

Clouse sparked the attack with

21. Larry Kish added 15, Jeff

Reinhard scored 14 and Dave

Comer ended the evening with 12.

Hopewell-Loudon shot 44 per cent (27-61) from the floor and 41

per cent (13-30) from the charity

line.

Hopewell-Loudon (75)

Reinhard 4-6, Reinhard 4-21, Kish

3-13, Comer 1-1, Comer 4-12,

Clouse 1-5, TOTALS-27-31-75.

Value (66)

Malton 6-8, Bannister 6-11,

Malton 6-11, Bannister 6-12, Grimm 5-10, Reising 6-22, Windisch

5-11, TOTALS-19-22-18-22.

Score By Quarters

Hopewell-Loudon 15 15 15 30-75

Value 18 15 11 25-66

ENJOY

Fremont Squads Play Road Games

Neither of Fremont's two high school basketball teams will play at home Friday. St. Joseph has a home game slated for Saturday, however.

Ross has games on both nights, but will travel to Mansfield Friday and play at Tiffin Columbian Saturday. St. Joseph travels to Castalia Margaretta Friday and hosts Lorain St. Mary's Saturday.

The St. Mary's game was originally slated to be played Sunday afternoon but has been moved ahead because of the Super Bowl clash involving the Minnesota Vikings and Kansas City Chiefs.

Neither of the coaches are planning any drastic lineup changes.

Ross mentor Alex Clark said this morning he'll probably start Russ Zimmerman, Denny O'Brien, Denny Shearon, John

Lewis and either Tom Brough or Rick Dudley.

Brough or Dudley will take the place of junior guard Dave Kridler, who was sent home from practice Wednesday after he became ill.

The Mansfield tilt is an important Buckeye Conference engagement. Ross has a 1-2 report card in league play, but Mansfield is tied for the league lead with Findlay. Both teams have 4-2 records.

Overall, Mansfield is 5-3. Ross has an overall mark of 1-3.

St. Joseph coach John Kahle and his players have termed this "Revenge Week." Margaretta was the team which knocked the Crimson Streaks from the ranks of the unbeaten and started them on a three-game losing string.

The losing skid was broken last Saturday at Marion Catholic with a 90-72 victory. Kahle will go with the same starting lineup

he has used in the last five games—Jim Yeager, Tim Shetzer, Mike Chudzinski, Dan Fey and Henry Valle.

The Streaks have been hampered in practice sessions this week. They have been able to use their own gym only once and practiced at Ross high school on two other occasions.

But, as of late Wednesday night, Kahle still didn't know where his squad would practice Thursday. The Streaks are not permitted to practice at Ross no more than twice because it's the site of their sectional tournament.

Kahle and athletic director Bob Smith were hoping to work out at either the junior high school or the YMCA. If neither of those gyms were available the Streaks probably would have worked out at Heidelberg College.

The St. Joseph gymnasium is being used for the Up With People concerts.

In other games Friday, Clyde is at Oak Harbor, Huron visits Gibsonburg, Lakota travels to Fostoria St. Wendelin, Old Fort hosts Woodmore, Bettsville entertains Attica, Port Clinton journeys to Bowling Green and Danbury visits Otsego.

Other contests slated for Saturday include Old Fort at Clyde, Gibsonburg at Lakota, Margaretta at Huron, Vanlue at Bettsville, Woodmore at Genoa, Sandusky at Bellevue and Fostoria St. Wendelin at New Riegel.

Only two other high school events are on tap this weekend. St. Joseph travels to Huron for a wrestling match at 7 p.m. Friday and Bellevue entertains Norwalk in wrestling Saturday at 2 p.m.

Locals At Tiffin Columbian (9-1) Tonight

Crowd Rattles Ross; Little Giants Lose

MANSFIELD — Mansfield's Tygers are atop the Buckeye Conference standings today.

But the Tygers needed the inspiration of their fans and the inexperience of Fremont Ross to get there. Mansfield, after trailing the Little Giants throughout most of the game, pulled out a 57-52 decision here last night.

"The big factor was their fans," Ross mentor Alex Clark said. "Their fans kept them going and it rattled our kids. I think if we were playing them at home we would have won by 12 to 15 points."

"Again, I'm disappointed we lost, but not unhappy with the performance of my kids. For three quarters they gave it everything they had. It was similar to the Elyria game last week."

Late in the third quarter Ross had a 48-40 lead after John Lewis connected on a jump shot. That was the last field goal for the Little Giants, however, until Lewis made another jumper with about three minutes left.

In between, the Tygers had scored 12 straight points. The hosts took the lead — 50-48 — on Ned Cameron's two pointer with 4:11 on the clock.

Ross managed to knot the score at 52 on two charity tosses by senior center Rusty Zimmerman with 2:13 left.

Moments later Cameron pushed a tap-in through the nets giving Mansfield the lead. Two free throws by Vince Pagani made it 56-52 with 23 seconds left. Keith Shulko scored the Tygers' final point with a free throw after time expired.

Ross wasn't without its opportunities to win the game in the last two minutes.

"We missed several 'bunnies' and three foul shots right at the end," Clark said. "If we would have made those the game probably would have been a different story."

Ross led by one (34-33) at halftime but managed to stretch the margin to nine (44-35) midway through the third quarter.

John Lewis and Tom Brough topped Little Giant scorers with 14 and 11 points, respectively. Lewis was 6-10 from the field and 2-4 at the charity stripe. Brough made all three of his field goal attempts and was 5-5 at the line.

Pagani took game scoring honors with 17. Jim Barnett added 12 to the Mansfield point total.

Ross shot an even 50 per cent from the field, 20-40. Mansfield connected on 20 of 52 attempts. Ross' percentage could have been much higher except for the disastrous fourth quarter.

Going into that frame, the Little Giants were 19-33. Ross made six of 12 in the first frame, seven of 11 the second eight minutes and was 6-10 in the third quarter.

At the free throw line, Ross was 12-20, even though it made only two of seven in the fourth quarter.

Ross held a 26-14 rebounding edge. Zimmerman pulled six caroms off the boards and Denny O'Brien had five.

Ross travels out of the conference tonight. The Little Giants (1-4) journey to Tiffin Columbian (9-1). The reserve game is slated to get underway at 7 p.m.

Ross lost the reserve game to Mansfield, 39-38. Mark Sanderson had 14 points for coach Chuck Wegner. The Little Giant reserves are now 0-5.

Upsets dominated the Buckeye play last night. Lorain turned back Findlay, 74-69, Marion surprised Sandusky, 45-43, and Elyria crushed Admiral King, 78-61.

No league games are scheduled for tonight. Ross, however, will host Sandusky Tuesday night.

The box score:

Ross (52)
O'Brien 4-1-9; Shearon 4-0-8; Zimmerman 2-2-6; Lewis 6-2-14; Dudley 1-1-3; Kridler 0-1-1; Brough 3-5-11; TOTALS — 20-12-52.

Mansfield (57)
Barnett 5-2-12; Harris 4-1-9; Shulko 1-2-4; Petty 4-0-8; Pagani 3-11-17; Butts 0-1-1; Myers 1-0-2; Cameron 2-0-4; TOTALS — 20-17-57.

Ross	Score By Quarters				League		Overall	
	15	19	14	4-52	16	17	9	16-57
Mansfield	5	2	.714	-	6	3		
Elyria	5	3	.625	1/2	7	3		
Findlay	4	3	.571	1	8	3		
Lorain	4	3	.571	1	6	3		
Sandusky	3	4	.428	2	5	4		
Marion	3	5	.375	2 1/2	4	7		
Admiral King	3	5	.375	2 1/2	4	6		
Fremont	1	3	.250	2 1/2	1	4		

Last Night's Results

Mansfield 57, Fremont Ross 52

Elyria 78, Admiral King 61

Lorain 74, Findlay 69

Marion 45, Sandusky 43

Tonight's Games:

Fremont Ross at Tiffin Columbian

Lorain at Akron Buchtel

Sandusky at Bellevue

Findlay at Upper Sandusky

Tuesday's Game:

Sandusky at Fremont Ross

Friday's Games:

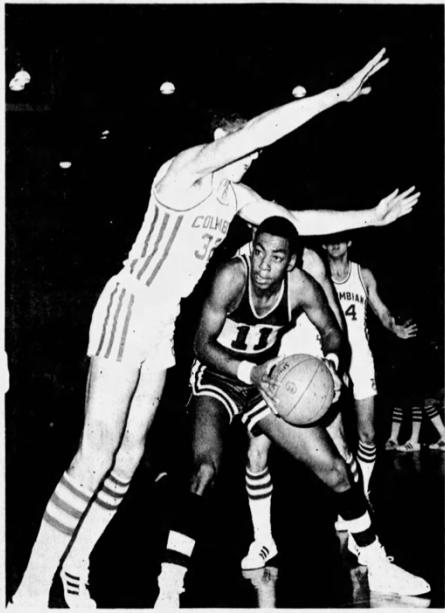
Marion at Fremont Ross

Elyria at Findlay

Mansfield at Admiral King

Lorain at Sandusky

Tiffin Humbles Little Giants



LOOKING FOR HELP—Tiffin Columbian's Steve King towers over John Lewis as the Little Giant looks for help from a teammate during first half action of Saturday night's game. Ross lost the non-conference game, 60-45. (News-Messenger Photo)

Ross' Basketball Battle Cry: Forget It, Prepare For Sandusky

By MARK CARLSON
NM Sports Editor

TIFFIN — There's no Ross high school's basketball practice: Forget About Columbian, Prepare For Sandusky.

If coach Alex Clark wants to do anything Monday it will be to make his squad forget Saturday's 60-45 loss at Tiffin Columbian.

The Little Giants, who had piled up 11 wins in their first four previous four ball games, fell apart against the Tornadoes in the second half and were never in the game following the midway point of the third quarter.

So, it will be up to Clark and his team leaders to regroup and prepare for Tuesday night's invasion of Columbian Sandusky (6-4 overall and 3-4 in the Buckeye Conference).

The game will be a crucial one for both squads. If Ross wins, it could give the Little Giants the impetus to cause havoc with the rest of the teams on the schedule. Sandusky, the defending champion, is also in the mix to stay in title contention. If the Blue Streaks lose, it might be the fatal blow in their dreams to capture a third straight title.

"Sandusky can do everything," Clark said Sunday. "I look for them to be in the conference race all the way. John Farris is one of

the top players in the league. He first varsity game, picked up nine points in four field goals

"Sandusky likes to run the fast break and when they go to it, they led the Tornado attack

last night. They got with 14 and 11 points, respectively, to Farris or Scott May, respectively.

To beat them we need to stop Ross scoring was again paced

by consistent John Lewis. The 6-0

Ross trailed Columbian by only guard Little Giant scoring

four points (19-15) at halftime, honors for the sixth straight

but Columbian reeled off 21 points with 14. Tom Brough

points in the third quarter. Ross

connected for 10 and Dave

Keeler added nine in the fourth.

