

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.

Hoopsters Open At Marion

Ross Gets Its Chance



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

Kridler (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).

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.

"I feel we'll have a lot better team than we did last year," Coach Alex Clark said Wednesday. "The kids have a great attitude and want to win."

"I'll tell you one thing—we want this game with Marion. The kids are hungry."

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 Kridler (5-5, 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 been able to spend more time showing the kids what we want to do, especially on defense."

"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 Kahle 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 Kahle) 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 Whitmer.

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; Hornes 0-2-2; TOTALS— 21-19-61

Score By Quarters

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

Akron Garfield article not available



TRAPPED—Denny Shearon (30) and John Lewis (10) defend Elyria's Dan Fitzpatrick during the first half action at the Little Giants' gym last night. Fitzpatrick, the second leading scorer for Elyria, was held to only six points, far

below his average. Also shown are Denny O'Brien (24), Dave Kridler and Rich Pletch (25). Ross won its first game of the season, 47-46. (News-Messenger Photo)

Admiral King's Tonight Ross Upsets Pioneers

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor
Denny Shearon, Denny O'Brien, Russ Zimmerman, John Lewis, Dave Kridler, Kerry Pitts and Tom Brough.

"Anything we asked the boys to do they did. Most of the time they did it well," Clark continued. "What else can be said? We told our kids to stand in the paths of their forwards in the early part of the game and get knocked down to pick up the offensive foul call. They did it."

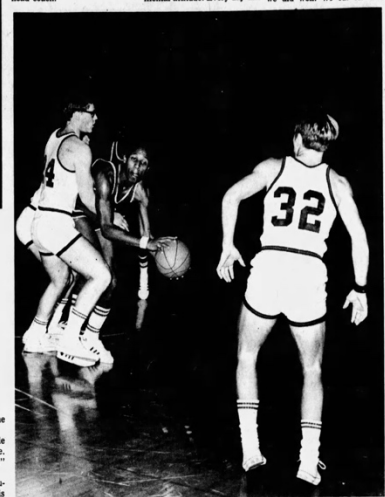
"Those Pioneers kids deserve the credit. They were prepared to come out and win the game. They hustled every minute."

Clark credited the Little Giants' defense with providing the key to victory.

"For the most part our defense was tremendous," Clark said. "Everything we started out to do we did well. We cut off their

inside game, forcing them to take the 15 and 20 foot jump shots. In the first half they only got the ball inside two or three times.

"It was different at the end. They got a couple of tips and some easy buckets. We knew we needed to shut off their fast break. We didn't stop them as much as I wanted. When they did get the ball off they were still taking the long shots."



"One of the keys," Clark continued, "was turnovers. We only had four. We have them for 13, seven in the first quarter. It shook up their offense."

In discussing the Ross attack, Clark continually used the word "patience."

"We stayed in our basic offense for the most part and didn't take too many foolish shots," Clark said. "Our patience really paid off especially when Elyria started to use the zone and we just kept moving the ball around until we got the open shot."

Ross connected on 19 of 40 field goal attempts. Elyria was 14-41. Elyria stayed in the game on the strength of its accurate foul shooting. The Pioneers were 18-20 at the charity line. Ross, on the other hand, connected on 9 of 17 free throws.

WHERE DO I THROW IT?—Elyria's Laron (22) is moving in to help out his team mates. O'Brien (24) and another unidentified Ross player block his path. Dave Kridler (25) is in the background.

The visiting Pioneers maintained their two point margin at halftime as each squad added 12 points to its total in the second quarter. John Lewis and Kridler combined for eight of the Little Giants' total.

Ross still trailed by two at the end of the third period, 34-32. In the wild fourth quarter, the Little Giants jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first 1:34 on Denny Shearon's two jumpers, but didn't score another point until 1:06 was left in the period when spunky Dave Kridler canned a foul shot.

The visitors' narrow gap, however, when Terry Jones scored a field goal. Both teams traded buckets and with 2:14 left, Ross was winning 44-42.

A foul shot by Kridler made it 45-42 and Brough connected on both tosses in a one-and-one situation making it 47-42 with 1:17 remaining. Ross missed the first free throw to add to the margin when Brough missed the first free throw in the one-and-one with 49 seconds left.

Questionable Elements Plague AFL Contenders

By MIKE RATHET
Associated Press Sports Writer
OAKLAND (AP) — The Oakland Raiders and Kansas City Chiefs meet Sunday in the last American Football League game in history, each team carrying one questionable element into the championship struggle for survival on the road to the Super Bowl.

The questionable elements are the game plan for the Chiefs and the condition of wide receiver Warren Wells for the Raiders — remained the focal points as the teams began the final countdown for the 49th AFL game that pulls down the curtain on the upstart league.

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With quarterback Len Dawson still hobbed by a leg injury, Stram employed a ground-based offense the last time the clubs met. Dawson attempted only six passes as the Chiefs lost to the Raiders 19-4.

Raiders 19-4 — their seventh defeat in the last eight games at the hands of Oakland. Stram has closely guarded his plans for this game but he says, "Both teams came through playoffs two weeks ago, and the Raiders shipped Houston 56-7 and the Chiefs edged the defending champion New York Jets 13-10, to qualify for game No. 616 — the last of the AFL's 10th season and the last in its history."

Woodmore Controls Top Spot
WOODVILLE — Woodmore high school took the lead in the Lakeshore Conference basketball standings last night with a hard fought 76-71 victory over Northwood.

Los Angeles trailed New Orleans by 17 points in the third period and a frantic rally brought the Stars within one before the Buys wrapped it up on two free throws by Steve Jones in the final minute. Jones was the game's high scorer with 29 points while Willie Higginover had 27 for the Stars.

Gene Moore paced Kentucky past Eastern Michigan 74-64. Louie Dampier added 24. Steve Johnson had 27 and John Lewis had 26 for the Tigers. The Colorado took the lead for good in the sea-saw struggle on Oliver Darden's jump shot with six minutes left 39-36.

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Browns Vs. Vikings Quarterbacks Hold Key To NFL Championship

By JACK HANDE
Associated Press Sports Writer
ST. PAUL, MINN. (AP) — Joe Kapp and Bill Nelsen, a pair of take-charge quarterbacks, are the key men in

Sunday's National Football League title game between the favored Minnesota Vikings and the Cleveland Browns. Game time is 1 p.m. EST. Nelsen, 28, operates out of a

playoff situation. I can't believe there is the same relationship as during regular season. The Dallas score last Sunday (38-14) was not indicative of the strength of the two clubs."

"Dallas has a fine football team. I hope our 51-0 loss is not an indication of the relative strength of these two clubs."

Both coaches reported their clubs in good shape physically. The Browns worked out at home and flew Friday night.

The Metropolitan Stadium field, where Sunday's game will be played, has been covered since last Saturday. Unless it rains during the game, it should be in good condition.

Only the weatherman knows the real story of Sunday's game that will send the winner into the rich Super Bowl against the American Football Championship Jan. 11 at New Orleans.

The weather predicts the high Sunday to reach 18 degrees, or about seven degrees colder than it was for the Los Angeles-Minnesota game a week earlier in the regular season and ago.

Heralded Rookies Pace NBA Squads

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Low Alexander and Connie Hawkins, the National Basketball Association's most heralded newcomers, showed why Friday night.

Alexander, the 7-foot-2 rookie from UCLA, erupted for 41 points and held Willis Reed to 10 at the Milwaukee Bucks beat the New York Knicks for the first time ever 119-105.

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Colangelo Has Mixed Emotions About Post

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Jerry Colangelo says he has mixed emotions about taking over as coach of the Phoenix Suns of the National Basketball Association.

In his debut, the Suns edged San Diego 121-102 Friday night after coach Johnny Kerr announced his resignation earlier in the day.

Colangelo, 29, has never coached. He played at the University of Illinois, and served as director of merchandising and chief scout for the Chicago Bulls before coming to Phoenix in 1968.

Kerr coached the Bulls for two years before accepting the Phoenix post. He held up a 42-101 mark while at Chicago and was 31-49 during his two years at Phoenix.

"John will remain in the organization," said Colangelo. "He will assume scouting duties as chief scout. He is a tremendous asset to our organization because of his basketball knowledge and being the warm, personable guy he is."

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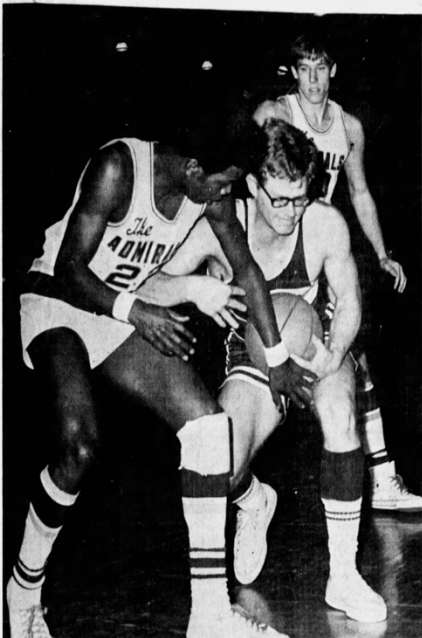
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GET OUT OF MY WAY—Denny O'Brien of Ross cradles ball with one hand while politely showing the elbow into the side of Admiral King's Doug Taylor Saturday night. Officials noted the infraction, however, and called a foul on O'Brien. Tim Kish is the player 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 on a spectacular shooting demonstration in the first half Saturday night but couldn't maintain the pace in the second 16 minutes and dropped a 59-54 Buckeye Conference decision to Admiral King.

