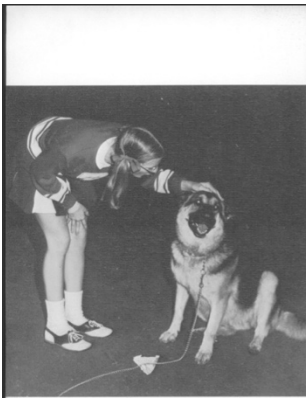


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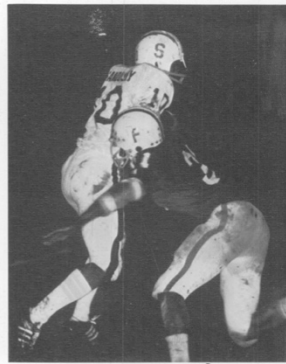


(Front Row) Paul Silcox, Jon Smith, Denny Wickert, Dave Mierke, Tom Pitts, Don Moore, Bob Brudzinski, Rob Lytle, Mike Biehler, Steve Holman, Terry Hinkle, Denny Reese, Bob Koebel. (Second Row) Mike Matthes, Steve Zilles, Jeff Chamberlain, Brad Borden, Robert Harris, Jim Heidelberg, Tim Smith, Jim Oliver, Keith Butdorf, Steve Celek, John Wright, Warren Wymer, Jeff Tschumy. (Third Row) Steve Hampshire, Mike Prosser, Mike Coleman, Bob Sabo, Dave Frymire, Scott McCord, Don Gressman, Jim Briney, Mike Andrews, Dan Michaels, Jerry Obermeyer, Don Wensinger, Kurt Landig. (Fourth Row) Mike Keller, John Brindley, Jude Bischoff, Dale

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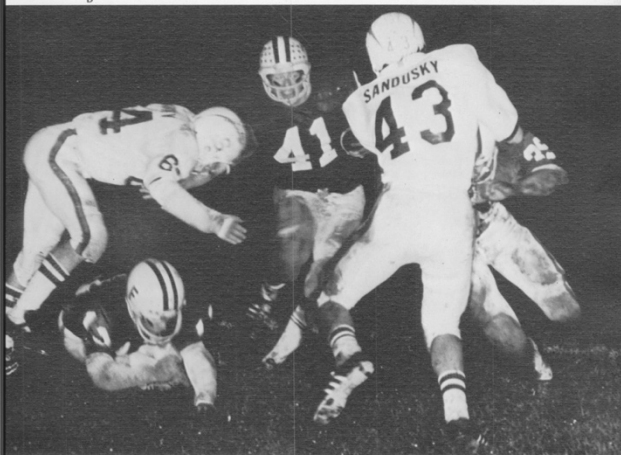
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A: Taking time out to pet Little Giant mascot is cheerleader Gail Sener.  
B: Don Moore '31' lunges for another tackle against Sandusky Streaks.  
C: Junior Jerry Obermeyer '35' gains yardage in Marion game.  
D: Going for six more points is senior tailback, Rob Lytle.

### Brudzinski, Lytle, Shuff Capture District Honors



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At the end of the season Ross held second place in the Northwest Regional Computer rating as well as fourth place in both the Associated Press and the United Press International All-Ohio ratings.

Bob Brudzinski and Rob Lytle were unanimous choices for the All-Buckeye Conference teams while Coach Shuff was selected All-Buckeye Coach by his peers. Other All-Buckeye honors were: First team offense — Bob Brudzinski, Rob Lytle, Bob Koebel, Don Wensinger; first team defense — Bob Brudzinski, Mike Biehler, Tom Pitts, Jon Smith; second team offense — Brad Borden, Tom Pitts, Denny Reese; second team defense — Terry Hinkle, Don Moore, Denny Reese; Honorable Mention — Jim Briney, Mike Coleman, Steve Holman, Dave Mierke, Jerry Obermeyer, Tim Smith, and Dennis Weickert.