Lewis, who had been mired up 22

for four game just fell points in the first six games.

"Our floor game just fell apart in the first half. The Columbian junior guard

got a good defensive effort kept pace with the varsity, either.

I think our kids might be

beating the Little Giant reserve

have been pretty tired after the

33-23. Both Columbian squads are

long trip and Mansfield game now 10-1 on the campaign.

Friday night.

The Sandusky game is the start

"Also might have been a little of a three-game week for the

shy after we beat Sandusky in

the Little Giants. Ross' record

in the first half. Our kids didn't

know what to think of the 4-

Friday and travel to Huron

Saturday.

The box score:

Ross (45)

Sharon 3-6-6, O'Brien 6-1, Welling

6-6-6, Pitts 5-6-6, Goss 5-6-6, Koenig

6-6-6, Lewis 6-6-6, Brough 5-6-6, Keeler

6-6-6, Dudley 1-6-6, Smith 1-6-6. TOTALS—

21-3-45.

Columbian (48)

Goding 4-6, Loescher 6-6-6, Hunt

Giant 6-6-6, the first six games.

2-6-6, Oberlander 6-6-6, Florence 1-6-7,

Herron 4-6-6, Everhart 6-6-6. TOTALS—

24-14-46.

Score By Quarters

Ross 13 16 12 14

Columbian 10 9 21 26-46

Herron, who was starting his

Fliers Win

Farris' Field Goal Boosts Blue Streaks

N-M Scoreboard

Buckeye Conference

	League	Overall				
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L
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Fremont	1	3	.250	2 1/2	1	5

Saturday's Results:

Tiffin Columbian 60, Fremont Ross 45

Sandusky 48, Bellevue 46

Akron Buchtel 95, Lorain 70

Findlay 78, Upper Sandusky 54

Tuesday's Game:

Sandusky at Fremont Ross

Friday's Games:

Marion at Fremont Ross

Elyria at Findlay

Mansfield at Admiral King

Lorain at Sandusky

Sandusky Bay Conference

	League	Overall				
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L
Sandusky St. Mary's	4	0	1.00	9	1	
St. Wendelin	3	1	.750	1	6	3
Clyde	2	1	.667	1 1/2	6	3
Gibsonburg	1	1	.500	2	4	4
Margareta	1	1	.500	2	5	4
St. Joseph	2	2	.500	2	5	4
Huron	1	2	.333	2 1/2	2	8
Lakota	0	2	.000	3	3	6
Oak Harbor	0	4	.000	4	1	9

Saturday's Results:

Lorain St. Mary's 67, St. Joseph 64

Old Fort 67, Clyde 62

Gibsonburg 60, Lakota 49

New Riegel 107, St. Wendelin 71

Margareta 62, Huron 57

Sandusky St. Mary's 81, Perkins 60

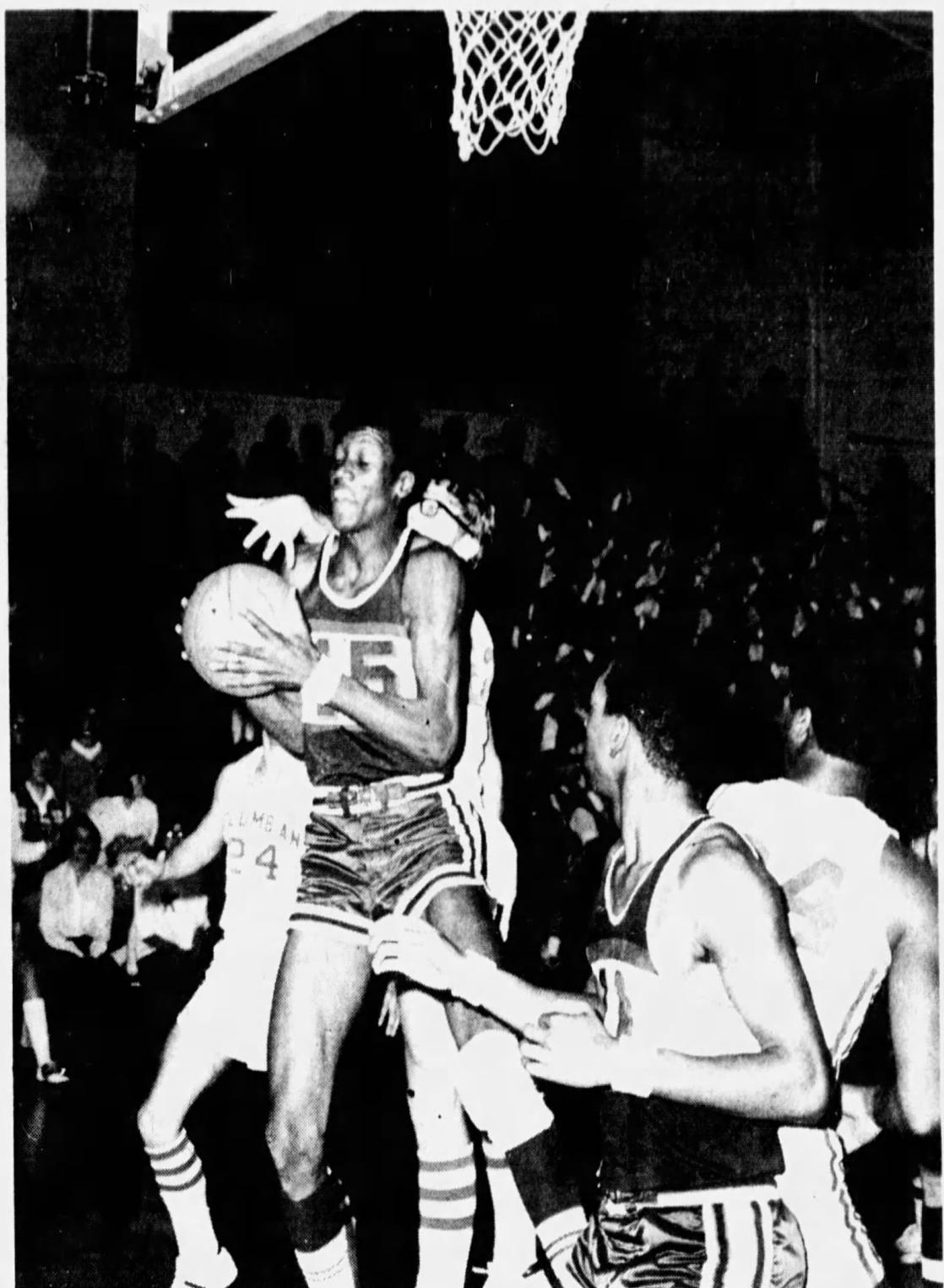
Monday's Games:

St. Joseph at Margareta

Tuesday's Game:

Huron at Gibsonburg

Wednesday's Games:



NO FOUL CALLED — Even though Tiffin Columbian's Tim Bogner clearly has his arm over the shoulder of Ross' Kerry Pitts no foul was called on this play during first half action of Saturday night's game. Fremont

Ross coach Alex Clark complained about this play and several others during the contest. Clark was so vehement about one call he was tagged with a technical.

(News-Messenger Photo)



MAD SCRAMBLE—Russ Zimmerman (32) and Dennis O'Brien (partially hidden) scrap with Sandusky's Scott May under the Ross offensive board last night. Also shown are Denny Shearon (30), John Lewis (10), Ben Chapman

(15) and Jim Kennedy (51). Sandusky scored four points in the final 23 seconds to take a 52-48 Buckeye Conference decision. (News-Messenger Photo)

Spartans Suspended

San Jose State Threatens Suit

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—San Jose State, the reigning National Collegiate Athletic Association track champion, threatens to sue the NCAA.

The possibility of the unprecedented suit was raised Tuesday by acting San Jose State president Robert W. Burns. He is protesting a one-year suspension from the NCAA track and field championships handed the Spartans.

Both Burns and San Jose State track coach Bud Winter say the school has been treated unfairly by the national organization and that all their efforts to overturn the case have failed.

Basically, the situation is this. Last year, several San Jose athletes, including John Carlos, participated in two meets run by the United States Track and Field Federation after being assured that the meets were sanctioned.

Later, Winter said, he was amazed to be told that the meets had not been certified by the NCAA even though the USATF was created by the NCAA in its war with the American Athletic Union.

San Jose was suspended, but none of the other schools that competed in either of the meets was penalized in any way, Winter said. Among the schools that had athletes in these meets were UCLA, Rice and the University of California at Santa Barbara.

"There are a lot of implications here," Winter said Tuesday. "This is a poor example of justice and as far as I'm concerned we're going to fight to the death."

Burns agreed, saying, "On behalf of the college, I am going to do whatever it takes to see that the principles of seeking justice through litigation in the civil courts."

In Washington, NCAA executive director Walter Byers said he would have no comment on the suit threat.

Earlier, Burns said, "This action against San Jose State may have been in part a prejudicial reaction to John Carlos' raised-fist gesture at the recent Olympics."

Burns said that if the NCAA had intended to punish Carlos, it had failed because he is no longer a member of the San Jose State team and is currently competing on the indoor track circuit.

"They got all the innocent guys on the team," said Winter. "Maybe they felt they needed a whipping boy and picked on the top dog."

Sports Menu

Thursday
Wrestling
Tiffin at Oak Harbor, 4:30 p.m. Fremont Ross at Huron
Sandusky, St. Mary's at Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.
Margareta, 6:30 p.m.
Friday
Basketball
Marion at Fremont Ross, 6:45 p.m.
Friday
Basketball
Marion at Fremont Ross, Rossford at Lakota (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.), and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.
Tiffin Calvert at Fremont St. Edison at Margareta (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Old Fort at Vandalia (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Gibsonburg at Clyde (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Oak Harbor at Lakota (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Hopewell-London at Fostoria (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Fostoria St. Wendelin at St. Wendelin (Varsity and Margareta (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Republic at Old Fort (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
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Saturday

Basketball

Fremont Ross at Huron
Sandusky, St. Mary's at Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.
Margareta, 6:30 p.m.
Muamee, 6:45 p.m.
Friday
Basketball
Marion at Fremont Ross, Rossford at Lakota (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.), and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.
Tiffin Calvert at Fremont St. Edison at Margareta (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Old Fort at Vandalia (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Gibsonburg at Clyde (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Oak Harbor at Lakota (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Hopewell-London at Fostoria (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Fostoria St. Wendelin at St. Wendelin (Varsity and Margareta (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
Genoa at Port Clinton (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.).
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Controversial Case Continues

Yale Continues Fighting

WASHINGTON (AP)—The would meet again later this month to decide whether to re-schedule the NCAA's annual meet in New York in late February. Yale being put on probation and wound up in limbo.

The latest episode in the controversial affair brought fire from the national organization and all that their efforts to overturn the case have failed.