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 tosses.

"You can't take anything away from our kids," said Ross mentor Alex Clark. "After the game they played Friday night (Ross trimmed Elyria, 47-46) they came back and played only a few degrees off the performance they gave the night before. You can't ask for much more."

"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 the only time."

Admiral King used Rich Jesko and Eddie McCall even though both have been 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 16-14.

"I think we forced 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."

Jesko and McCall also aided the Admirals offensive machine. Jesko, 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 43-39 going into the final quarter. But field goals by Barry Prossak and McCall gave King a 43-42 lead.

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

Kerry Pitts put the Little Giants back in the scoring column with a short jumper with 4:26 remaining making it 48-43. After King's Gary Deidrick connected on a jumper 16 seconds later the contest turned into a battle of foul shooters.

Only one more field goal was recorded in the final four minutes. Brough cashed in with a jumper when only 44 seconds remained making it 55-51 King.

In the final four minutes, King and Ross both made five of 10 foul shots. The real story involved the one-and-one situation.

Ross had the bonus opportunity four times and only made both shots once. The Little Giants made the first shot once and didn't cash in at all on two occasions.

King had six opportunities. The Admirals made both shots once and made the first shot three times.

Ross is no 1-3 overall and 1-2 in league play. Admiral King has a 6-3 log and shows a 3-4 mark in the conference.

The Little Giants will play two games this weekend. Friday night a league encounter is slated at Mansfield and Tiffin Columbus hosts the local squad Saturday.

Chieftains Beat Vanlue

VANLUE—Hopewell-Loudon boosted its record to 9-2 with a 75-67 victory over Vanlue Saturday night. Vanlue is now 4-4.

The Chieftains trailed by three at halftime, but were leading by one at the end of the third quarter and then poured 30 points through the nets in the final eight minutes.

Four Hopewell-Loudon players finished in double figures. Clint Clouse sparked the attack with 21. Larry Kisheth added 15. Jeff Reinhard scored 14 and Dave Comer ended the evening with 12. Hopewell-Loudon shot 41 per cent (27-67) from the floor and 41 per cent (21-30) from the charity line.

Hopewell-Loudon (75):
Reinhard 4-8, Reinhard 4-24, Kisheth 5-15, Clouse 7-21, Comer 4-12, Sasser 1-5. TOTALS: 27-67.

Vanlue (67):
Stone 2-6, Givens 4-11, Spencer 4-11, S. Stone 7-15, Phillips 0-8. TOTALS: 25-76.

Score By Quarters:
Hopewell-Loudon 15 15 15 30-75
Vanlue 18 15 11 25-62

Admiral King won the reserve game, 35-33.

In other Buckeye games, Sandusky trimmed Mansfield, 74-58, Elyria got by Lorain, 70-43 and Findlay beat Marion 54-44.

Ross (54):
O'Brien 1-7, Shearon 2-6, Zimmerman 0-3, Pitts 2-8, Lewis 4-6, Brough 4-11, Dudley 0-1, Kridler 2-24. TOTALS: 18-64.

Admiral King (39):
Taylor 3-7, Reinhard 1-3, Prossak 1-3, Kish 5-10, Jesko 2-4, Deidrick 2-5, McCall 3-7. TOTALS: 22-59.

Score By Quarters:
Ross 16 14 12 12-54
King 14 17 8 20-59

Wildcats Beat Oak

Four Wildcat Rocket Victory

WOODVILLE — Woodmore high school recorded its fourth straight victory in whipping Oak Harbor 80-66 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 Rospert, led 25-9 at the quarter.

Rospert accounted for 11 of the total. Pat Johns added five, Tom Rymers (4), Charlie Loutzenhiser (3) and Mark Heinerman (2). Four Wildcats finished the evening in double figures — Rospert (27), Johns (21), Rymers (15) and Heinerman (11).

Tony Gaines (22), Ray Windisch (13) and Bob Grinnam (10) paced the Oak Harbor attack.

Woodmore had its best night shooting from the floor. Coach Jim Smith's squad connected on 39 of 77 shots for 51 per cent. At the charity line, the winners were 12-30 at the line. Oak Harbor was 22-43 from the field and 23-37 in free throws.

The box score:
Oak Harbor (66):
Makoni 0-10, Baumgartner 0-11, Brunkhordt 2-15, Tol Gates 10-22, Brown 2-10, Brown 0-2, Windisch 1-1.

Woodmore (80):
Rospert 11-27, Johns 11-21, Rymers 4-15, Loutzenhiser 3-11, Smith 2-4, Grinnam 10-13, Gaines 22-22, Windisch 13-13, Tol Gates 10-22, Brown 2-10, Brown 0-2, Windisch 1-1.

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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 experience 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; Camaron 2-0-4; TOTALS—20-17-57.

Score By Quarters

	Ross						
	15	19	14	4	52		
Mansfield	16	17	9	16	57		
	League				Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	
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 45. (News-Messenger Photo)

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

By MARK CARLSON
N-M Sports Editor

TIFFIN — Theme for 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 60-48 loss at Tiffin Columbian.

The Little Giants, who had played brilliantly in their 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 the team leaders to regroup and prepare for Tuesday night's invasion by arch rival 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, needs a win 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 on four field goals and a free throw. Steve King and

"Sandusky likes to run the fast break and when they go to the Bigner led the Tornado attack pattern offense they want to get with 14 and 11 points, respectively. To beat them we need to stop those two guys."

Ross trailed Columbian by only four points (18-18) at halftime. But Columbian reeled off 21 points in the third quarter. Ross scored only eight in the same period. Lewis has now racked up 82 points in the first six games. The Columbian junior varsity guard took Little Giant scoring honors for the sixth straight game with 14. Tom Brough connected for 10 and Dave Kridler added nine.

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Both Columbian squads are now 10-1 on the campaign. The Sandusky game is the start of a three-game week for the Little Giants. Ross hosts Marion in another conference game Friday and travels to Huron Saturday.

The box score:

Ross (45)
Shearon 3-6; O'Brien 0-1; Worling 0-0; Pitts 0-0; Zimmerman 0-0; Knapp 0-1; Lewis 7-14; Brough 5-8; Kridler 4-9; Dudley 1-0; Smith 1-0; TOTALS—21-34.

Columbian (48)
Gidding 4-8; Leachner 0-0; Hunt 3-12; King 5-14; Cook 0-0; Bigner 1-1; Oberlander 0-0; Florence 1-5; Herron 4-9; Everhart 0-0; TOTALS—23-34.

Score By Quarters
Ross 10 18 8 22-45
Columbian 10 9 21 28-40

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
Mansfield	5	2	.714	-	6	3
Elyria	5	3	.625	½	7	3
Findlay	4	3	.571	1	9	3
Lorain	4	3	.571	1	6	4
Sandusky	3	4	.428	2	6	4
Marion	3	5	.375	2½	4	7
Admiral King	3	5	.375	2½	4	6
Fremont	1	3	.250	2½	1	5

Saturday's Results:

Tiffin Columbian 60, Fremont Ross 45
Sandusky 48, Bellevue 46
Akron Buchtel 95, Lorain 70
Findlay 76, 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

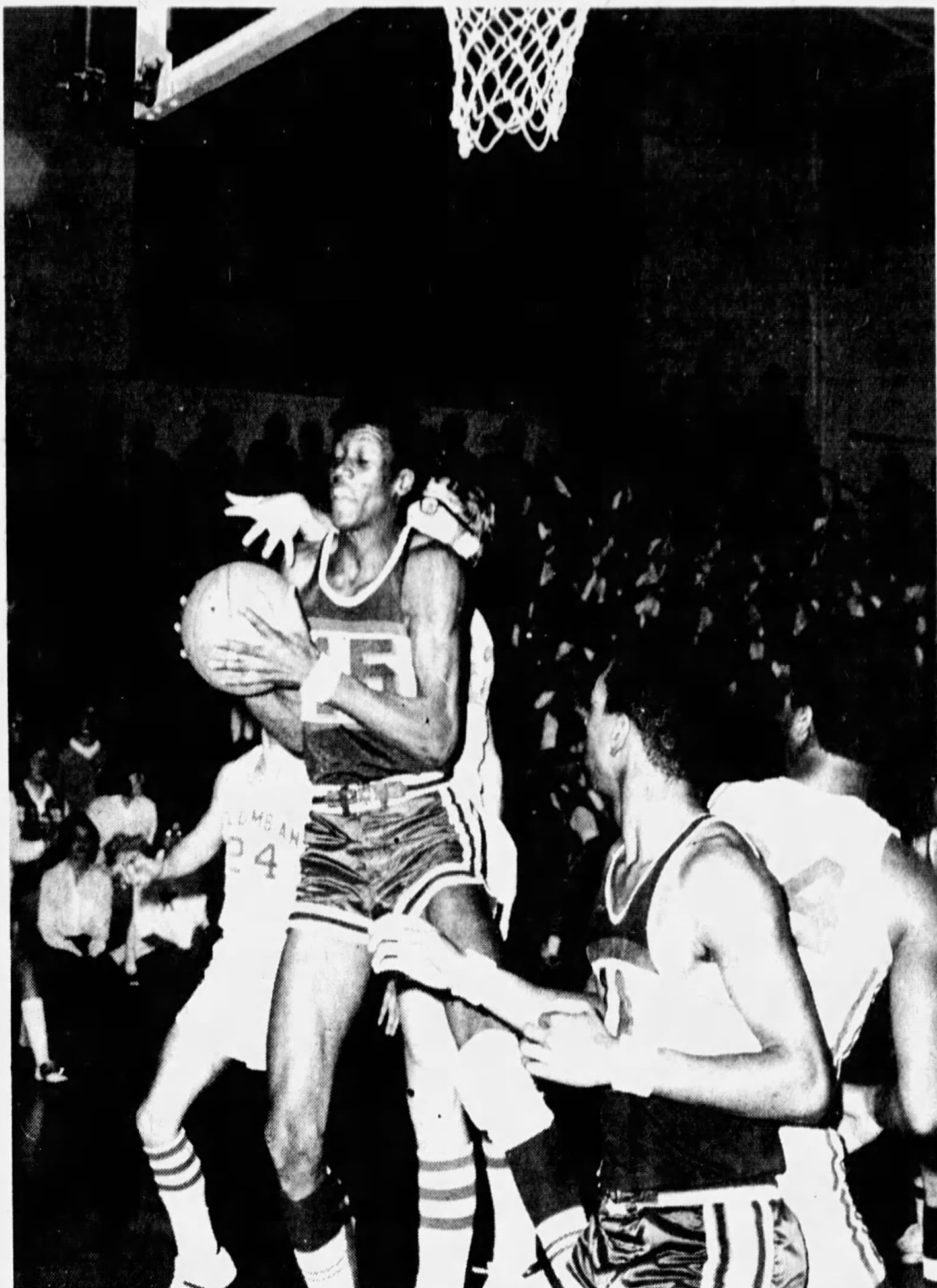
	League			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L
Sandusky St. Mary's	4	0	1.000	-	9	1
St. Wendelin	3	1	.750	1	6	3
Clyde	2	1	.667	1½	6	3
Gibsonburg	1	1	.500	2	4	4
Margaretta	1	1	.500	2	5	4
St. Joseph	2	2	.500	2	5	4
Huron	1	2	.333	2½	2	8
Lakota	0	2	.000	3	3	6
Oak Harbor	0	4	.000	4	1	9