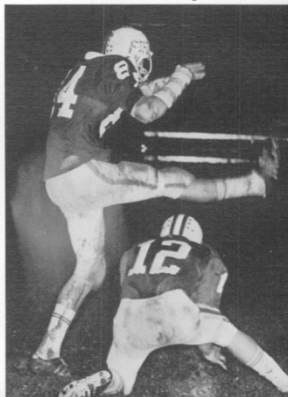
Additional honors were gained when the Associated Press named Bob Brudzinski Lineman of the Year, Rob Lytle Co-Back of the Year, and Coach Shuff Coach of the Year in the Class AAA Northwest District. Selected for the All-District teams were: first team offense — Bob Brudzinski, Rob Lytle; first team defense — Mike Biehler, Tom Pitts; second team offense — Don Wensinger; second team defense — Jon Smith, Honorable Mentions were given to Denny Reese, Terry Hinkle, Bob Koebel, Dave Mierke, and Tim Smith.



## Little Giants Share Buckeye Crown With Elyria

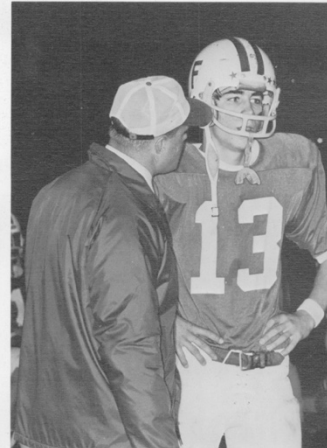
The Varsity Cheerleaders, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Gloer, were the 1972 USCA Team champions. The Reserve cheerleaders were University of Toledo reserve champions. In addition to twice weekly practices, they painted signs, organized Cheer Block, constructed the hoops, and planned several pep assemblies.

Joe Lotycz was the equipment manager of the team. He along with the other managers, Bill Bliss, Terry Coomer, John Carter, George Rathbun, Greg Hamilton and Mark Aspden issued equipment and kept it in order and were responsible for the maintenance of it. They also took care of the gameballs and acted as water boys. John Kovaleski and Joe Whisler as student trainers worked with Coach Dorman and Doc Shon at taping the players before the game, passing out salt tablets and in general keeping the players healthy.