In the meantime, the NCAA, holding its annual convention in Atlanta, was expected to take action against the prestigious Ivy League university Thursday. The penalty could range from a slap on the wrist to probation until June 30, 1971.

But after two hours of heated discussion ranging from morality to legality, climaxed by a 65-38 vote, the council went back into closed session and an hour later withdrew the resolution pending further study.

The 12-man council said it this country's amateur pro-

Football Coaches Blast Proposals Limiting Visitation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Representatives of the American Football Coaches Association have blasted a proposal by the National Collegiate Athletic Association that would limit to two the number of visits that could be made to a young athlete's hometown to talk to him.

"That rule is unwarranted," said Frank McNamee, head football coach at Arkansas. "It will cause more hard feeling and create more suspicion than you can imagine."

Broyles said he knows schools will turn to their alumni if the NCAA adopts the proposed amendment to its bylaws at the 64th annual convention it is holding this week.

"When you are up your visits, you have to involve your alumni and they don't know the rules," Broyles told newsmen Tuesday. "And if they are successful businessmen, it is only human nature for them to try and come to look at their school is interested in."

The NCAA board of control, in other action Tuesday, elected

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Sandusky Nips Ross, 52-48

'Kids Couldn't Play Better'

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor
Fremont Ross basketball coach Alex Clark is having trouble finding words to describe the performances of the Little Giants.

"I know I've said it before," Clark said while sipping a coke after the Little Giants lost a heartbreaker, 52-48, to Sandusky last night, "but I can't say anything else—the kids did everything I could expect from them in the last three quarters. They played their hearts out."

"Sandusky played its very best game to beat us. My kids couldn't have played any better."

"We're off the pattern offense. They were basically going one-and-one with us. We were beaten on the fast break several times but we couldn't have defended it any better."

"There is no way you can stop a kid like (Mike) Finn. We had two stops back on him and he still drove to the basket."

The Little Giants got off to a very poor start missing their first 11 shots. They trailed by 10, 18-8, at the quarter, but battled back and eventually knotted the score at 42 and then 48 with 42 seconds left in the game on a tap by Russ Zimmerman.

Sandusky got the winning

bucket 15 seconds later when Mark Denning tipped one in from under the hoop.

Ross had a chance to tie the score when Denny Shearon missed the first shot in a one-and-one situation with nine seconds remaining.

The Blue Streaks' Scott Mays had the contest with two free throws moments later after Ross had fouled him trying to gain possession.

"We're just lucky we got off to the start we did," Sandusky coach Bob Beachy said afterwards. "If Ross had done a little more scoring in the first quarter the score might have been reversed."

"It was the type of game we expected. Our scouts have seen Ross play a couple of times and they were impressed. Ross has a well-disciplined club. Alex is doing a heckuva job over here."

Krider, a 5-9 junior, hit double figures for the first time this season, bucketing 16 crucial points.

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Farris scored five in a row making it 47-42 with 3:32 remaining. Denny Shearon and Zimmerman and two free throws by O'Brien made it 47-46. Farris made another foul shot before Zimmerman tied it on a short jumper.

After the difficult first eight minutes, the Little Giants outscored the visitors 16-9 in the second quarter and trailed by only four at intermission, 27-24.

Krider, Shearon and Dennis O'Brien all scored four points apiece in the frame Zimmerman and Kerry Pitts added field goals.

The Little Giants also had problems in the opening moments of the third stanza. Sandusky got eight points before Ross could get on the scoreboard when John Lewis caused a foul juniper with 5:19 remaining.

Another Lewis jumper and O'Brien's follow-up made it 37-35.

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the ball, Krider hit a foul shot at the 7:07 mark making it 40-48. After May cashed in on a free throw, Krider swished a 20-foot set shot making it 41-48. Farris then made a free throw before Krider threw up another long distance shot that tickled the twine from about 20 feet away to the game at 42.

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Ross At Huron Saturday

Little Giants Host Presidents

Even after three straight losses, Ross basketball coach Alex Clark is optimistic.

"After the game we played Tuesday against Sandusky I think we'll be able to go against anybody," Clark said Wednesday. "I said earlier that was going to be a key game for us. If we would have been beaten badly we might have gone downhill."

Clark won't wait long to see how well his theory works out. The Little Giants host Marion in a Buckeye Conference game Friday at 8 p.m.

Ross is currently 1-4 in the conference and 1-5 overall. One of the league losses was to Marion

(61-44) in the opening game of the season. Marion is 3-5 in the league and 4-7 overall.

"To beat them we must stop their fast break and prevent Oliver Hardman from getting the ball," Clark said. Hardman is a 6-0 guard, who bucketed 26 points in the first game.

Marion is also expected to start Larry Gipson (6-4, forward), Lee Gipson (6-5, center), Mark Thorp (6-2, forward) and Tom Reese (5-10, guard).

Clark doesn't plan any changes in the Little Giant starting five unless John Lewis misses Thursday's practice because of illness. He missed school Monday and Wednesday, but played against Sandusky.

If Lewis can't play either Tom Brough or Rick Dudley will start at his guard slot. The other playmaker is Dave Kridler. Russ Zimmerman plays the center post and Denny O'Brien and Denny Shearon are the forwards.

Lewis leads the club in scoring and rebounding. The 6-0 junior has scored 86 points in seven games and picked off 44 rebounds. Brough (55), Shearon (51), Kridler (46), O'Brien (44), Dudley (28) and Zimmerman (23) round out the top seven scorers.

Zimmerman is second in rebounds with 35. Shearon has 30 and O'Brien 30.

Sandusky Wins

Sandusky beat Fremont 1440-1416 in a match involving rifle clubs from the two cities earlier this week. Fremont did have the top shooter, however. Jay Engler accumulated 293 points in the three classes.

The results:

Sandusky	P	K	S	T
Greene	99	97	95	291
Hudson	100	97	91	288
Walton	100	97	91	288
Streng	100	99	88	287
Borsick	100	93	93	286
Fremont				
Engler	100	100	93	293
Waggoner	100	97	89	286
Oxley	99	96	90	285
Ash	100	97	87	284
Bonam	100	93	75	268

Ross will travel to Huron for a non-conference game Saturday. Reserve contests on both nights get underway at 6:45 p.m.

Three other Buckeye games are on tap Friday. Elyria travels to Findlay, Mansfield journeys to Lorain Admiral King and Sandusky hosts Lorain.

Mansfield with its 5-2 league record is in first place. Elyria (5-3), Findlay (4-3), Lorain (4-3), Sandusky (4-4), Marion, Admiral King (3-5) and Ross trail.

City League Box Scores

Baumann's (89)

Froning 13-10-36; Fleming 1-1-3; Patterson 2-1-5; Davis 2-4-8; Hagerty 8-6-22; Purvis 7-1-15; TOTALS—33-23-89.

818 (76)

Denman 2-1-5; Gabel 3-0-6; Gottron 5-1-11; Phillips 5-2-12; Rodenhauser 1-4-6; Swint 0-0-0; Wilhelm 11-4-26; Overmeyer 2-2-6; Algee 2-0-4; Yeager 0-0-0; TOTALS—31-14-76.

Score By Quarters

Baumann's	23	15	25	26-89
818	21	12	17	26-76

Gun Store (81)

Assenheimer 3-1-7; Elmer 3-0-6; Vie Brooks 7-4-18; Krotzer 7-2-16; Kuhlman 8-4-20; Bronson 0-0-0; Hart 5-4-14; TOTALS—33-15-81.

Prosurance (89)

Critchett 4-2-10; Decker 2-0-4; Keegan 2-2-6; Overmyer 3-4-10; Rymers 2-3-7; Steffani 5-7-17; Babione 2-0-4; Smith 12-7-31; TOTALS—32-25-89.

Score By Quarters



Marion Wins By Five; Ross At Huron Tonight

By MARK CARLSON
N-M Sports Editor

If Ross high school basketball coach Alex Clark sponsors an amendment asking for three quarters instead of four in high school games don't be surprised.

Clark watched another instant replay as the Little Giants played an excellent three quarters, but couldn't do much in the fourth last night against Marion Harding. Thus, Ross dropped a 63-58 Buckeye Conference tilt. It was the seventh loss in eight games for the Little Giants. But, as Marion coach Dick Brown put it, "they are a lot better than their record shows."

Of the seven losses, Ross has only been out of two games. It lost to Marion by 17 in the first game of the season and lost by 15 to Tiffin Columbian two weeks ago. Three games have been decided by five points, another by four and another by eight.

"This is the way it's going to be all year," Clark said, "we are going to be in the game. We just need to play a good four quarters."

The Little Giant collapse came in the second quarter against the Prexies. Ross made three of nine shots from the field and was 3-10 at the charity line.

At the start of the stanza, Ross led by five, 15-10. It increased the margin to six, 21-15 before the roof caved in. After Denny Shearon's bucket with 5:53 left in the quarter, Ross didn't score again until Dave Kridler drove the lane with 36 seconds left.

In between, Marion had ripped off 17 straight points and taken a 32-21 lead.

"It was just a great effort on the part of our kids," Brown said. "We were ragged in the first quarter on defense and our shots just weren't going in. The ones we were missing in the first quarter we got in the second."

Substitute Preston Owens bucketed five of the vital points. Oliver Hardman and Larry Gipson had four apiece, Jim Johnston (3) and Frank Gifford (2).

"We hurt ourselves," Clark said. "Our guards got over-anxious and were trying to get the ball by double teaming Owens. We should have gone after Hardman. Owens would get the ball to Hardman and he wouldn't have anyone on him."

"Our shooting didn't help either. We were 3-10 in the quarter and 2-9 in foul shots."

The loss spoiled a brilliant shooting exhibition by John Lewis. The junior guard poured 29 points through the nets—seven field goals and 15 free throws.

"John has been coming to this one," Clark said. "After tonight I think he'll play better all year."

Lewis and Denny Shearon accounted for 13 of the 15 Little Giant points in the first frame. Rick Dudley got the other two when he converted a layup after stealing the ball.

Ross trailed the half, 34-23, but narrowed the gap to three (45-42) when it out-scored the Prexies 18-11 in the third period.

In the hectic fourth quarter, Marion got four straight points on foul shots by Hardman and Owens to lead 49-42.

After an O'Brien field goal and two foul shots by Rusty Zimmerman made it 49-46, Hardman and Lewis traded two free throws. A field goal by Hardman and another of Gipson made it 51-46. Dudley and Hartman traded buckets and it was 53-53 with 3:46 left.

Field goals by Zimmerman, Kridler and Lewis brought the crowd to its feet as Ross trailed only 58-56 with 50 seconds remaining.

But the visitors made five foul shots in the waning moments to ice the victory. Ross was forced to foul after it had taken the ball down court and missed the field goal attempt.