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
Margaretta 62, Huron 57
Sandusky St. Mary's 91, Perkins 60

Monday's Games:

St. Joseph at Margaretta
Tuesday's Game:
Huron at Gibsonburg



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 Denn 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)

Sandusky Nips Ross, 52-48 'Kids Couldn't Play Better'

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor
Fremont 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 heart-breaking 52-48 decision 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 shut off their 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 Farris (John). We had two guys back on him and he still drove to the bucket."
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-in by Russ Zimmerman.
Sandusky got the winning

bucket 15 seconds later when Mark Deming flipped one in from under the hoop.
Ross had a chance to tie the score but Denny Shearon missed the first shot in a one-and-one situation with nine seconds remaining.
The Blue Streaks bury Scott May iced the contest with two free throws made by Denny Shearon. 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. "It 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 coach. Alex is doing a heckuva job over here."
"They play good defense and take only the good shot on offense. That Kridler (Dave) played a fine game for them."
Kridler, a 5-9 junior, hit double figures for the first time this season, bucketing 16 crucial points.
It was Kridler's five straight points that kept the Little Giants in the game early in the fourth quarter. The period started with Ross trailing 40-37.
But, Kridler hit a foul shot at the 7:07 mark making it 40-38. After May cashed in on a free throw, Kridler swished a 28-foot set shot making it 41-40. Farris then made a free throw before Kridler threw up another long distance shot that tickled the twice from about 20 feet away to tie the game at 42.
Farris scored five in a row making it 47-42 with 3:32 remaining. A tap-in by 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 16-8 in the second quarter and trailed by only four at intermission, 27-24.
Kridler, Shearon and Denny 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 canned a four line jumper with 5:19 remaining. Another Lewis jumping shot, O'Brien's follow-up field goal brought the margin down to five, 35-30. Ross never got closer than five until Shearon canned a field goal and Tom Brough hit a free throw to cut the gap to two 35-37.
The Ross junior varsity won its first game, 27-25. The Little Giants trailed 22-20 at the end of three quarters but held a 7-5 advantage in the final period. Mike Ruland scored 10 points for the winners.
reMARKS: By quarters Ross shot 2-15, 6-13, 6-15 and 4-9. Sandusky shot 6-13, 4-10, 6-9 and 3-7. The Little Giants were 12-19 at the line. Sandusky made 14 of 24 free throws. Ross entertained Marion Friday and travels to Huron Saturday. Marion beat the Little Giants 61-44 in the opening game of the season. Farris finished the night with 22 points. May had 14. Sandusky held a 40-38 edge in rebounding. Farris had 12 and May 10. Zimmerman pulled down eight caroms for Ross. Lewis and Shearon had seven apiece. O'Sandusky's 19 field goals eight were layups. Farris was 8-20 in the field goal department. Ross had 10 turnovers compared to Sandusky's nine.
The box score:
Ross (48): Shearon 4-8, Farris 1-6, Zimmerman 3-6, Pitts 1-2, Lewis 2-4, Denny O'Brien 4-8, Kridler 4-10, Brough 1-2. TOTALS—18-48.
Sandusky (52): May 5-14, Brough 2-4, Kridler 6-9, Kennedy 1-4, Farris 6-12, Chapman 1-4, TOTALS—29-52.
Score by Quarters
Sandusky 13 13 12 12
Ross 8 14 13 11



HEADING TO BUCKET—Ross high's Dave Kridler was fouled and converted two free throws on this play in last night's Sandusky game. Kridler was the leading scorer for the Little Giants with 16 points. Sandusky's Tim Kelley is trying to block the shot. (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 reopen 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 USTF was created by the NCAA in its war with the Amateur 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 it to the death."

Burns agreed, saying, "On behalf of the college, I am investigating with legal counsel the possibilities 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."

Winter 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.
Sandusky St. Mary's at (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.)
Margaretta, 6:30 p.m.
Maumee at Genoa, 4 p.m.
Friday
Basketball
Marion at Fremont Ross (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.)
Tiffin Calvert at Fremont St. Joseph (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.)
Fostoria St. Wendelin at Margaretta (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.)
Republic at Fort (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.)
New Riegel at Hopewell-Low-ville (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.)
Genoa at Clinton (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.)
Woodmore at Northwood (Varsity and Reserve, 6:45 p.m.)
New Riegel at Arcadia (Var-

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Controversial Case Continues

Yale Continues Fighting

WASHINGTON (AP)—The case of Yale's ineligible basketball player was back in the hands of the NCAA today following a stormy meeting of the affiliated Eastern College Athletic Conference that began with Yale being put on probation and wound up in limbo.

The latest episode in the controversial affair brought fireworks from the 190-member ECAC Tuesday when the organization's executive council submitted to a special meeting a resolution slapping Yale with probation until June 30, 1971.

But after two hours of heated discussion ranging from morality to legality, climaxed by a 66-30 vote, the council went back into closed session and an hour later withdrew the resolution pending further study.

The 15-man council said it

would meet again later this month to decide whether to re-submit the resolution—automatically placing Yale on probation.

In the meantime, the NCAA holding its annual convention here, was expected to take some action against the prestigious Ivy League university Thursday. The penalty could range from a slap on the wrist to probation.

Yale has violated both NCAA and ECAC rules by playing Jack Langer, a 6-foot-8 center, who participated with Yale's All eight Ivy League presidents have backed Yale's decision.

In a battle with the Amateur Athletic Union over control of 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 unworkable," said Frank Broyles, 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 here.

"When you use up your two visits, you have to involve your alumni and they don't know the rules," Broyles told newsman Tuesday. "And if they are successful businessmen, it is only human nature for them to try anything not to lose a boy their school is interested in."

The NCAA had 41 amendments before it today, including four concerning alleged recruiting abuses.

If passed, the NCAA would

two the number of expense-paid visits a high school student could make to a campus and prohibit the contacting of a high school athlete at the site of competition in which he is a participant.

Broyles, along with Paul Dietzel of South Carolina—president of the AFCA—and Charles McLendon of Louisiana State agreed that the other recruiting changes were, as he described them, insignificant and, in fact, said the restriction against travel to a high school athlete at the site of competition was a good one.

"I wouldn't want the pros visiting one of my ball players in the locker room after a victory during the season," said Broyles.

OHSAA Approves

Basketball Classic

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—The 1970 Ohio North-South Basketball Classic at Marion June 20 has been sanctioned by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

The OHSAA board of control, in other action Tuesday, elected Redwood Principal Robert Rozala

gran, the NCAA had refused to sanction the Macabiah Games basketball competition, although it approved all other sports.

Walter Byers, executive director of the NCAA, said the move was designed to "persuade" the AAU to give up the fight.

"The Langer case has become a matter of principle," said DeLaney Kipphut, Yale's director of athletics. "Yale has no intention of letting Jack Langer be used as a pawn between two groups seeking control over amateur basketball and we will not punish him by denying him the right to play basketball."

All eight Ivy League presidents have backed Yale's decision.

Denver Moves Into Second

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Rockets fired to the Denver Rockets who were struggling along with an 11-21 record? They're the same Denver Rockets who have a 22-21 mark and are tied for second place in the American Basketball Association's Western Division.

The Rockets fired to their 11th straight victory Tuesday night, 138-122 over Pittsburgh, to deadlock Dallas and remain four games behind first-place New Orleans.

Rookie Spencer Haywood scored 35 points and grabbed 28 rebounds and Larry Jones knned in 30 points for Denver. Jones needs 16 points to become the first ABA player to score 5,000 points in a career.