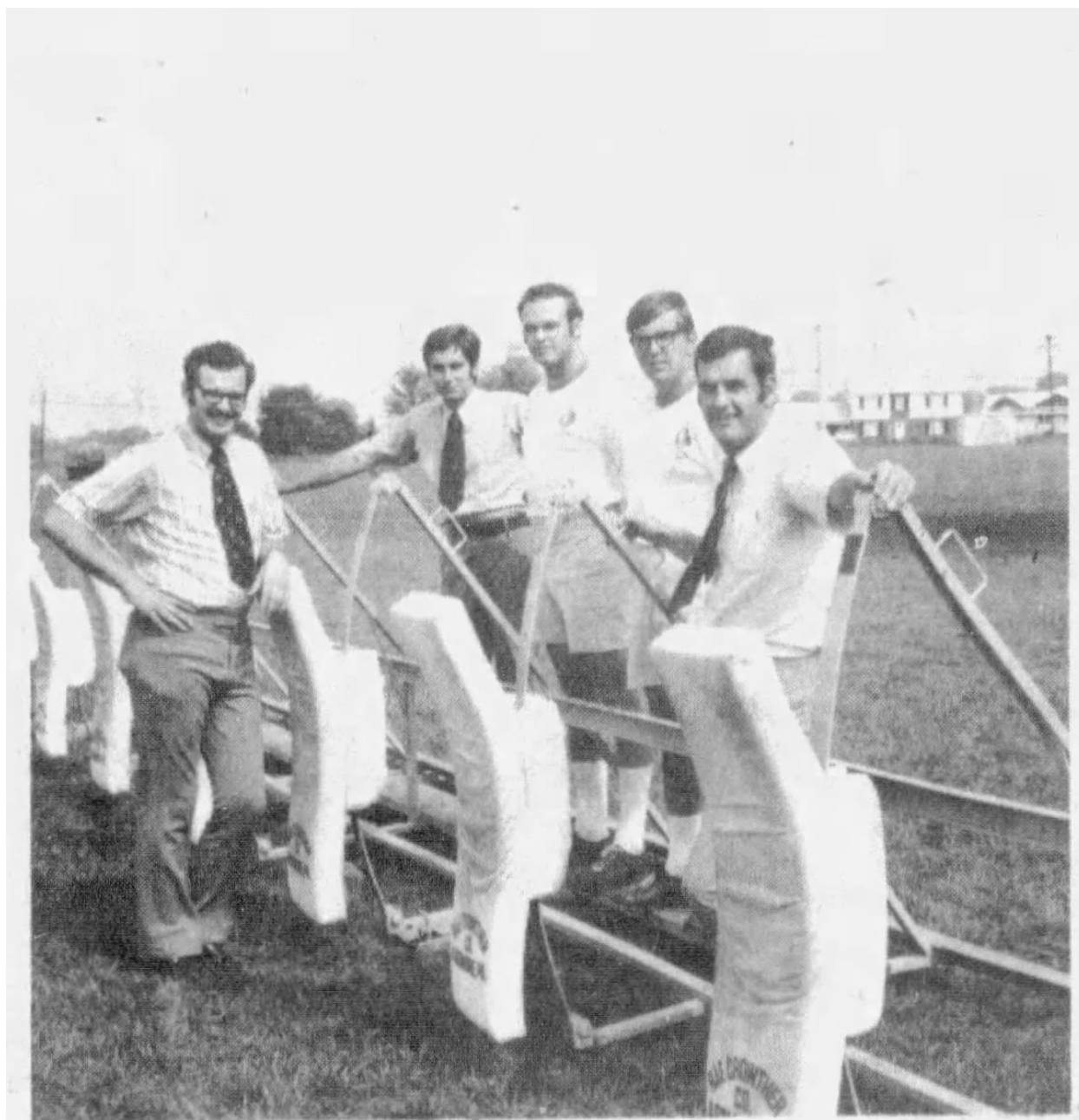


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Ross	41	Cleveland West
Ross	47	Toledo Bowsher
Ross	14	Lorain Admiral King
Ross	29	Mansfield
Ross	18	Elyria
Ross	36	Lorain Senior
Ross	46	Marion
Ross	34	Findlay
Ross	14	Sandusky

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- A: Ross recovers another Sandusky fumble.  
 B: Bob Brudzinski and Jon Smith team up to kick a field goal.  
 C: Reserve cheerleaders (Front Row) Dorene Night, Jill Auster; (Back Row) Karen Driftmyer, Barb Reardon.  
 D: Coach Shuff gives quarterback, Brad Borden, pointers on the next play.



**ROSS HIGH** Boosters Club recently purchased a new seven-man blocking sled for the Little Giant grid program. Booster Club members pictured above are: (from left) Dick Hufford, vice president; Alex Hyzer, secretary; coaches Al Fields and Tom Armstrong; and Guy Nuhfer, president. Jack White Jr., treasurer, was not present.

# Ross Rolls In Second Scrimmage

Ross High School's Little Giants put their second scrimmage victory on the board Wednesday, rolling over Toledo Whitmer, five touchdowns to one.

Members of the Ross coaching staff were pleased with the improvement of the defensive unit which held Whitmer to minus yardage for the first ten scrimmage plays.

The offense scored five touchdowns in spite of the fact that last year's leading rusher Rob Lytle sat out most of the scrimmage with an injury. His knee injury was not believed to be serious.

Coaches were pleased with the work of Tim Smith and Don Moore in filling in for Lytle.

The scrimmage was followed by the Ross Booster Club's annual watermelon feed. Jim Werling was the chairman.

The watermelons were donated by the Fremont Plaza A & P Store. Charles Herrel is store manager.

During the evening, the annual parents potluck attracted a large crowd to Harmon Stadium.

Ross will close out its scrimmage season against Warren Harding, last year's mythical state champion. The Little Giants, who defeated Harding in a scrimmage last year, will meet Harding at Warren at 9 a.m. Saturday. Fans interested in making the almost three hour trip should take the Ohio Turnpike to Route 5, then follow Route 5 (Market Street) across the river and through town, turning left on Atlantic Street. The school is on Atlantic.



# *Ross Falls, 3-1; St. Joseph Ties*

Ross High School's first and second units battled Warren Harding on even terms in the preseason scrimmage at Warren Saturday, but the Little Giants lost in overall score, three touchdowns to one.

Despite the fact that they were playing without injured tailback Rob Lytle, who Coach Chuck Shuff said would have played if it been a regular game, the Little Giants first and second units played Warren to a 1-1 draw.

The Ross first unit fumbled on the one yard line and lost 1-0. Jim Oliver intercepted a pass and scored a touchdown for the second unit.

Shuff was pleased with the second straight strong performance by the defense which had looked weak in an opening scrimmage with Defiance.