REMARKS: Besides Lewis, Shearon was the only other Ross player to connect for double figures. He had 10. Hardman (22) and Gipson (17) hit the magic mark for Marion. Ross by quarters was 4-7, 3-9, 14-14 and 5-14 from the field. Marion was 3-5, 9-15, 5-9 and 2-4. In other Buckeye games last night, Sandusky got by Lorain 71-62, Elyria trounced Findlay 68-55 and Mansfield took Admiral King 87-68. Ross' junior varsity lost a 46-12. . .

The box score:

Ross (58)

	FG	FT	RB	PF
Shearon	5-8	0-0	2	3
O'Brien	2-5	0-1	2	4
Zimmerman	1-1	0-4	2	5
Pitts	0-0	0-3	3	1
Le	7-7	15-18	4	2
Dudley	2-6	0-2	2	2
Kridler	3-6	0-1	1	4
Brugh	3-10	0-1	0	4
Brugh	0-2	0-1	0	0
Total	20-44	18-28	22	30

Marion (62)

	FG	FT	RB	PF	TOT
Hardman	5-10	12-14	4	4	22
Owens	3-4	2-4	6	2	8
La Gipson	6-8	0-0	2	7	17
Le Gipson	3-4	1-1	2	7	7
Johnston	1-2	0-2	2	4	4
Gifford	1-1	0-0	2	2	2
Perpe	0-0	1-2	2	1	1
Reece	0-0	0-2	1	2	2
Total	19-33	25-32	26	22	63

Score By Quarters

	10	24	11	18-43
Marion	10	24	11	18-43
Ross	15	8	18	19-58

Buckeye Conference

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Lorain	4	4	.500	2	8	5
Marion	4	5	.444	2 1/2	5	7
Admiral King	3	6	.333	3 1/2	4	7
Fremont	1	5	.167	4	1	7

Overall

	W	L
Mansfield	6	2
Elyria	6	3
Sandusky	5	4
Findlay	4	4
Lorain	4	4
Marion	4	5
Admiral King	3	6
Fremont	1	5

Last Night's Scores:

Marion 63, Ross 58
Sandusky 71, Lorain 62
Elyria 68, Findlay 55
Mansfield 87, Admiral King 68

OUT OF THE PACK—Ross and Marion players have their eyes turned toward Denby Shearon and the basket as the Ross junior drives the lane during last night's game at the Little Giant gym. Marion won

the Buckeye Conference Contest 63-58. It was the third time this season the Little Giants have lost a game by five. They lost another by four. (News-Messenger Photo)

Hopewell-Loudon's Chieftains Latest Victims Of New Riegel

BASCOM—The New Riegel junior varsity express just keeps right on going. After a 49-46 overtime decision in the preliminary game, the Chieftains only scored 16 in the second week, made Hopewell-Loudon their 12th victim Friday night.

Coach Jerry Carrick's squad led by only eight points—18-10—at the quarter but then racked up 25 in the second frame. The Chieftains only scored 16 in the same span.

New Riegel, which travels to Avondale Saturday, placed four men in double figures. Larry Gase, who scored 12 in the big second quarter, finished the evening with 27. Bob Scherengost had 21. Paul Griepentrog hit for 18 and Jeff Underwood finished with 11.

Jeff Reinhard had 17 for the losers. Others in double figures included Dan Ritzler (14), Steve

3-11, Kim 4-9, TOTALS—35-20-36.

Hopewell-Loudon (8)

Reinhard 6-2-14, Reinhard 6-5-17, Kuehne 4-5-13, Scherengost 4-4-12, Griepentrog 4-4-12, TOTALS—26-17-46.

Score By Quarters

New Riegel 7-10, Lorain 2-6-1, Underwood 10-7-2, Scherengost 9-2-21. Hopewell-Loudon 10 16 20 23-49

Wildcats Come From Behind To Register 72-66 Victory

OTTAWA HILLS—Trailing by one point at the end of three quarters, Woodmore managed to out-score Ottawa Hills 22-13 in the final eight minutes and capture a 72-66 win, the Lakeshore Conference Friday.

The Wildcats made 25 of 56 field goal attempts and converted 22 of 33 foul shots. Ottawa Hills had 25 of 70 from the floor and was 16-26 at the line.

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many as 10 points in the second half (42-32), took the lead on a field goal by Rymer with 6:22 remaining.

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Huron Falls, 55-48

Free Throws Give Giants Second Win

HURON — Clutch free throw shooting brought Fremont Ross its second basketball win of the season here Saturday night. The Little Giants downed Huron 55-48 to gain a come-from-behind victory.

"This win is just what the kids needed to get their confidence," said coach Alex Clark Sunday. "We had been so close in so many games, but weren't able to win."

"Our kids played their steadiest game of the year. We scored 11 points in the first quarter, 14 in the second, 16 in the third and 14 again in the fourth."

"Huron played a 2-1-2 zone most of the game but switched to the 1-3-1 in the final minutes. Neither bothered us a great deal. We had plenty of good shots but just weren't getting the ball in the net."

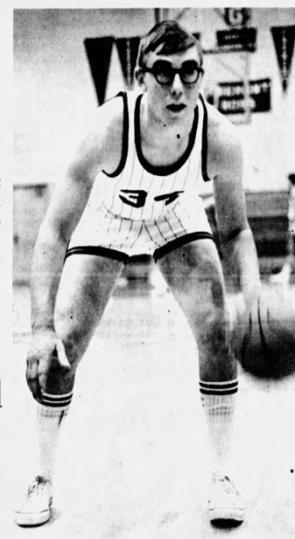
Ross had one of its better nights from the field making only 16 of 44 attempts. But the Little Giants converted 23 of 38 at the foul line.

Ross made 48 per cent (18-38) of its field goals and 67 per cent (18-15) at the charity line.

John Lewis topped the Ross scoring column with 15 points. It was the eighth time in nine games that he has been the team's leading in the scoring department. Denny Shearon and Tom Brough scored 12 apiece.

"Shearon played his steadiest game of the year," Clark said. "Brough really helped us in the fourth quarter. He got eight points."

"Basically it was a team effort. Russ Zimmerman and Shearon did a good job on the boards. Rick Dudley and Brough played much of the game. They replaced Dave Kridler and Denny O'Brien who had given us an all-out effort the night before."



RUSS ZIMMERMAN

11 Rebounds

Ross, which trailed most of the game, took the lead with 2:04 remaining when Brough canned a jumper. The teams then traded buckets and Ross led 48-48 with 1:10 on the clock. But Brough then made two free throws to give the Little Giants a 50-48 lead with 35 seconds on the clock. Eleven seconds later Lewis contributed two more charity tosses and seconds later Shearon converted two more to put the contest out of reach.

"Even though we trailed most of the way our kids kept doing what we want them to do," Clark said. "I don't think we were ever more than five behind."

"We didn't start out with our pressure defense because of the tiring game they had before. We went to the pressure defense in the first half to narrow the gap and got within one (35-35) at halftime. The pressure got us a couple of steals and disrupted their offense."

Clark said the Little Giants will get a day of rest Monday to prepare for exams.

"The kids need it," Clark said. "We have really been working hard. After that we'll begin preparing for Lorain Friday."

The Little Giants host Lorain Friday and travel to Findlay Saturday.

The box score:

Box (55)
Shearon 4-12; O'Brien 1-1; Zimmerman 6-3-3; Lewis 4-7-15;
Dudley 1-4-4; Kridler 2-2-4; Brough 6-4-12; TOTALS — 16-22-55.
Huron 3-3-5; Miller 6-1-1; Shearon 2-4-4; Holtzhauser 7-2-16; Rayne
5-4-4; Fiser 5-5-12; TOTALS — 19-18-48.
Score by quarters

ee Ross 11 14 16 16-55
Huron 14 12 13 9-48

Lorain At Ross; St. Joseph At Oak Harbor

Important Night For Local Cagers

Fremont Ross and Fremont St. Marion is 4-5. Lorain Admiral Joseph both have basketball King is 3-6. games tonight but the Little Other Buckeye games tonight Giants and Crimson Streaks will find Sandusky at Findlay and probably be wondering about the Admiral King at Marion. outcome of other key games in St. Joseph with three league their leagues.

Ross, which will host Lorain at league championship. But, even 8 p.m., will be wondering about that could go by the boards the outcome of the Buckeye tonight if coach John Kahle's Conference clash involving team loses to Oak Harbor or Mansfield and Elyria at Elyria. Sandusky St. Mary's beats Mansfield leads the league with a Lakota.

6-2 mark and Elyria is second at 6-3.

The Little Giants are at the 5-0. For the Streaks to gain a bottom of the league standings share of the crown they would with a 1-5 report card but still need to win their three remaining must play seven more league games and St. Mary's would need encounters after Lorain.

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Saturday but five teams have non-conference games. Bettsville travels to St. Wendelin, Huron is at Port Clinton, Mohawk journeys to Lakota, Margaretta hosts Perkins and Oak Harbor and Genoa renew their back yard rivalry at Genoa.

St. Joseph travels to St. Wendelin Sunday afternoon for a league game.

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Woodmore with a victory over Danbury could be assured of at least a tie for the Lakeshore Conference. If Northwood loses its game with Otsego, the Wildcats would win the title outright.

Woodmore has a 5-1 mark in the league and Northwood is 4-2. Woodmore beat Northwood twice. The Wildcats only loss

was to Otsego, the team and Hopewell-Loudon travels to Woodmore hosts Saturday night.

Even if Woodmore and Northwood both win their games, the Wildcats could take the title with a victory against Otsego.

Action is also on tap in the Seneca County League. League-leading New Riegel hosts Bettsville, Old Fort is at Attica

Ross plays at Genoa to complete the 11-game area schedule.

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Tonight's Games:

Lorain at Fremont
Mansfield at Elyria
Admiral King at Marion
Sandusky at Findlay

Saturday's Games:

Fremont at Findlay
Elyria at Sandusky
Lorain Senior at Lorain Admiral King
Marion at Mansfield

Sandusky Bay Conference

	League				Overall	
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L
Sandusky St. Mary's	5	0	1.000	—	11	1
Margareta	3	1	.667	1½	8	4
St. Wendelin	3	3	.500	2	6	5
Clyde	2	2	.500	2½	6	5
Gibsonburg	2	2	.500	2½	6	5
Lakota	2	2	.500	2½	3	9
St. Joseph	2	3	.400	3	7	5
Huron	2	3	.400	3	3	10
Oak Harbor	0	5	.000	5	1	10

Tonight's Games:

Huron at Clyde
Fremont St. Joseph at Oak Harbor
Margareta at Gibsonburg
Sandusky St. Mary's at Lakota

NBA Roundup



ZIMMERMAN REBOUNDS—Russ Zimmerman (35) has clear control of this rebound taking the ball away from team mate Denny Shearon (31) and Findlay's Steve Wener during

the first half of Saturday's game. Zimmerman was the top rebounder for Ross with 11. (News-Messenger Photo)

Trojans Bomb Little Giants By 18 Points

FINDLAY—Findlay's Trojans broke loose for 24 points in the fourth quarter and limited Fremont Ross to nine in the same stanza Saturday to take a 70-52 Buckeye Conference victory.