Arvesta Kelly topped Pittsburgh with 26 points.

Washington nipped Dallas 122-121 and New Orleans walked New York 126-106 in other ABA action.

Washington went ahead of Dallas for good, 112-110, on two foul shots by Roland Taylor. Rick Barry and Mike Barrett led the winners with 24 points each. Glen Combs paced Dallas with 26.

New Orleans broke its game with New York open in the third quarter, outscoring the Nets 37-21, as Red Robbins scored 13 points and Jack Moreland 12.

Steve Jones topped New Orleans scorers with 25 points. Moreland finished with 30 and Robbins 18. Walt Simon scored 29 for New York.

Hall, Hull Picked As NHL All-Stars

MONTREAL (AP)—Glenn Hall and Bobby Hull, two National Hockey League stars who have seen little action this year, were named to the NHL All-Star team. Hall, of the Los Angeles Kings, and Hull, of the Montreal Canadiens, were named to the team in St. Louis next Tuesday.

Scotty Bowman, coach of the St. Louis Blues and the West Division All-Stars, asked special permission, especially since the game is in St. Louis, to name goalie Hall of the Blues as an added starter, allowing the veteran netminder to play in his 12th All-Star Game.

Hall has played in only 10 games this season.

Left-winger Bobby Hull of the Chicago Black Hawks, chosen for the East All-Stars by Coach Claude Ruel of Montreal Canadiens, has played in only 24 games following early season contract troubles.

Hull has 12 goals and 10 assists.

The two coaches Tuesday announced their choice of players to supplement the 12 from each division selected earlier by members of the National Hockey League Writers Association.

Connally Named

Top MAC Player

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Jim Connally of Bowling Green, who won a battle with mononucleosis last summer to rejoin the Falcons, has been named the Mid-American Conference basketball player of the week.

"He looked like the Connally of old," said BJ Coach Bob Conibear of the 6-foot-7 junior center, who led the Falcons to a 86-65 upset victory over Ohio University Saturday.

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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.

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.

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

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

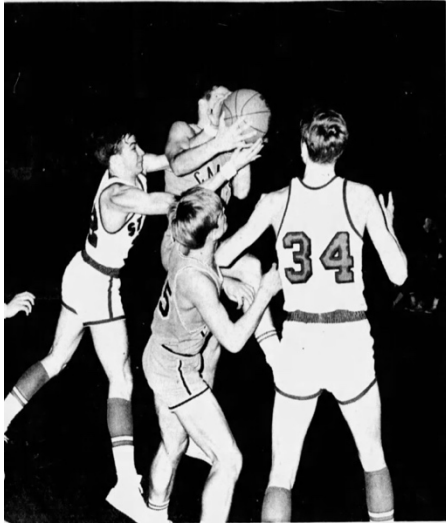
Gun Store (81)

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



D-Fremont St. Joseph's Jim n Calvert player for rebound Joe won the game 69-68. Other St. Joe players in the photo are Tim Shetzer (extreme left) and Dan Fey (34). (News-Messenger Photo)



OUT OF THE PACK—Ross and Marion players have their eyes turned toward Denny 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 express just keeps right on rolling. The Blue Jackets, who are ranked third in the Associated Press' Class A basketball poll this week, made Hopewell-Loudon their 12th victim Friday night, 90-69.

Coach Jere Carrick's squad led by only eight points—18-19—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 Arcadia Saturday, placed four men in double figures. Larry Gase, who scored 12 in the big second quarter, finished the evening with 27. Bob Schrengost had 21. Paul Giesper 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

New Riegel's junior varsity took a 49-46 overtime decision in the preliminary game.

The box score:
New Riegel (86) 35-11, Kunt 4-9, TOTALS—35-20-90
Hopewell-Loudon (69) Ritzler 6-24, Reinhard 6-17, Kunt 4-20, Gase 4-12, Giesper 2-6, Schrengost 4-12, TOTALS—26-17-69

Score By Quarters
New Riegel 18 22 20 22-69
Hopewell-Loudon 10 16 20 23-69

Wildcats Come From Behind To Register 72-66 Victory

OTTAWA HILLS—Trailing by many as 10 points in the second half (42-32), took the lead on a field goal by Rymer with 6:22 remaining. The Wildcats made 25 of 36 field goal attempts and converted 22 of 33 foul shots. Ottawa Hills made 25 of 30 from the floor and was 16-26 at the line.

Woodmore has another key conference game slated for Saturday night. The Wildcats travel to Northwood, Northwood is 3-1 in league play. The only loss in the conference for the Rangers

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 2-10 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 5:33 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 55-48. Dudley and Hartman traded buckets and it was 57-50 with 3:43 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.

reMARK(s): 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, 8-14 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	10
O'Brien	2-5	0-1	2	4	4
Zimmerman	1-1	3-4	8	2	5
Pitts	0-0	0-3	3	1	0
Lewis	7-12	15-18	4	4	29
Dudley	3-6	0-0	3	1	4
Kridler	3-10	0-1	0	4	4
Brough	0-2	0-1	0	3	0
Totals	20-44	18-28	22	30	58

Marion (62)					
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TOT
Hardman	5-10	12-14	4	4	22
Owens	2-6	2-6	6	2	8
La Gipson	6-8	5-6	7	3	17
La Gipson	3-6	1-1	2	2	7
Johnston	1-2	2-2	2	4	4
Gifford	1-1	0-0	1	2	2
Therpe	0-0	1-2	2	1	1
Reese	0-0	2-2	2	4	2
Totals	19-32	25-32	28	22	62

Score By Quarters					
Marion	10	24	11	18-62	
Ross	15	8	18	19-58	

Buckeye Conference

	League			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L
Mansfield	6	2	.750	—	7	3
Elyria	6	3	.667	½	8	3
Sandusky	5	4	.556	1½	8	4
Findlay	4	4	.500	2	9	4
Lorain	4	4	.500	2	6	5
Marion	4	5	.444	2½	5	7
Admiral King	3	6	.333	3½	4	7
Fremont	1	5	.167	4	1	7

Last Night's Scores:

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

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 come 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 had trouble getting the ball in the hoop."

Ross had one of its poorer nights from the field making only 16 of 44 attempts. But the Little Giants converted 23 of 30 at the foul line.

Huron made 48 per cent (19-40) of its field goals and 67 per cent (10-15) 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 leader 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 Deany 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 49-48 with 1:10 on the clock. But Brough then made two free throws upping the margin to three—51-48—with 30 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 living game the night before. We went to the pressure midway through the first half to narrow the gap and got within one (26-25) 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 and Findlay."

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

The box score:

Ross (55)
Shearon 44-12; O'Brien 1-1-1; Zimmerman 8-2-3; Lewis 4-7-13;
Dudley 3-4-4; Kridler 2-5-4; Brough 6-4-12; TOTALS—55-22-35.
Huron (48)
Hahn 2-4-5; Miller 6-1-1; Rogers 1-4-4; Holtzauer 7-2-14; Rayne
2-4-4; Fiser 3-2-12; TOTALS—48-28-48.

Score By Quarters		11	14	14	14-55
Ross		11	14	14	55
Huron		14	12	13	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. Other Buckeye games tonight

games tonight but the Little 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 losses can only gain a tie for the

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

6-2 mark and Elyria is second at Lakota. The Crimson Streaks have a 2-3

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. to lose its next three.

"Our kids feel they can still end The only team which appears up high in the league standings," to have a chance at catching St. Ross mentor Alex Clark said Mary's is Margaretta (3-1). Wednesday. "But to do it we must Coach Gene VanOrsdall's club win both games this weekend." gets a stern challenge when it

Ross will travel to Findlay meets Gibsonburg (2-2) on the Saturday. Golden Bears' home floor

An Elyria victory tonight would tonight, however. The only other league game throw the league race into a scramble. Sandusky, Findlay and was Huron (2-3) at Clyde (2-21). Lorain all have 4-4 marks. No league action is slated for

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.

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 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

and Hopewell-Loudon travels to Republic.

Port Clinton which is tied for the lead in the Great Lakes League with Bedford (Mich) and Sylvania travels to Bedford. Both teams have 3-1 marks in league play.

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

Buckeye Conference

	League				Overall	
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L
Mansfield	6	2	.750	—	8	3
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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
Margaretta	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
Margaretta 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 Wenner during

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

Fur, Fin & Campfire

By BILL REED
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Xavier Appointment

CINCINNATI (AP) — Dickly approved today by the Very Selcer, 32, assistant coach at Rev. Paul L. O'Connor, S.J., Brown University, was expected university president.

ed to be named head football. Iv Eller resigned last year coach at Xavier University to after the Musketeers' expi-
day, the Cincinnati Enquirer ended their worst season ever reported.

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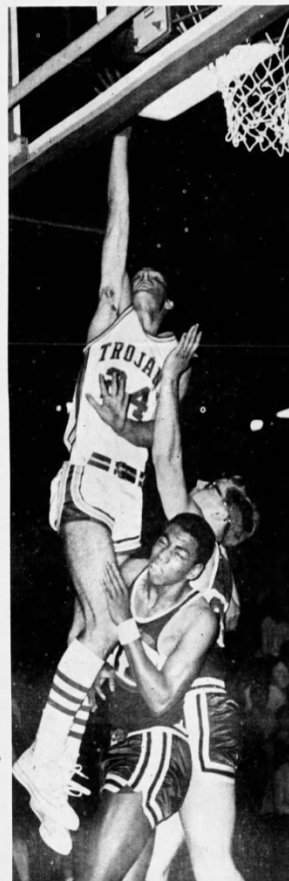
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'OUCH!'—John Lewis of Fremont Ross was in pain after Greg Lishawa's knee caught him in the chest in the Ross-Findlay game Saturday. Findlay won the Buckeye Conference game, 70-52. (News-Messenger Photo)

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 Storch. "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 Wenner."