"It was a lot closer than that score indicates," said Trojan tutor John Stozich. "We just started hitting the hoop in the fourth quarter."

"Our kids played when they had too. We played a better overall game against Sandusky Friday. I think we were a little tight in the first three quarters."

Findlay led only 46-43 at the end of 24 minutes. But, the Trojan offense came alive in the final period, missing only four field goal attempts in 12 tries and connecting on another eight charity tosses.

"They hurt us inside," said Ross coach Alex Clark, "especially Greg Lishawa and Steve Wener."

"It was our game plan to go inside on them," Stozich countered. "We had a distinct height advantage and our kids didn't really take advantage of it until the fourth quarter."

"I'd like to see them in your way, though. Findlay has a real good group of kids," said Clark. "In my opinion, he has the best job coaching in the Buckeye this year. They are going to give every team on their schedule trouble."

In that fatal fourth quarter, Ross narrowed the gap to one (45-46) before the Findlay sharp shooters took command. Ross got the field goal by John Lewis with 7:02 left on the clock. The next time the Little Giants put the ball through the net was at the 2:32 mark when Russ Zimmerman converted a three-point play with 57:48.

Lishawa scored 11 points, Chuck Rogers four and Wener contributed a foul shot.

Wener kept Findlay in the game during the first three quarters scoring 10 points.

"We had Rusty Zimmerman on him," Clark said. "Wener had Rusty by about four inches. There wasn't much we could do to stop him. It wasn't Zimmerman's fault. Our defense is supposed to give Zimmerman help but the kids weren't calling him out when he got the ball."

Findlay shot 50 percent from the field, 13 of 26 shots in the first period and taking a 19-19 lead. But Ross put on a sparkling shooting demonstration in the second period (10-15 from the field and 3-2 at the line) to narrow the gap to one at intermission, 32-31.

"Our defense didn't fall," Stozich said. "Ross was getting the good shot and their kids were hitting. We're lucky they never got ahead or we could have been in real trouble. That's the one thing we didn't want to happen."

John Lewis and Zimmerman sparked the second quarter spurt. Lewis had 10 and Zimmerman six. Contributing two points each were Denny Shearon, Kerry Pitts and Dave Kridler.

Ross was the leading scorer for the Little Giants with 16 points. Zimmerman finished the evening with 13. It was the first time this season he has ended up in double figures.

Ross made 24 of 51 field goal attempts but was only 4-14 at the charity line. It was the worst foul shooting performance of the campaign.

Findlay 20-52 from the line, 14-24 at the line.

Wener was Findlay's leading scorer with 18 points.

Ross lost the reserve game 53-37. Ed Cekel had 11 points for coach Chuck Weger.

Ross will travel to Sandusky for a Buckeye Conference game Friday. The Little Giants return to host Toledo Whitmer Saturday at 8 p.m.

In other Buckeye action Saturday, Sandusky nipped Elyria, 61-56. Mansfield eked out a 52-51 decision at Marion and Lorain defeated Admiral King, 78-60, in the 20th renewal of that intra-city rivalry.

Mansfield, which had been knocked out of first place by Elyria Friday, regained the top spot. The Tygers are 7-3 in the conference. Elyria has a 7-4 log. Findlay (6-4), Lorain (6-4) and Sandusky (6-5) are still in contention for the conference crown. Marion and Admiral King both have 4-7 records and Ross is in the cellar at 1-7.

The box score:

Ross (32)		FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Shearon		6-1	0-0	6	0	6
Sanderson		6-1	0-0	6	0	6
O'Brien		5-5	0-0	3	4	14
McGinn		5-5	0-0	0	0	5
Zimmerman		6-13	1-3	11	13	30
Pitts		1-13	0-0	1	2	1
King		1-13	0-0	1	2	1
Lewis		8-12	0-4	5	16	21
Doherty		8-9	0-0	1	0	9
Kridler		2-7	3-4	3	1	7
Brough		0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		24-41	4-14	27	15	58

Findlay (70)		FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Lishawa		5-5	3-3	3	15	20
Brooks		1-4	0-2	1	2	3
Rogers		5-7	5-6	1	15	21
Wener		14-23	10-10	3	30	57
Chatelein		6-6	0-1	1	0	7
Pitts		9-9	1-1	2	1	11
King		1-1	0-0	0	0	1
Lewis		8-12	0-4	5	16	21
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Kridler		0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Brough		0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		28-52	14-24	33	14	70

Score By Quarters						
Ross	9	22	12	9	52	
Findlay	19	13	14	24	70	

Genoa Drops Rockets, 83-63

GENOA—Genoa bolted to a 24-14 lead in the first quarter, then coasted to a 30-point, had 12 field goals and four free

14 lead to 70-52 over visiting Oak Harbor throws for 26 points.

Saturday night. The box score:

Three Genoa players combined

N-M Scoreboard

Buckeye Conference

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Marion	4	7	.363	3 1/2	5	9	
Admiral King	4	7	.363	3 1/2	5	9	
Fremont	1	7	.125	5	2	11	

Saturday's Results:

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Sandusky 61, Elyria 59

Mansfield 52, Marion 51

Lorain 74, Admiral King 60

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Toledo Whitmer Here Saturday

Little Giants Oppose Sandusky

Ross high school plays the first of three consecutive Buckeye Conference road games when it travels to Sandusky tonight.

Ross is currently 1-7 in the conference and 2-9 overall. Sandusky will be battling to stay alive in the Buckeye race. Coach Bob Beachy's Blue Streaks are 6-5 in the league and 9-5 overall.

Mansfield is atop the league standings with a 7-3 mark. Elyria holds down the second spot with a 7-4 mark and Findlay and Lorain are tied for third at 6-4.

If Ross would be able to knock off the Blue Streaks it would eliminate them from any chance of nabbing their third straight conference crown.

"We aren't planning anything special," Ross mentor Alex Clark says. "We are just going to try and do things a little better than we did before against Sandusky."

"Our main object will be to stop their fast break. If we can do that and hold John Farris and Scott May we should be in the ball game."

Ross, which lost a 52-48 decision to the Blue Streaks earlier this month, is expected to go with a starting five

consisting of John Lewis, Russ Zimmerman, Denny Shearon, Denny O'Brien and Dave Kridler.

Lewis is the leading scorer. He has picked up 165 markers in 11 games. Shearon (83), Kridler (75), Tom Brough (72), Zimmerman (52), O'Brien (51) and Rick Dudley (41) round out the top eight.

Zimmerman holds the rebounding lead. He has 70 in 10 games compared to Lewis' 63 in 11.

Ross returns home Saturday against Toledo Whitmer (9-6). Whitmer is comparable to the Little Giants in height and ability according to Clark. The Ross mentor reports the Little Giants might even enjoy a slight height advantage for the first time this season.

A full schedule of games is slated for the Sandusky Bay Conference. Clyde travels to Sandusky St. Mary's, Lakota is at Gibsonburg, and Margaretta is at Oak Harbor.

Huron hosts Perkins in a non-league affair. Fostoria St. Wendelin and Fremont St. Joseph are idle. St. Joe travels to Toledo Cardinal Stritch Sunday and St. Wendelin is at Norwalk St. Paul.

St. Mary's can sew up at least a tie for the league crown with a victory over Clyde. The Panthers are currently 6-0 in league play. The only team with a chance of catching coach Ray Miller's team is Margaretta. The Polar Bears have a 4-1 league mark.

Miller will be gunning for his 99th and 100th victories at St. Mary's this weekend. The Panthers host Ayersville Saturday.

Three Seneca County League games are on tap tonight. New Riegel invades Attica, Republic is at Beaverville and Old Fort entertains Hopewell-Loudon.

New Riegel tops the league with a 7-0 mark. Coach Jere Carrick's Blue Jackets will be in search of victory number 15. New Riegel is currently rated third in the Class A Associated Press high school poll.

In other games tonight, Port Clinton is at Clay and Genoa travels to Anthony Wayne.

Eight games, including the Ross-Whitmer clash, are slated for Saturday. Elsewhere, Clyde is at Margaretta, Woodmore travels to Lakota, Gibsonburg is at Oak Harbor, Mohawk is at Old Fort, Hopewell-Loudon entertains Cory Rawson, Sylvania is at Port Clinton and Western Reserve hosts Danbury.

Whitmer Here Tonight

Sandusky Beats Ross

SANDUSKY—Ross high school's basketball team can't even win when three officials work their game.

The Little Giants dropped a 58-51 Buckeye Conference decision to Sandusky here Friday night. It was Ross' eighth loss in nine Buckeye Conference starts and 10th in 12 games.

"Our offense let us down tonight," coach Alex Clark said. "Sandusky got five layups that our offense gave them when they stole the ball."

"Our defense kept us in the game. Several of our kids—Rusty Zimmerman, Denny Shearon and Denny O'Brien—did a good job. Dave Kridler got in early foul trouble and sat out much of the game."

Sandusky spurted to a 6-0 lead then added to the margin in the first quarter. Coach Bob Beachy's Blue Streaks led 11-3 with 2:41 remaining after John Farris, the game's leading scorer

with 30 points, canned six straight. The hosts led 17-5 after reeled off eight straight in 55 seconds. Kridler canned two

Ross committed eight turnover and novices in the first stanza. Farris and O'Brien got a field goal. had a third of his points in the Sandusky, however, regained frame.

Ross managed to score five points on a Scott May rebound on straight at the start of the second quarter before Farris scored it 52-43 with 3:23 on the clock. after recovering a turnover and Lewis topped the Little Giant Scott May hit a short jumper to scoring column with 20 points. He give Sandusky a 21-10 lead. At was 6-19 from the field and 8-12 at intermission, Sandusky had a 25-18 lead. Denny Shearon was the only other player to hit for double

In the early moments of the third quarter, Sandusky out-scored Ross 7-2. But Ross then 51 and Sandusky canned 26-58. went on a spurt with O'Brien hitting a field goal, Lewis connecting for two at the line and a Rick Dudley field goal. It narrowed the margin to 32-26. The two teams then traded buckets giving Sandusky a six-point edge, 34-28.

Ross narrowed the gap to five (48-43) late in the fourth period. assigned.

"Three officials didn't make that much difference," Clark said. "We were really getting hit under the boards and nothing was called."

Sandusky won the junior varsity game, 40-22.

	Ross (51)				
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Lewis	6-19	8-12	3	2	20
Shearon	6-13	0-0	9	4	12
Zimmerman	0-2	0-0	8	1	0
Kridler	0-2	3-3	1	4	3
O'Brien	4-5	0-0	1	0	8
Dudley	3-7	0-0	2	1	6
Brough	0-1	0-0	1	1	0
Werling	0-1	0-0	0	1	0
Knipp	1-1	0-0	2	0	2
Pitts	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	20-51	11-15	28	14	51

	Sandusky (58)				
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Kennedy	4-7	1-2	11	1	9
Deming	3-4	1-1	5	2	7
May	3-13	0-1	3	2	4
Chapman	2-6	0-1	3	2	4
Farris	13-25	4-5	6	4	30
Kelley	0-0	0-1	2	1	0
To. Harris	1-2	0-0	0	0	2
Augustus	0-1	0-0	0	1	0
Manuella	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Te. Harris	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	26-58	6-12	39	15	58

Score By Quarters

Ross	5	13	12	21	-51
Sandusky	17	8	15	18	-58

Fremont Wins Third; Beats Whitmer, 72-63

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross high didn't play its best game of the season but the superb performance of the Little Giants was enough to snare a 72-63 victory from Toledo Whitmer Saturday night.

"We've looked better on many other occasions this season," Ross mentor Alex Clark said. "Our offense is what won it for us tonight."

"We were about a half step slow on defense. Whitmer didn't play last night and we did—it was probably the difference."

"We'll need to polish up our weak side defense next week. Whitmer got three easy layups in the first half when our man was going the wrong way. It happens sometimes when you're concentrating so hard on covering your own man you'll forget to help out." Clark cited the efforts turned in by John Lewis, Rusty Zimmerman and Rick Dudley as being keys to the third victory of the campaign.

"Lewis did a heckuva good job offensively and really helped out on the defensive boards," Clark said. "Zimmerman had a good night inside, both offensively and defensively. Dudley looked like he has adjusted to playing the forward slot."

The Little Giant faithful got an early idea that Ross was going to have a good night offensively. Their favorites jumped out to a 21-12 lead at the quarter mark. It was the first time this season they've scored more than 19 points in the initial stanza.

Trailing 4-2, Lewis canned three straight field goals giving Ross an 8-4 margin. After the two squads traded free throws, Whitmer reeled off six consecutive points to regain the lead, 11-9.

It was the last time the Wildcats led.

Zimmerman put Ross ahead 12-11, with a foul shot and driving layup. Lewis got another bucket on a short jumper before Whitmer got its 12th point on John Kanter's charity toss with 2:20 remaining.

Before the quarter ended, Dudley threw in a jumper from the corner. Shearon from the key and Tom Brough converted the three point play.

Ross maintained its nine-point margin through most of the second quarter. The Little Giants led by 10, 36-26, at intermission. Ross led by as many as 14 (33-19) in the second quarter.

The Little Giants led 46-38 at the end of three quarters.

Whitmer tried to get back in the game in the fourth period, out-scoring Ross 27-23, but the comeback bid was too late. In the final frame, Ross had only four field goals, but it

converted 15 of 23 foul shots. Whitmer had eight field goals and converted 11 of its 16 free throws.

The closest Whitmer came to taking the lead was six points, 64-58, with 1:15 on the clock. It narrowed the gap to within eight four times and in three other occasions.

Ross' biggest lead in the period was 13, 57-44.

Ross' senior varsity made the evening a complete success with a 49-41 victory. Chuck Celek and Chuck Lindsey picked up more than half of the junior varsity points. Celek had 21 and Lindsey contributed 10 to the cause.

reMARK(s)... The victory gave Ross an overall record of 3-10... Whitmer is 9-7... Lewis took game scoring honors with 26 points... Dave Kridler had 13 and Zimmerman threw in 11... Lewis' total wasn't his best of the season... He bucketed 29 in a 63-50 loss to Marion Harding... Zimmerman had 10 rebounds and Lewis nine... The two players are the only ones for the Little Giants... It was the first time they scored more than 22 points in a quarter and also the first time the varsity and junior varsity have won on the same night. Two Buckeye Conference tests are on tap this weekend... Friday the Little Giants journey to Elyria and Saturday they have a date at Lorain Senior... Three home games the following week against Mansfield (Tuesday), Admiral King (Friday) and Findlay (Saturday) close out the regular season... Tournament play begins the following week... Clark's parents drove in from Ridgeway and saw the Little Giants perform for the first time... The box score:

Ross (72)						
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP	
Shearon	2.10	1-1	8	5	5	
Saunders	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	
Lewis	9-15	8-9	9	3	26	
O'Brien	1-1	1-2	2	3	3	
Wheeling	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	
Zimmerman	4-10	3-5	10	3	11	
Pitts	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	
Koop	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
Smith	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
Dudley	4-7	0-0	7	3	8	
Kridler	3-5	0-0	5	1	13	
Brough	1-2	1-0	0	0	4	
Totals	25-54	25-30	42	23	72	

Whitmer (63)						
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP	
Mugg	41-13	4-4	5	4	14	
Feaster	2-2	0-0	0	0	2	
Wistel	0-4	2-2	1	4	2	
Kleiner	8-14	8-11	7	3	24	
Lewis	0-5	0-0	0	0	0	
Lotte	6-10	5-0	1	1	0	
Good	3-6	0-0	1	0	1	
Homas	3-4	0-0	2	0	7	
Totals	21-56	21-33	32	23	63	

Score By Quarters						
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	
Whitmer	12	14	10	27-63	63	
Ross	21	15	12	23-72	72	

St. Joe Loses, 80-57

Stritch Thumps Streaks

TOLEDO—Cardinal Stritch went on a scoring binge in the second half Sunday afternoon and clobbered Fremont St. Joseph 80-57.

Stritch scored 27 points in the third quarter and 16 in the final stanza. St. Joseph had only five points—two field goals and a free throw—in the third period. The Crimson Streaks held a one-point advantage in the final eight minutes.

"The third quarter was the difference," said losing mentor



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WHITMER GETS THE JUMP — Gary Lewis of Toledo Whitmer out-jumps Dave Kridler of Ross. Lewis, a 6-3 sophomore, had tied Kridler up on the boards. Other Ross players are Denny O'Brien (24), Jim Wheling (22), Russ Zimmerman (34) and John Lewis (10). The Little Giants won a 72-63 decision to notch their third victory of the campaign. (News-Messenger Photo)

Beat Findlay, 62-33

Little Giant Tankers Win

You've heard about the home court and home field advantage, but have you ever heard anyone mention the home pool advantage?

Well, based on the Fremont Ross-Findlay swimming meet Saturday, it could be one. The Little Giants, who did beat the Trojans 44-43 at Findlay earlier, swam their opponent, 62-33, at the junior high pool.

"It was a strong team effort—a team victory," said coach Jack Balsizer. "It's a big win for the squad. They wanted it badly and went right out after it with a good 1:48.4 medley relay time. Our kids were in command the rest of the way."

Houser, Ross, 4; Collins, Ross, 1; 59.3. 100 yard individual medley — 1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Kooper, Ross; 3. Buffington, Findlay, 2:17.4.

50 yard freestyle — 1. Stratman, Findlay; 2. K. Wootton, Findlay; 3. Ross; 4. Frey, Ross, 24.3.

Diving — 1. Ross, 2; Russ, 2; Chappell, Ross; 3. Kennedy, Findlay, 4. Majerus, Findlay, 10.5.

100 yard butterfly — 1. Mrs. Ross, 2; M. Ross, 3; W. Ross, 4; Buffington, Findlay, 58.4.

100 yard freestyle — 1. Stephenson, Ross; 2. Wootton, Findlay; 3. Livingston, Ross; 4. Pratt, Findlay, 1:34.1.

100 yard butterfly relay — 1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Kooper, Ross; 3. Buffington, Findlay, 1:01.8.

100 yard backstroke — 1. Miller, Ross, 4; Ross, 5; Houser, 6; Thomas, Findlay, 4. Swales, Findlay, 1:04.4.

400 yard medley relay — 1. Livingston, Ross; 2. Collins, Ross; 3. Livingston, Ross; 4. Pratt, Findlay, 4:34.1.

400 yard butterfly relay — 1. Keefer, Ross, 2; Ross, 3; Buffington, Findlay, 3:56.6.

400 yard freestyle relay — 1. Ross, 2; Kooper, Ross; 3. Buffington, Findlay, 3:41.6.



SURROUNDED —Denny Shearon of Ross looks for teammates as Doug Good and Gary Lewis (45) of Toledo close in during the second half of Saturday's game at the Little Giant Gymnasium. (News-Messenger Photo)



JOHN LEWIS
Averaging 16.6



RICK DUDLEY
Ross Starter



DAN FEY
Starting Forward

Face Leaders In Next Eight Days

Little Giants Will Have A Lot To Say Concerning Outcome Of Buckeye Race

What do Elyria, Lorain, Mansfield and Findlay high school have in common?

Well, for starters, they're all members of the Buckeye Conference. They also happen to be the leaders in the league's current basketball standings.

And, within the next nine days they all play Fremont Ross, the league cellar-dweller.

The series starts Friday when the Little Giants, 1-8 in the league and 3-10 overall, travel to league-leading Elyria (8-4, 11-4). The following night coach Alex Clark takes his club to Lorain (7-4, 10-5) for the final road game of the regular season.

Mansfield (7-4, 9-5) invades the Ross gym next Tuesday followed by Findlay (7-4, 10-4) Saturday. Sandwiched in between is a conference game with Admiral King (4-8, 6-10) Friday evening.

"No doubt about it," says Clark, "this is the toughest part of our schedule. It came about because of the school situation we had last fall.

"We aren't looking forward to any one particular game. We'll take them as they come. Right now we're only worried about this weekend.

"The kids know they can have an awful lot to do with the outcome of the conference. I think they are looking forward to it even though they aren't saying much about it. Our game is going to mean an awful lot to each one of those four teams."

What will Ross need to do to win the key games?

"Cut down on the turnovers," Clark answers quickly. "Out of curiosity I checked our field goal percentage this week. We're hitting at 42.7."

"Most teams with a field goal percentage like that have won about 50 per cent of their games. So, you know we're losing our games somewhere else."

"It isn't on the boards," Clark continues. "We've only been out-rebounded in four games all year. The difference has to be in our number of turnovers. It was in the first Admiral King and Mansfield games."

Ross will probably go with the same lineup it's used in beating Toledo Whitmer in a non-conference test last Saturday. Russ Zimmerman's the center, Rick Dudley and Denny Shearon get the nod at forwards and John Lewis and Dave Kridler are the guards.

"With Dudley in there it helps our offense," Clark says. "He also can do the job on the boards. He's coming around for us."

Ross could be without the services of Denny O'Brien for this weekend's games. He didn't practice the first three days this week because of illness.

"Even if he does go with us he won't be able to go the full game," Clark says.

What team does Clark think has the best chance at capturing the league crown?

"That's a tough question. Our games are going to mean an awful lot. Don't be surprised if it's a tie."

"The Elyria-Lorain game (Feb. 13 at Lorain) is going to mean an awful lot. Sandusky just might sneak into this thing yet."