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

"I'd like you to put this in your paper, though, Fremont has a real fine group of kids. Alex Clark, in my opinion, has done the best job of 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 (46-45) 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 nets was at the 5:32 mark when Russ Zimmerman converted a three-point play making it 57-48.

Lishawa had scored six points, Chuck Rogers four and Wenner contributed a foul shot.

Wenner kept Findlay in the game during the first three quarters scoring 26 points.

"We had Rusty Zimmerman on him," Clark said. "Wenner 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 collapsing on Wenner when he got the ball."

Findlay started the contest making eight of 13 shots in the first period and taking a 19-9 lead. But Ross put on a sparkling shooting demonstration in the second period (10-15 from the field and 2-2 at the line) to narrow the gap to one at intermission, 33-31.

"Our defense didn't fall," Storch said. "Ross was getting the good shot and their kids weren't 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 19 and Zimmerman six. Contributing two points each were Denny Shearon, Kerry Pitts and Dave Kridler.

Lewis 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 for the Little Giants (2-9).

Findlay was 28-52 from the floor and 14-24 at the line. Wenner was Findlay's leading scorer with 30 points.

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

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

In other Buckeye action Saturday, Sandusky nipped Elyria, 61-59. Mansfield eked out a 50-51 decision at Marion and Lorain bested 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 (52)									
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP				
Shearon	34	02	4	5	6				
Sunderson	81	04	0	0	0				
O'Brien	25	00	0	2	4				
Worling	00	01	0	0	0				
Zimmerman	613	13	11	1	13				
Pitts	11	00	2	1	2				
Krupp	11	00	1	0	2				
Lewis	812	04	5	2	16				
Dudley	83	00	1	1	9				
Kridler	27	34	3	1	7				
Brough	81	00	0	1	0				
Totals	2451	414	27	15	58				

Findlay (78)									
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP				
Lishawa	615	55	6	3	15				
Brooks	14	00	2	1	2				
Rogers	57	56	7	1	15				
Wenner	1618	24	2	0	30				
Chatalain	00	00	1	1	0				
Puff	05	11	2	2	1				
Dietel	11	00	0	0	2				
Baron	01	12	7	3	1				
Hochstetter	00	22	0	0	2				
Moore	12	00	0	0	2				
Totals	2552	1420	30	14	70				

Score By Quarters									
	1	2	3	4	Total				
Ross	9	22	12	9	52				
Findlay	19	13	14	24	70				

Genoa Drops Rockets, 83-63

GENOA—Genoa belted to a 34-0 Oak Harbor's Tony Gaines. He 14 lead then coasted to a 39-point, had 12 field goals and four free 83-63 over visiting Oak Harbor throws for 28 points.

The box score:

Three Genoa players combined

N-M Scoreboard

Buckeye Conference

		League		Overall	
		W	L	Pct	GB
Mansfield		7	3	.700	—
Elyria		7	4	.636	1/2
Findlay		6	4	.600	1
Lorain		6	4	.600	1
Sandusky		6	5	.545	1 1/2
Marion		4	7	.363	3 1/2
Admiral King		4	7	.363	3 1/2
Fremont		1	7	.125	5

Saturday's Results:

Findlay 70, Fremont 52	
Sandusky 61, Elyria 59	
Mansfield 52, Marion 51	
Lorain 78, Admiral King 60	

Friday's Games:

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

Saturday's Games:

Toledo Whitmer at Fremont	
Lorain Southview at Admiral King	

Sandusky Bay Conference

		League		Pct		Overall	
		W	L	Pct	GB	W	L
Sandusky St. Mary's		6	0	1.000	—	12	1
Margaretta		4	1	.800	1 1/2	10	4
Huron		3	3	.500	3	4	11
St. Joseph		3	4	.429	3 1/2	8	6
St. Wendelin		3	4	.429	3 1/2	7	6
Clyde		2	3	.400	3 1/2	6	6
Gibsonburg		2	3	.400	3 1/2	6	6
Lakota		2	3	.400	3 1/2	4	10
Oak Harbor		1	5	.167	5	2	11

Saturday's Results:

Port Clinton 73, Huron 65	
Genoa 83, Oak Harbor 63	
St. Wendelin 53, Bettisville 52	
Margaretta 69, Perkins 48	
Lakota 59, Mohawk 48	

Sunday's Results:

St. Joseph 76, St. Wendelin 64	
Clyde at Sandusky St. Mary's	
Lakota at Gibsonburg	
Perkins at Huron	
Oak Harbor at Margaretta	

Saturday's Games:

Clyde at Margaretta	
Gibsonburg at Oak Harbor	
Woodmore at Lakota	
Ayersville at Sandusky St. Mary's	

Sunday's Games:

St. Joseph at Cardinal Stritch	
St. Wendelin at Norwalk St. Paul	

Professional Basketball

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NBA Cincinnati vs. Chicago at Kansas City

Philadelphia at Milwaukee

Tuesday's Games

Boston at New York

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ABA

Indiana vs. W. L. Pct. G.B.

Kentucky — 35 9 .786 —

Carolina — 27 19 .587 9

New York — 20 24 .455 15

Pittsburgh — 21 30 .412 17 1/2

Pittsburgh — 16 29 .386 19 1/2

Miami — 14 34 .292 23

Western Division

New Orleans — 26 18 .591 —

Denver — 26 21 .553 1 1/2

Dallas — 24 24 .500 4

Los Angeles — 23 23 .500 4

Washington — 23 24 .489 4 1/2

Saturday's Results

West All-Stars 128, East All-Stars 98

Phoenix 109, San Francisco 97

Los Angeles 122, Seattle 121, 07

Sunday's Results

New York 102, Boston 96

Milwaukee 131, Atlanta 116

Cincinnati 129, Ball. 122

Chicago 120, Detroit 111

Philadelphia 150, San Diego 131

Los Angeles 118, Phoenix 106

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta at San Francisco

Los Angeles at Indiana

Professional Hockey

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Saturday's Results

Montreal 4, Chicago 0

New York 8, Boston 1

Detroit 5, St. Louis 6

Philadelphia 4, Minnesota 0

Pittsburgh 4, Los Angeles 2

Sunday's Results

Montreal 4, Detroit 1

Toronto 3, Chicago 2

New York 3, Los Angeles 2

Boston 3, Pittsburgh 1

Philadelphia 2, St. Louis 0

Oakland 4, Minnesota 1

Tuesday's Games

Montreal at Chicago

Los Angeles at Pittsburgh

St. Louis at Detroit

Philadelphia at New York

Boston at Toronto

Chicago at Montreal

Detroit at Pittsburgh

Los Angeles at Philadelphia

Minnesota at St. Louis

New York at Boston

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Boston at Los Angeles

Toronto at Pittsburgh

Detroit at Chicago

Pittsburgh at Montreal

Philadelphia at Boston

Los Angeles at Toronto

St. Louis at Detroit

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 Margareta is at Oak Harbor.

Huron hosts Perkins in a non-league affair. Postoria 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 Margareta. 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 Aversville Saturday.

Three Seneca County League games are on tap tonight. New Riegel invades Attica, Republic is at Bettsville 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 Margareta, 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 eight minutes.

Ross committed eight turnovers in the first stanza. Farris had a third of his points in the frame.

Ross managed to score five straight at the start of the second quarter before Farris scored after recovering a turnover and Scott May hit a short jumper to give Sandusky a 21-10 lead. At intermission, Sandusky had a 25-18 lead.

In the early moments of the third quarter, Sandusky outscored Ross 7-2. But Ross then 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.

Trailing 48-35, the Little Giants reeled off eight straight in 55 seconds. Kridler canned two fouls, Lewis hit two field goals and O'Brien got a field goal.

Sandusky, however, regained its composure and got four quick points on a Scott May rebound on Jim Kennedy jumper. That made it 52-43 with 3:23 on the clock. Lewis topped the Little Giant scoring column with 20 points. He was 6-19 from the field and 8-12 at the line. Denny Shearon was the only other player to hit for double figures. He had 12.

From the field, Ross made 20-51 and Sandusky canned 26-58.

Three officials were used in the varsity game after highway patrol officers thwarted Don Wedge, Lima, in his effort to drive to the game. Officers cited the icy conditions of the roads.

The two junior varsity game officials worked the varsity game with the other referee who was 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 sub-par 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 sometime 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 heck'ava 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, 11-8.

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 Kantner's charity toss with 2:20 remaining.

Before the quarter ended, Dudley threw in a jumper from the corner, Shearon hit from the key and Tom Brough converted a 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 48-36 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 nine on four other occasions.