Sandusky is currently a game out of first place with a 7-5 report card. Coach Bob Beachy's Blue Streaks have league games remaining with Admiral King and Mansfield.

Three other Buckeye games are on tap Friday — Sandusky at Admiral King, Lorain at Marion and Findlay at Mansfield. The Ross-Lorain encounter is the only contest which has a direct bearing on the conference standings Saturday.

Elyria is at Ashland, Marion at Kenton, Tiffin Clavert at Mansfield and Findlay at Fostoria in non-league tests.

Ross Hosts Mansfield Tomorrow

LORAIN — Ross high school's basketball tournament will take it easy Monday and collide with Mansfield, which currently holds down second place in the Buckeye Conference, Tuesday.

The Little Giants dropped a 57-41 decision to Lorain Saturday night. It dropped their mark in the league to 1-10 and overall mark to 3-12.

"We had the same problem against Lorain that we have against Elyria Friday," coach Alex Clark said. "We couldn't get the ball in the hoop during the second half.

"Our defense was outstanding. The kids gave it all they had but it was just another one of those nights."

Ross made 15 of 50 shots from the floor and was 11-22 at the charity stripe. Lorain connected on 21 of 53 field goal attempts and 15 of 23 free throws.

John Lewis and Rick Dudley accounted for more than half of the Ross point total. Lewis hit for 17 and Dudley had 10. Lorain's Cal Parker took game scoring honors with 25 points. Ed Sanchez had 13 and Bob Grassing finished with 10.

Ross trailed by only three points (25-22) at halftime. But the host opened the gap in the third

period when they held an 18-10 scoring advantage.

The Little Giants will play three conference games this week. After the Mansfield game, Admiral King invades the North street gym Friday and Findlay visits Saturday. The Findlay game closes out the regular season.

"I don't know how we're going to do," Clark says. "The pressure is really beginning to build up. Our kids just don't have time to rest. The school situation we had in the fall has finally caught up with us.

"Most of our players are juniors and it is a lot to ask any first-year player to play under the kind of pressure they've been subjected to."

Ross dropped the junior varsity game, 46-28.

Tomorrow night's reserve game will get underway at 6:30, 15 minutes earlier than usual.

The box score:

Ross (41)

Shearon 0-0-0; Dudley 4-2-10; Zimmerman 3-2-8; Lewis 5-7-17; Kridler 3-0-6; TOTALS—15-11-41.

Lorain (57)

Sanchez 5-3-13; Stephenson 0-2-2; Parker 9-7-25; Frank 1-0-2; Lane 2-0-4; Washington 0-1-1; Grassing 4-2-10; TOTALS—21-15-47.

Score By Quarters

	11	11	10	9-41
Ross				
Lorain	15	10	18	14-57



DRIVING THE LANE—Ross high's Dave Krider drove through a pack of Mansfield defenders as he canned this layup in the second half of Tuesday night's Buckeye Conference game at the Little Giant gym. Ross dropped a 55-53 decision.

(News-Messenger Photo)



WHO SAYS CHEERLEADERS AREN'T INVOLVED?—Ross high cheerleaders have suffered through 13 defeats with their favorite basketball team this season. The unlucky 13th came last night against Mansfield even though these four girls seem to be asking for a little help from up above. Watching

the action and praying are Pam Slane and Laurie Monahan while Conn Herr and Vicki Sherman bow their heads. Miss Sherman is the daughter of Ross athletic director Dick Sherman.

(News-Messenger Photo)

National Roundup

Iowa, OSU, Mount Display Firepower

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
Associated Press Sports Writer

Some of the fastest games in the Midwest—Iowa, Ohio State and Purdue's Rick Mount—put their own particular brand of basketball firepower on display Tuesday night but it was Drake and Louisville tied for the MVC Bulldogs' second best.

In a Texas shootout, Iowa, ninth-ranked Florida State, only team in The Associated Press' Top Ten to see action, crushed Florida Southern 96-74 while Austin Carr led No. 16 Notre Dame past St. John's, N.Y., 96-76.

Elsewhere, ninth-ranked Florida State, which is on

the 11th-ranked Bulldogs went three minutes of the second overtime period without scoring a point. The Buckeyes' last victory was against Iowa in 1969.

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Ross Entertains Buckeye Rivals Friday, Saturday

There is no rest for the Fremont Ross basketball team this weekend.

Coach Alex Clark's Little Giants, who lost to Mansfield Tuesday, 55-53, will entertain Buckeye Conference rivals Lorain Admiral King Friday and Findlay Saturday.

Admiral King is 5-8 in the league and 7-10 overall. Findlay has a 7-5 Buckeye report card and 11-5 mark overall. The Trojans might be battling for a share of the conference title when they invade the Little Giant gym.

Elyria and Mansfield are tied for the league lead with 9-4 marks. Lorain at 7-5 is a game behind the leaders and the Trojans are only a half game behind the Steelmen.

Elyria and Mansfield both close out their league schedule Friday. Elyria travels to Lorain and Mansfield is at Sandusky. Findlay hosts Marion. If Elyria and Mansfield should both lose and Findlay pick up a victory, it would put coach John Stozich's team only a half game behind the leaders going into the Ross encounter.

A victory over the Little Giants would create a four-way deadlock. If Mansfield or Elyria wins Friday, Findlay would be eliminated from title contention.

"It should be an interesting weekend," Clark comments. "I know our kids believe they can win both games. They lost to both teams earlier, but by only five points to Admiral King on their floor and we were in the game at Findlay until the last quarter.

"Both clubs will try to do what every other team does against us. They'll try to press us and also run. Our opponents feel this is the only way to get us out of our pattern offense.

"We have been playing good ball lately. A couple mistakes here and there have been what has really hurt us."

The Little Giants will go with Rick Dudley and Denny Shearon at the forward posts, Rusty Zimmerman at center and Dave Kridler and John Lewis at the guards.

Lewis is the leading scorer with 245 points, a 15.3 average. Kridler holds down the second spot with

119. Shearon (110), Dudley (82), Tom Brough (81), Russ Zimmerman (81) and Denny O'Brien (66) follow.

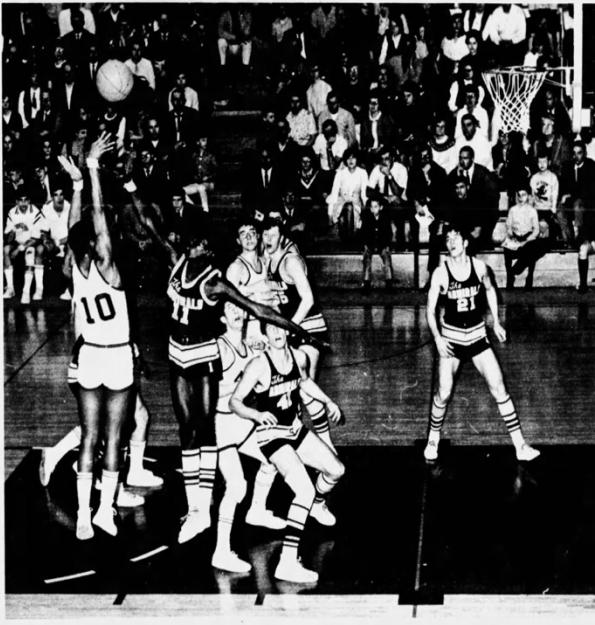
Zimmerman's 109 rebounds lead the team in that department. Lewis' 95 hold down the second spot. Shearon is third with 91.

Baseball Decide T Pilots In

CHICAGO (AP) — "The American League has given up \$650,000 for Lent," a baseball club owner quipped on Ash Wednesday.

It just about sums up a stormy two days of financial football by the league in attempts to turn the Seattle Pilots in the direction of the goal.

But when the meetings broke up, the owners were back where



EYES LEFT—Attention of Fremont Ross and Lorain Admiral King players and the fans in the stands are concentrated on Ross' John Lewis (10) as he tries jump shot during the second half of last night's game at the Little Giant gym.

Findlay Here Tonight

Admiral King Stings Little Giants

By MARK CARLSON

N-M Sports Editor

It sounds impossible but Lorain Admiral King shot 73.1 per cent from Fremont Ross from the floor in the second half at the Little Giant gym last night.

The one statistic tells the whole story surrounding the latest Ross loss—76-40.

"You can't do much when somebody shoots like they did," commented Ross' mentor Alex Clark. "They shot 58.1 per cent from the field for the whole game."

"Our kids weren't doing anything wrong. King did it to us from the floor," Taylor (Dong) got a couple of easy buckets but that was it.

"The rest of their kids were shooting from 20 to 25 feet out and everything was going in. I don't think I've ever seen anyone shoot for a half like they did."

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Taylor and Gary Deidrick had four apiece and Ed McCall scored two.

The Little Giants got 12 points in the quarter—four field goals and four free throws.

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Sandusky Bay Conference Roundup

Margaretta, Gibsonburg, Clyde Complete League Slates With Victories

Six teams completed their Sandusky Bay Conference 21.

Margaretta, which finished

second, beat Huron, 95-74.

Lakota blazed

Clyde, 95-74, and Gib-

sonburg tripped Fostoria St.

Wendelin, 95-74.

Conference champion San-

dusky St. Mary's beat Fremont

St. Joseph, 106-78.

The game

didn't count in the league

standings, however.

Fostoria St.

Wendelin, the other league

member was idle.

At Castalia, Margaretta pulled

away from the Tigers in the second

quarter.

Castalia's Gary O'

ordal's Polar Bears, who finished

62 in the conference and 13-5

overall, held a 25-2 lead in the

second stanza.

Steve Keller

had 10 of

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Borchardt, who missed several

practices this week because of

illness, was four-for-five from the

field. As a team, Margaretta

made 26 of 73 field goal attempts.

The Polar Bears were 21-33 at the

line.

Huron made 19 of 59 field goal

attempts and 12 of 17 free throws.

High scorers for the Tigers were

Ronnie Payne (14) and Bill

O'Hara (11).

At Fostoria, Gibsonburg rode

to its ninth victory on the scoring

of Carl Balsizer.

The 6-3 junior center had 28 points to lead both teams.

Dick Ernsthausen (14), Jim

Stout (13) and Pat Sheffer (12)

finished in double figures for

coach Carl Asenheimer.

Gibsonburg had only one more

field goal than the hosts but the

Golden Bears converted 21 free

throws.

St. Wendelin made 14.

At Findlay, Lorain Harding

beat the Polar Bears 55-44.

Findlay's Gary O'

ordal's Polar Bears, who

were 21-33 at the charity

line.

Findlay shot well enough to win

on most nights, making 50 per

cent of its shots.

The Fliers made 28-56 from the field and

18-27 at the line.

"Anytime you shoot 50 per cent

from the floor, you expect to win."

Flier mentor Ron Ray said, "but

tonight wasn't one of those

nights.

Lakota just blustered the

nets.

It was our best offensive

game of the season."

Gary Emery and Scott

Daugherty paced the Flier off-

ense with 24 and 19 points,

respectively.

Curt Ransom added

13 to the total.

Lakota's high man was senior

cautious Crimson Streaks fans

to get to the gym early since

Mansfield always brings a large

cheering section.

Door 21 gym will open at

1:30 p.m. A standing room only

crowd is expected.

The reserve game starts at 2 p.m.

and the varsity contest will start 20

minutes after the completion of

that contest.

St. Joseph Box Score

St. Joseph (78)

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COACH CLARK

Giants Meet Willard In Opening Game; Coaches Give Lewis Second Team Berth

Fremont Ross won't have an easy assignment when it meets Willard in a first round AA tournament game at Sandusky high school Friday at 7 p.m.

"The game will be tough," comments Ross coach Alex Clark. "Willard will run the fast break better than any team we've faced this year. That's saying a lot when you consider what we've run up against in the Buckeye Conference.

"If we beat them it will only be with an all-out effort. Our kids will need to play one of their better ball games."

Willard is a member of the Northern Ohio league, the same conference which encompasses three of the state's top seeded squads—Tiffin, Columbian, Bellevue and Norwalk. Willard lost to Columbian and Norwalk twice but split with Bellevue.

Willard will bring a 6-12 record into the game. But the point spread in the 18 games is a mere 36 points. In its losses, Willard was beaten only once by more than 10 points.

Coach Jerry Gill will go with a lineup consisting of Mike Buurma (6-7), Dave Frye (6-2), Frank

Wiers (6-2), Don Wilson (5-10) and Dale Slater (6-0).

Buurma, who's only a freshman, will be the biggest player the Little Giants have played against this season. He's averaging slightly more than 11 points a game.

"Offensively, he's getting better every game," Clark says. "Once he starts moving the basket he will be clear with the ball. He gets very good position on the offensive board, but physically he's not very strong."

Clark will choose his starting five from John Lewis, Dave Kridler, Denny Shearman, Rick Dudley, Russ Zimmerman and Denny O'Brien.

Lewis leads the team in scoring with 298 points in 18 games, a 16.5 average. Kridler has scored 131 points, Shearman (122), Dudley (94), Zimmerman (88) and O'Brien (41).

Tom Brough, who has scored 86 points, is the chief replacement when one of the guards gets in trouble.

Zimmerman and Lewis lead in the rebounding department with 117 and 114, respectively.

"To win we must continue to

play the type of ball we did in the Buckeye," Clark said. "We must, however, cut down in the number of turnovers."

"I have the same feeling about this game that I had about the first Sandusky contest. I just don't know how the kids are going to react. They might suffer a let down."

"After all, they just finished playing eight games in five days and might be thinking the worst is over. I hope not."

The Little Giant mentor indicated he has tried to add a little variety to the practice sessions this week.

"We've cut down on the practice times a little," Clark says. "It's no use changing everything in one week just for the tournament. We'll go with what we've used all season."

Coaches from the Buckeye Conference selected the all-conference team during a meeting Wednesday night. Ross' junior sharp-shooter John Lewis received a second team berth.

Six players were named to the first team, including three unanimous choices—Chris Reinhart (6-3, senior, Elyria),

John Farris (6-1, senior, Sandusky) and Cal Parker (6-3, senior, Lorain). Other first team selections were Oliver Hardman (6-1, senior, Marion), Greg Lishawa (6-2, senior, Findlay) and Jim Barnett (6-2, junior, Mansfield).

Hardman and Lishawa tied in the voting with four votes apiece.

Joining Lewis on the second team were Tim Kish (6-2, junior, Admiral King), Vince Pagan (6-2, senior, Mansfield), Larry Gipson (6-4, senior, Marion) and Larry James (5-10, senior, Elyria).

Named to the third team were Dan Fitzpatrick (6-2, senior, Elyria), Scott May (6-4, sophomore, Sandusky), Doug Taylor (6-1, sophomore, Admiral King), Ed Sanchez (6-1, senior, Lorain) and Rich Jesko (6-1, senior, Admiral King).

Ross center Rusty Zimmerman received one vote.

"I'm very pleased with the selections," Clark said. "The members of that first and second team are a great group of ball players. If we put the two teams against each other it would probably turn out to be a mighty darn good game."



JOHN LEWIS



MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS — Ross high school athletes were honored at a school assembly Thursday morning. Coaches in various sports presented the awards. Receiving most valuable player trophies were (left to right): Pat Aten (swimming), Joe

Widman (cross country), Jim Werling (football) and Dennis Billow (wrestling). Basketball player John Lewis was also named most valuable, but wasn't present when the photo was taken. (News-Messenger Photo)



TROPHY WINNERS — These Ross athletes were presented trophies Thursday for their various sporting accomplishments. In the first row are (left to right): Tom Liggins (football), Dave Alejandro (wrestling) and

Tom Brough (basketball); second row: Russ Zimmerman (basketball), Alan Stephenson (swimming), Mike Aten (swimming) and Mike Wetzel (football). (News-Messenger Photo)

Winter Sports Athletes Honored

Letters and awards were presented to winter sports athletes at Ross high school Thursday morning.

Highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the most valuable player awards. Pat Aten got the trophy for swimming, John Lewis (basketball) and Dennis Billow (wrestling).

Several other trophies were also awarded. In swimming, Hottinger, Jeff Keefer, Keith Mike Aten was rewarded for Livingston, Cecil Miller, Scott accumulating the most points Nahm, Felix Robles, Bob Rousen, and Alan Stephenson was cited Mark Semer and Alan Stephenson.

Russ Zimmerman was presented the captain's trophy for basketball. Tom Brough received the Dave Brocksieker Award for being the best foul shooter.

Dave Alejandro was named the outstanding sophomore. Senior Larry Reiter was named the most improved.

Several other athletes who were to receive trophies in the fall were also awarded at the assembly. The group included Jim Werling, Dan Hill, Mike Wetzel, Tom Liggins and Robin Young. They were honored for

their football accomplishments. Cross country contestant Joe Widman received a trophy for being the most valuable in that sport.

The award winners: **Swimming** — Mike Aten, Pat Aten, Andrew Christensen, Pat Collins, Scott Dabrunz, Tim Dabrunz, Mike

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Most Valuable — Pat Aten. **High Point** — Mike Aten.

Most Improved — Alan Stephenson.

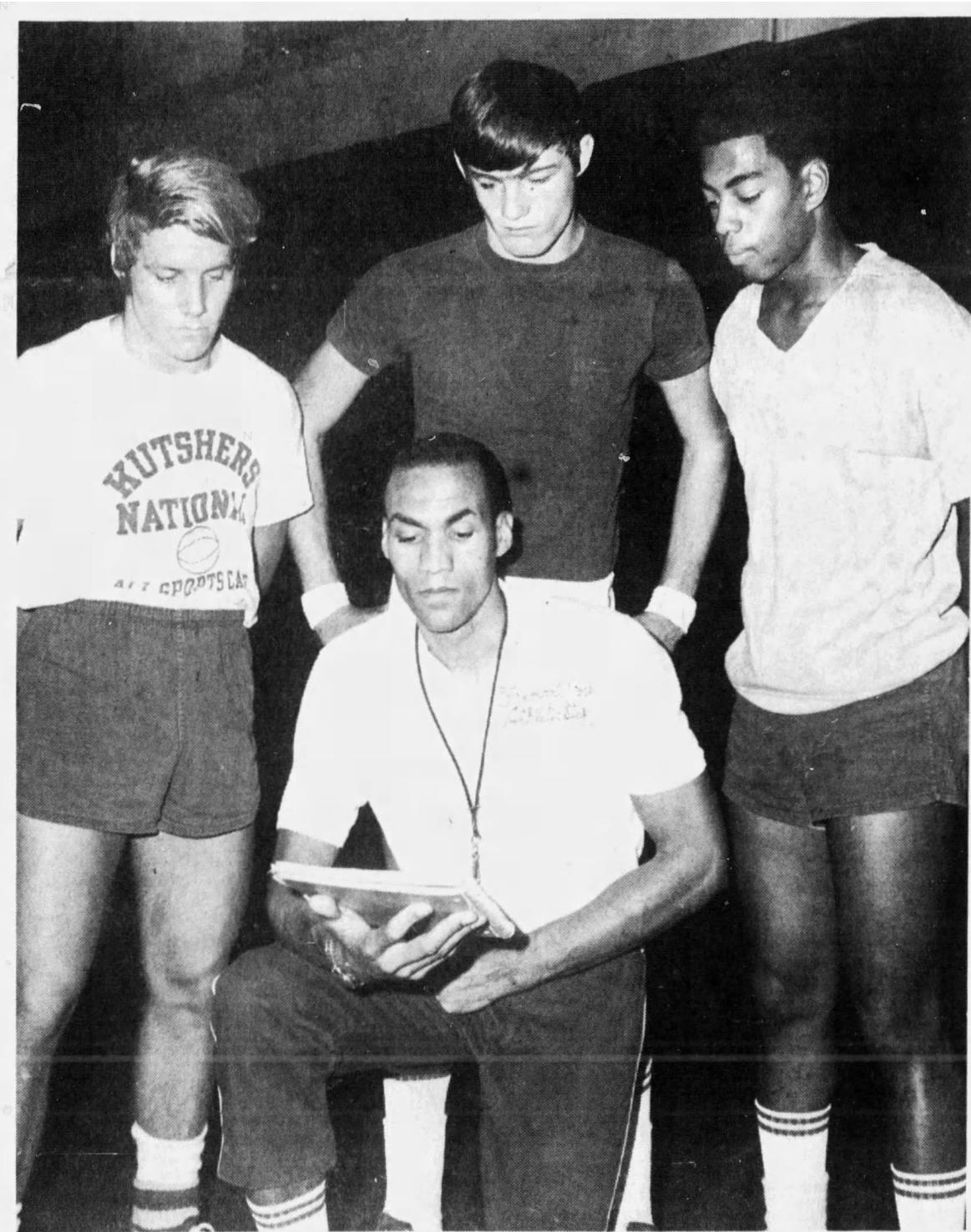
Basketball — Russ Zimmerman, Dennis O'Brien, Tom Brough, Jim Werling, Kerry Pitts, Daryl Knipp, John Lewis, Rick Dudley.

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OUTLINING PRACTICE SCHEDULE — Fremont Ross high school basketball coach Alex Clark (kneeling) outlines Monday's practice schedule to three returning lettermen—Dave Kridler, Denny Shearon and John Lewis. Clark had 17 candidates report for the varsity and reserve teams. Fifteen more candidates are

expected once the Little Giant football team completes its schedule. The Ross cagers open their season at Fostoria Saturday, November 28. Monday was the first day the Ohio High School Athletic Association allowed teams to practice. (News-Messenger Photo)