Ross' biggest lead in the period was 13, 57-44. Ross' junior 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 63-58 loss to Marion Harding... Zimmerman had 10 rebounds and Lewis nine... The game had several firsts 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:

	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Ross (72)	23-48	11-18	8	5	0
Shearon	8-10	0-0	0	0	0
Sanderson	9-15	8-9	9	3	26
Lewis	1-1	1-2	3	3	3
O'Brien	1-1	0-1	1	1	2
Werling	6-10	5-5	10	3	11
Zimmerman	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Pitts	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Knapf	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Smith	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dudley	6-7	0-0	7	3	8
Kridler	3-5	1-0	3	5	12
Brough	1-5	2-3	1	0	4
Totals	25-54	22-30	42	22	72
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Whitmer (62)	41-73	4-6	5	4	14
Mugg	2-3	1-2	1	2	5
Feaster	8-14	2-2	1	4	2
Winkel	8-14	8-11	7	3	24
Kantner	0-0	0-1	5	2	0
Lewis	0-1	0-0	1	1	0
Good	6-9	5-8	10	4	13
Homas	3-6	1-1	2	3	7
Totals	21-56	21-31	32	23	63
	Score By Quarters				
Whitmer	12	14	10	27	-42
Ross	21	15	12	23	-72



WHITMER GETS THE JUMP — Gary Lewis of Toledo Whitmer, out-jumps Dave Kridler of Ross. Lewis, a 6-3 sophomore, had tied Kridler up under the boards. Other Ross players are Denny O'Brien (24), Jim Werling (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, there must be one. The Little Giants, who only beat the Trojans 44-41 at Findlay earlier, swamped 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."

Hosner, Ross, 4 Collins, Ross, 1:39.3
200 yard individual medley — 1. P. Allen, Ross, 2. Senor, Ross, 3. Buffington, Findlay, 2:17.4
50 yard freestyle — 1. Strathman, Findlay, 2. Mathias, Findlay, 3. Keeler, Ross, 4. Frey, Ross, 24.3
Diving — 1. Bubler, Ross, 2. Christensen, Ross, 3. Kennedy, Findlay, 4. Majors, Findlay, 10.5
100 yard butterfly — 1. M. Allen, Ross, 2. Buffington, Findlay, 58.4
100 yard freestyle — 1. Stephenson, Ross, 2. Worthington, Findlay, 3. Hottinger, Ross, 4. Title, Findlay, 52.6
100 yard backstroke — 1. Miller, Ross, 2. Roosen, Ross, 3. Thomas, Findlay, 4. Swales, Findlay, 1:04.4
400 yard freestyle — 1. Lischawa, Findlay, 2. Collins, Ross, 3. Livingston, Ross, 4. Pratt, Findlay, 4:34.1
100 yard breaststroke — 1. P. Allen, Ross, 2. Wittemyer, Findlay, 3. Nuhn, Ross, 4. Laube, Findlay, 1:08.1
400 yard freestyle relay — 1. Ross (Hosner, Senor, Hottinger, Stephenson), 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)

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

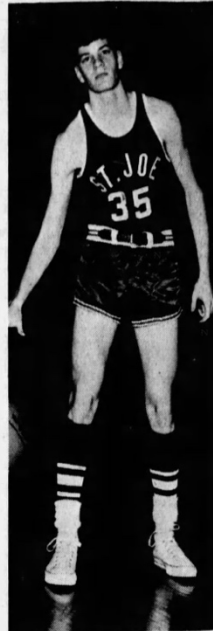




JOHN LEWIS
Averaging 16.6



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

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



DRIVING THE LANE—Ross high's Dave Kridler 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 Connie Herr and Vicki Sherman bow their heads. Miss Sherman is the daughter of Ross athletic director Dick Sherman. (News-Messenger Photo)

Tygers Drop Ross, 55-53

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor

"You have to feel sorry for them. They've come so close so many times only to lose."

Mansfield high school basketball coach Jim Burkett was talking about Ross' basketball team last night after his Tygers took a 55-53 verdict from the Little Giants. The Tygers are now tied with Elyria for the league lead.

Burkett just shook his head as he continued: "They have a good ball club over here," Burkett said. "The breaks just haven't fallen their way. It must really be frustrating for them."

"We expected this type of game here tonight. Every time we come up here they give us problems. Russ Zimmerman and Dave Kridler gave us fits."

For Ross mentor Alex Clark the defeat was just another frustrating loss. He saw the Little Giants lead the Tygers for the first 27 minutes, blow the advantage, regain it and then lose it for good.

"I can't tell you much," Clark lamented. "All I can say is the same thing I've been saying all year—the kids gave all they had. I can't ask them for anything more."

"We went out there and ironed out the mistakes we had on offense Friday and Saturday and something else shows up. A couple of turnovers in the fourth quarter hurt us, but there were a couple in the second quarter that also did some damage."

"We missed several one-and-ones in the fourth quarter and did the same thing in the second. It was those lapses which made the difference."

The Little Giants held a 42-37 advantage entering the final eight minutes.

"They led us at the start of the fourth quarter down at our place," Burkett recalled. "We had to out-score them 15-4 in the final quarter to win." The Tygers took a 57-52 decision that night.

In last night's fourth quarter, Ross didn't get a point until Denny O'Brien hit on a 16-footer with 4:30 on the clock. While the Little Giants were scoreless, Mansfield was pouring seven straight points to take the lead, 44-42.

O'Brien's bucket knotted the score at 44.

Junior guard Dave Kridler put the Little Giants in the lead, 46-44 with a free throw at the 4:06 mark.

But Mansfield got the lead for good when Vince Pagan scored on a drive 15 seconds later. Another Pagani two pointer and Keith Shulko's bucket with 2:36 remaining made it 50-46.

Ross bounced right back on Rick Dudley's 20 foot jumper and two charity tosses by Kridler. With 1:12 left it was 50-49.

Mansfield got a little breathing room when Jim Barnett scored with only 37 seconds to go. But 12 seconds later John Lewis had Ross within one again, gaining a 15-foot jumper.

The Little Giants fouled Pagan at the 19 second mark and he canned two free throws making it 54-51. Lewis took the ball the length of the court and scored a layup with 10 seconds left to again narrow the gap to one—54-53.

Ross fouled Ned Cameron five seconds later and he sank the first shot in a one-and-one situation. Cameron missed the second shot but Ross wasn't able to get the rebound.

Until the fourth quarter, Mansfield didn't have the lead. At the quarter, Ross maintained a 13-6 advantage. It was 25-22 at the half.

The Little Giants out-scored Mansfield 11-2 in the opening four minutes of the fourth quarter. It gave the Little Giants a 12-point margin, 36-24, with 4:00 remaining.

Everything went downhill after that.

Ross' junior varsity won its third game of the campaign. The Little Giants took a 41-31 decision. Gary Buford and Ben Lopez scored 12 and 10 points, respectively, for coach Chuck Wegner.

The junior varsity had only nine field goals but canned 23 of 34 shots at the charity line. Mansfield had seven field goals and made 17 of 31 foul shots.

REMARK(S): Kridler led the Ross attack with 15 points... It was his second highest output of the season... John Lewis canned 10 markers... Game honors went to Barnett with 24.

The box score:

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Mansfield (55)											
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP		FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Barnett	9-21	6-7	6	3	24						
Cameron	1-4	3-6	3	6	5						
Myers	1-1	0-0	1	4	2						
Butts	0-1	0-0	2	0	0						
Shulko	2-4	0-2	9	1	4						
Harris	0-4	1-2	0	0	1						
Pagan	6-14	4-5	7	3	16						
Petty	1-5	1-1	3	3	3						
TOTALS	20-56	15-23	33	14	55						
Ross (53)											
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP		FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Shearon	3-6	0-0	6	1	6						
Dudley	4-6	0-0	4	3	8						
O'Brien	2-3	0-0	6	4	4						
Zimmerman	3-5	0-0	8	2	6						
Pitts	0-0	0-0	0	0	0						
Lewis	5-8	0-0	3	10	10						
Kridler	4-8	7-10	2	3	15						
Brough	1-4	2-3	1	0	4						
TOTALS	22-41	9-13	32	18	53						
Score By Quarters											
Mansfield	6	18	15	18	55						
Ross	15	12	17	13	55						

National Roundup

Iowa, OSU, Mount Display Firepower

By HERSCHEL NISSENSEN
Associated Press Sports Writer
Some of the fastest guns in the Midwest—Iowa, Ohio State and Purdue's Rick Mount—put their own particular brand of basketball firepower on display Tuesday night but the Drake Bulldogs came out second best in a Texas shootout.

Iowa's 14th-ranked Hawkeyes shot better than 50 per cent for the ninth consecutive game and made it seven straight in the Big Ten race with a school scoring record 119-100 victory over Wisconsin.

Runner-up Purdue remained 1/4 games back, beating Indiana 98-80 as Mount hit on 16 of 28 shots for 41 points and a school career mark of 2,093 points. Dave Schellhaas held the old record of 2,074.

Ohio State's Buckeyes hit their first 11 shots and finished with a .685 average on 37 of 54—second best in league history—in an 89-66 rout of Michigan State. The Buckeyes stayed alive in the race, 2 1/2 games out. But Drake's Missouri Valley Conference bubble finally burst.

Threatened. Jim Clemons

The 11th-ranked Bulldogs went three minutes of the second overtime period without scoring and lost to North Texas State 83-71. Coupled with Louisville's 91-84 triumph over Wichita State, the setback left Drake and Louisville tied for the MVC lead.

Elsewhere, ninth-ranked Florida State, only team in The Associated Press' Top Ten to see action, crushed Florida Southern 98-74 while Austin Carr led No. 16 Notre Dame past St. John's, N.Y., 90-76.

Rice fought its way into a tie for first in the Southwest Conference by edging Southern Methodist 86-80 while Texas Christian bowed to Texas Tech 75-60. Baylor blew a chance to make it a three-way tie by losing to Arkansas 76-73. The Bears and Tech are one game behind the leaders.

Iowa raced to a 58-44 halftime lead against Wisconsin and coasted home as John Johnson and Chad Calabrisa scored 29 points apiece. Clarence Sherrod had 35 for the Badgers.

Mount helped Purdue to a 20-11 lead and Indiana never threatened. Jim Clemons

Russell Suffers Through Loss

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bill Russell brought a glimmer of light to troubled Boston, but Phoenix' Sunshine Kid sent the Celtics back into eclipse. Russell appeared in Boston Garden Tuesday night for the first time since retiring last August as player-coach of the National Basketball Association champs—and suffered through the Celtics' 123-117 loss to the Connie Hawkins-led Suns.

Hawkins poured in 35 points as Phoenix dealt the Celts' playoff hopes a staggering setback. The loss kept them five games behind the fourth place Philadelphia 76ers, who bowed to Milwaukee 128-131 as Lew Alcindor hit for 36 points.

In other NBA games, Cincinnati nipped Detroit 117-115 on Tom Van Arsdale's corner jumper with two seconds to play; San Francisco trimmed Atlanta 113-104 and Baltimore defeated Los Angeles 111-106.

Florida State, which is on NCAA probation and isn't going anywhere except in the polls, made it 19-2 by swamping Florida Southern. The Seminoles' 6-foot-10 Dave Cowens and 6-7 Willie Williams were too much for the outmanned Moccasins with 21 and 23 points, respectively.

Notre Dame's Carr, who wound up with 33 points, hit five straight baskets late in the first half to help the Irish build a 20-point lead over St. John's. Joe DeFre was high for the Redmen with 25.

Louisville trailed Wichita State by six at the half but rallied behind Mike Grosse, who scored 24 points, and Mike La-

The Royals, who had lost all five of their February starts in the absence of ailing Oscar Robertson, overtook Detroit as Van Arsdale canned their last five points. He tied it at 115 with a free throw seconds before hitting the winning basket from the corner.

Van Arsdale tallied 26 in all, four less than teammate Connie Dierking. Jimmy Walker was high for the Pistons with 26.

Jerry Lucas scored 22 points, grabbed 26 rebounds and combined with rookie Bob Portman to spark a third period rally that shot the Warriors past Atlanta's Western Division leaders.

Earl Monroe bunched 19 of his 27 points in a second-half Baltimore comeback that ruined Los Angeles' chance to pick up ground on Atlanta. The second place Lakers trail the Hawks by 1 1/2 games.

Other seeding and drawing meetings are slated for tonight and tomorrow.

The Sandusky-Norwalk AA sectional which includes Fremont Ross, Clyde, Port Clinton and Margareta will be held tonight at Sandusky high school.

The Fremont Class A Sectional is slated for Thursday at 1 p.m.

Lakota Draws Napoleon

BOWLING GREEN—Lakota in other first round games at (8-9) has drawn the top-seeded Defiance. Defiance (9-7) meets team in the Bowling Green-Eastwood (8-9) Friday at 7 p.m. Defiance AA Sectional basketball tourney slated to get underway Friday, Feb. 20.

Coch Larry Hadden's Raiders will play Napoleon (12-4) in the first game of a doubleheader at Defiance College, Saturday Feb. 21, at 7 p.m.

Pairings for the tourney were Friday. Anthony Wavne (12-4)

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.

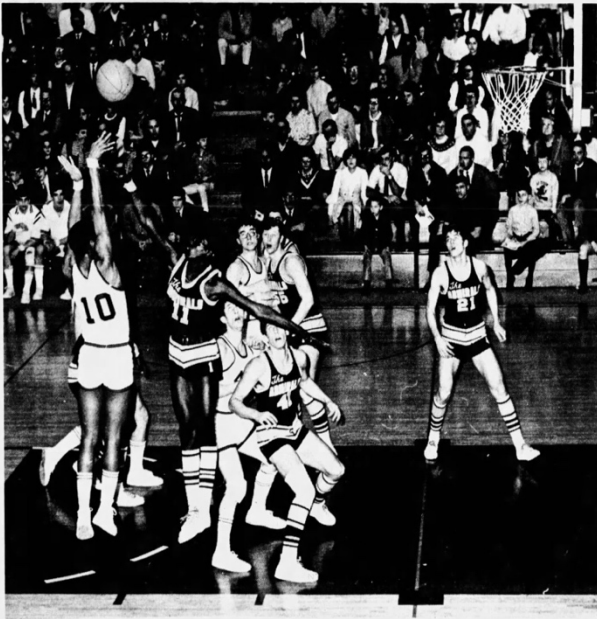
Zimmerman's 109 rebounds lead the team in that department. Lewis' 95 hold down the second spot. Shearon is third with 91.

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

Giant gym. Lewis took game scoring honors with 28 points. It was his second highest total of the season. He scored 29 against Marion Harding last month. (News-Messenger Photo)

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 against Fremont Ross from the floor in the second half at the Little Giant gym last night.

That one statistic tells the whole story surrounding the latest Ross loss, 76-60.

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

"Our kids weren't doing anything wrong. King didn't hurt us from the inside. Taylor (Doug) 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."

Admiral King led 35-29 at intermission but bolted to a 58-41 lead at the end of three quarters. The visitors connected on 11 of 18 shots from the floor in the period.

Tim Kish and Rich Jesko were responsible for 13 of the 23 points. Kish had seven and Jesko tack-4 s in on the scoreboard.

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.

King continued its torrid shooting in the final quarter. The Admirals missed only two field goal attempts in 10 tries.

Deidrick and Taylor combined for 12 points, six apiece. McCall had four and Don Adams two to round out the scoring in the 18-point frame.

At the quarter, the score was deadlocked at 15. Clark departed from his usual starting lineup and inserted three seniors, who haven't played much this season — Daryl Knipp, Tom Brough and Jim Werling. They joined senior Rusty Zimmerman and Lewis.

"It was Senior Night and they deserved the chance," said Clark. "They have practiced as hard as anyone else on this club. I'm glad we could give them the opportunity."

The visitors had a 20-14 advantage in the second quarter to get their halftime lead. They scored four straight points at the outset of the quarter — a field goal and two foul shots by Barry Prosak — to take the lead for

Dave Kridler canned a foul shot at the 7:08 mark before Prosak made two more free throws and Rich Jesko hit a jumper making it 23-16 with 6:18 left in the half.

Ross didn't get its first field goal of the quarter until Dudley hit at the 5:39 mark.

Admiral King got its biggest lead of the half when Prosak canned two free throws to make it 29-20 with 4:25 left.

Ross outscored the Admirals 9-2 in the following four minutes to get within two, 31-30, but Kish and McCall got field goals in the final 11 seconds to give their team a little breathing room.

Lewis had two field goals. Shearon got three points and Kridler two in the Little Giant surge.

Admiral King was 13-29 from the field in the first half. Ross made 12 of 29 attempts. The winners were nine of 13 from the line. Ross canned five of nine charity tosses.

Ross closes out its regular season hosting Findlay tonight. The Trojans, who are 9-5 in the league, will be out to clinch second place.

Elyria and Mansfield both took victories last night to finish in a tie for first. Elyria bumped

Lorain, 69-56, and Mansfield took Sandusky, 66-63. Findlay got by Marion, 74-53.

Ross' junior varsity lost a 48-41 decision. The Little Giants, who are 4-13, were paced by Jim Faussey (10) and Chuck Celek (8).

Ross, King Box Score

Admiral King (76)	FG	FT	RB	PP	TP
Kish	6-12	5-3	4	4	14
Taylor	6-10	4-7	4	3	16
Adams	4-8	0-1	2	2	8
Jesko	5-7	0-2	7	3	10
Prosak	2-2	4-4	4	4	8
McCall	4-7	0-2	5	3	10
Deidrick	5-8	0-0	4	4	10
Norris	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
Krueger	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	32-50	10-19	30	21	76

Ross (60)	FG	FT	RB	PP	TP
Lewis	12-23	14	1	4	28
Brough	1-5	1-2	0	1	3
Werling	0-1	0-0	2	0	0
Zimmerman	2-3	0-2	2	2	4
Knipp	0-3	0-1	1	1	0
Shearon	3-4	2-5	4	8	8
Kridler	2-6	2-5	2	9	9
Dudley	1-4	2-3	0	6	6
O'Brien	1-2	1-2	0	3	0
Pitts	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Roland	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	26-58	13-24	21	40	60

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Admiral King	15	20	21	18	76
Ross	15	10	12	18	60

Sandusky Bay Conference Roundup

Margaretta, Gibsonburg, Clyde Complete League Slates With Victories

Six teams completed their Sandusky Bay Conference basketball season last night. Margaretta, which finished second, beat Huron, 73-56. Lakota blasted Clyde, 90-74, and Gibsonburg tripped Fostoria St. Wendelin 73-64.

Conference champion Sandusky 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 Huron in the second quarter. Coach Gene Van Orsdall's Polar Bears, who finished 6-2 in the conference and 13-5 overall, held a 22-12 advantage in the second stanza. Steve Keller had 10 of the points.

Keller's 21 points took game scoring honors. He hit on seven of 13 shots from the field. Also making double figures were Dave Bailey (18) and Gary Borchardt (10).

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 Rottie 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. Three other Golden Bears — Dick Ernsthause (14), Jim Stout (13) and Pat Sheffer (12) — finished in double figures for coach Carl Assenheimer.

Gibsonburg had only one more field goal than the hosts but the Golden Bears converted 21 free throws. St. Wendelin made 14.

Gibsonburg, which hosts Woodmore in its final regular season game tonight, pulled away from the Mohawks in the second and third periods when it held a 44-34 scoring advantage.

St. Wendelin was paced by George Fry's 35 points. Terry Oberle had 14.

At Clyde, Lakota connected on 63 per cent (36-57) of its field goal attempts. Coach Larry Helden's crew was 18-31 at the charity line.

"Anytime you shoot 36 per cent from the floor you expect to win," Flier mentor Ron Ray said, "but tonight wasn't one of those nights. Lakota just blasted the game of the season."

Gary Emery and Scott Daugherty paced the Flier offense with 24 and 19 points, respectively. Curt Ransom added 13 to the total.

Lakota's high man was senior center Chris Knight, who scored 21.

At the end of the first quarter the game was tied at 19 but Lakota took the lead in the second eight minutes when it held a 23-13 advantage. The Raiders held a 48-44 edge in the second half.

Clyde is slated to open the Sandusky-Norwalk AA sectional tourney Tuesday night at Norwalk's junior high. The Fliers will meet Huron which beat them 66-61 earlier this season. Game time is 7 p.m.

by 83-14. Krogan 1-0-2. Hader 2-2-4. Harn 0-0-2. Meyer 1-1-3. Cooper 0-2-2. Shannan 1-1-3. TOTALS: 28-15-3.

Score By Quarters
19 21 20 26-90
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Gibsonburg (71)
Shaffer 6-0-12. Stated 2-0-11. Ernsthause 4-6-14. Balsizer 10-8-26. Henline 1-0-2. Labatova 1-0-2. Deek 1-0-2. TOTALS: 26-21-71.

St. Wendelin (64)
G. Fry 10-6-28. Gilling 2-1-5. Oberle 6-2-14. Williams 4-8-8. Hyslop 0-1-1. Linsinger 0-1-1. Frankel 2-2-7. St. Fry 1-0-2. TOTALS: 25-14-64.

Score By Quarters
11 21 21 18-73
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St. Wendelin

Huron (56)
Gudfry 1-1-3. Hahn 2-1-5. Bogen 1-0-2. Miller 2-1-7. Payne 3-4-14. Ritter 2-2-4. O'Hara 3-1-11. Humphrey 1-0-1. TOTALS: 19-12-56.

Margaretta (73)
Neal 1-3-5. Greene 2-2-6. Bailey 7-4-18. Hathaway 6-6-18. Wise 8-3-18. Knight 8-3-31. Reynolds 3-2-8. Shultz 4-0-8. Sorey 3-0-3. Vallen 8-1-1. Sessler 2-0-4. TOTALS: 26-21-73.

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Clyde (74)
Hanson 5-9-13. Emery 10-4-24. Daugherty 1-0-2. TOTALS: 26-21-74.

St. Joseph (78)
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cautioned Crimson Streaks fans to get to the gym early since Mansfield always brings a large cheering section.

Doors to the 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)	FG	FT	RB	PP	TP
Fry	4-11	2-1	10	3	16
Chudomski	7-13	1-5	9	3	15
Valler	7-13	0-1	5	14	
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Shetter	10-26	4-0	0	1	26
Vesager	1-7	0-0	1	4	6
Muske	1-5	0-2	2	4	2
Kuer	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Eberly	1-3	2-2	1	3	4
Hahn	10-26	12-25	39	28	73

St. Mary (66)	FG	FT	RB	PP	TP
Koriker	5-11	3-2	2	3	13
Pitzer	4-5	0-0	0	8	
Younger	1-6	10-12	0	2	12
Davie	17-28	16-19	14	4	50
Stanley	8-8	2-2	4	18	
Brady	0-0	0-0	5	3	0
Beth	0-0	1-1	1	1	
Buckley	2-3	0-0	0	4	0
Totals	37-67	12-25	39	28	73

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
St. Mary	26	20	27	29	106
St. Joseph	13	23	20	22	78



SCRAP UNDER BOARDS—Denny O'Brien (24) and Kerry Pitts (44) battle Admiral King's Eddie McCall for a rebound during the waning moments of last night's game at the Little Giant gym. Ross lost a 76-60 de-

cision. O'Brien and Pitts were honored along with four other players on Senior Night. Ross closes its home season tonight against Findlay. (News-Messenger Photo)

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



RUSS ZIMMERMAN COACH CLARK

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.

"They are going to 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 tourney'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 Burma (6-7), Dave Frye (6-2), Frank

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

Burma, 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 to the basket he can be clever 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 Shearon, Rick Dudley, Russ Zimmerman and Denny O'Brien.

Lewis leads the team in scoring with 296 points in 18 games, a 16.5 average. Kridler has scored 131 points, Shearon (122), Dudley (94), Zimmerman (88) and O'Brien (74).

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 in 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 (6-5, 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 Pagani (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, Mike Aten was rewarded for accumulating the most points and Alan Stephenson was cited for being the most improved.

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 Frey, Dick Hooser, Randy Hottinger, Jeff Keefer, Keith Livingston, Cecil Miller, Scott Nahm, Felix Robles, Bob Roosen, Mark Semer and Alan Stephenson.

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,

David Kridler, Dennis Shearon and Rick Lotycz.

Most Valuable—John Lewis.

Captain Trophy—Russ Zimmerman.

Dave Brocksieker Award —

Tom Brough.

Wrestling

Dennis Billow, Rod Lester, Fred Smith, Bill Stevens, Bill Talbot, Steve Tooman, Gary Fiber, Rick Camarata, Bob Mason, Charles Miller, Chuck Wickert, John Branski, Dave Alejandro, James Billow and Terry Fiber.

Most Valuable — Dennis Billow.

Most Improved — Larry Reiter.

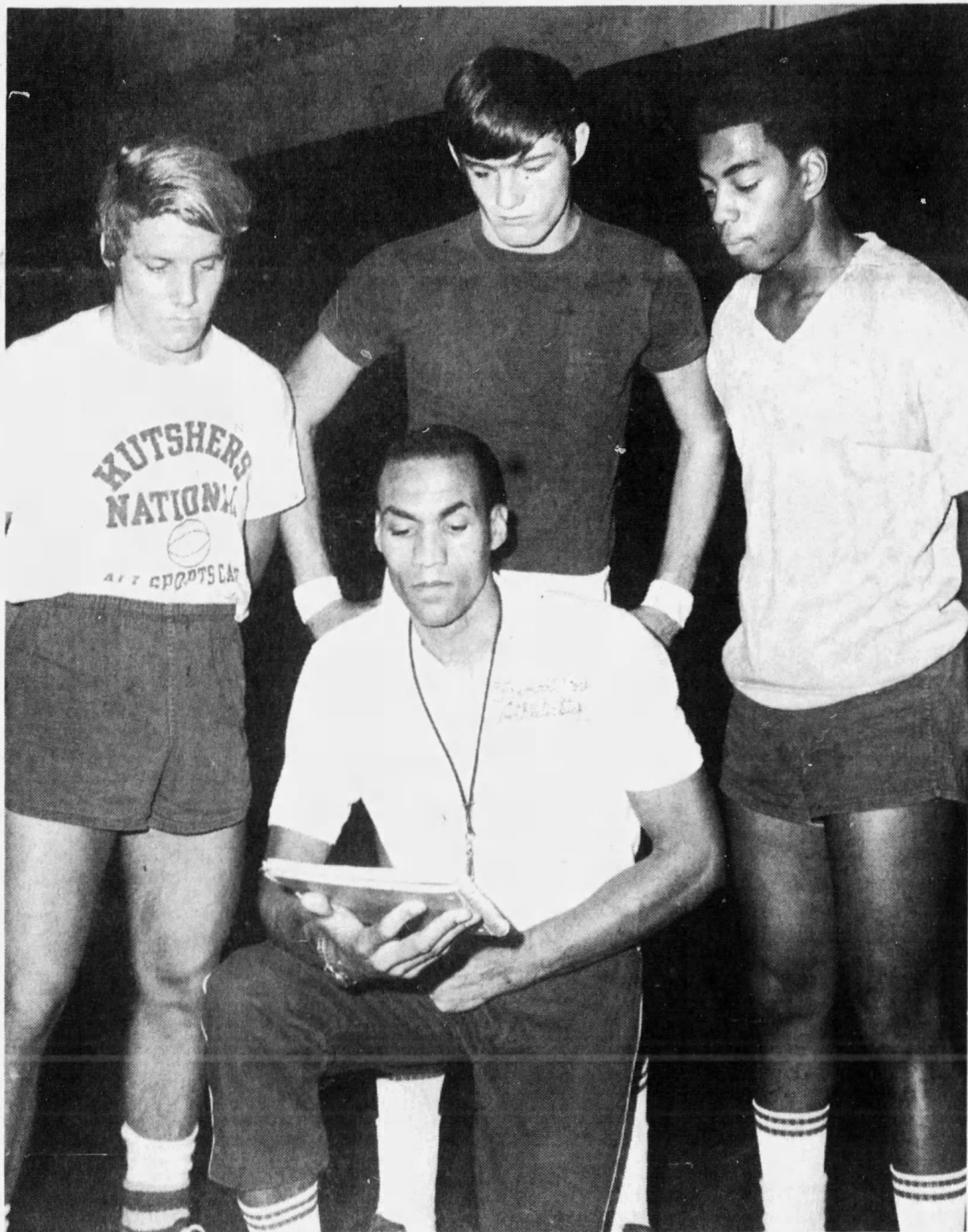
Outstanding Sophomore — Dave Alejandro.

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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)