Lytle, the all-conference tailback who suffered a knee injury against Toledo Whitmer, is expected to be fully ready to

go by Friday's opener with Toledo Rogers.

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Fremont St. Joseph's Crimson Streaks played Oberlin to a two-two tie in a scrimmage at Oberlin Saturday.

The first unit lost 1-0 and Coach Bob Smith was disappointed with the team's performance after the strong showing against Shelby last week.

"We were inconsistent on offense. Fumbles and penalties hurt us," Smith said. "Defensively we just didn't whip people the way we did against Shelby."

Smith is pleased with one thing: his three regular guards are finally coming back into action. Bill Durnwald was back in action Friday, Mark Foos started workouts Monday and Bill Barbour was to join in practices today. The three were injured early in preseason practice sessions.

# Giants Hoping To Maintain High Quality

By ROY WILHELM  
N-M Managing Editor

Can Ross High School's Little Giants maintain the high level of performance that they reached last year in earning state ranking with a 9-1 record?

Can quickness and speed make up for an overall lack of size?

Can 10 lettermen carry enough of the load while a group of promising but inexperienced gridders learn the ropes?

These are key questions facing the Little Giant coaching staff and fans as the year approaches.

But, head coach Chuck Shuff seemed to sum up the coaches' attitude toward these questions and many more in one sentence:

"If you took last year's team and put it against this year's team in the middle of the year, I wouldn't bet on who would win."

It seemed to be a signal of continued good days for the Ross Little Giants. And, there are many other signs.

There is a fleet of talented running backs led by All-Conference star Robbie Lytle, who certainly must be getting plenty of consideration for all-state honors already.

There are some scrappy and quick linemen, who lack massive size, but not spirit.

There is a pride in what has been accomplished and a determination to continue to win.

There is, as assistant coach Tom Dorman clearly stated, a "Winning attitude now."

"That's a real big point," Shuff agrees.

"The kids approach practice with a real good attitude. It's a real pleasure working with these kids. There's a pride in what was accomplished. The seniors have experienced winning and know the feel of it. They don't like the thought of a loss."

Just how far the attitude and quickness can carry the Little Giants remains to be seen, but the general feeling seems to be that the tremendous losses from last year — and they were tremendous — can be overcome and the Giants and repeat as a serious contender for the Buckeye Conference crown.

Gone from the backfield are Tom Liggins, possibly one of the greatest football players in the star-studded history of Ross High; a pair of excellent quarterbacks; dependable Dale Shoemaker; and speedy Chuck Lindsey, who spent most of his time at split end.

Back for the backfield are Rob Lytle, possibly one of the greatest football players in the star-studded history of Ross High; a pair of inexperienced, but apparently quite talented quarterbacks; scrappy Tom Pitts, who is a demon on defense; Don Moore and Jerry Obermyer, a pair of backup men from last

year with plenty of potential; and defensive letterman Steve Holman. Lytle, Pitts and Moore all earned letters and saw considerable offensive action in 1971.

The backfield is talented, quick, strong and deep and should pose no problems.

The lines — both offensively and defensively — present a different picture, but certainly not necessarily a dreary one.

Size and experience are not available in impressive figures. People who can get the job done apparently are available.

Gone from last season's strong lines are people like Chuck Celek, Ted Kreilick, Andy Sale, Larry Johns, Bob Weiler, Scott Berlekamp, Mike Sherman and Scott Merritt.

Returning to this year's lines are lettermen Mike Biehler, Bob Brudzinski, Terry Hinkle, Bob Koebel, Dave Mierke and Dennis Reese. They appear to form a good nucleus for 1972.

"We know — and the kids know — that we will be smaller than probably every opponent we play," Shuff said. "But, it's not necessarily a disadvantage. If we were slow, I'd say it was a disadvantage, but we are not slow. Our speed in the backfield helps. The kids won't have to hold their blocks as long as they would for a slower runner. Our quickness on the lines will compensate. That quickness helps the man get position on offense and avoid a direct hit on defense."

Shuff and his aides appear generally optimistic about the season.

"We think we will be right in there fighting for it (the Buckeye Conference championship)," the head coach said.

"It's going to come down to the injury situation. One or two key injuries could hurt us, but we are working hard on developing depth and we saw some things in the scrimmage action that look good."

Shuff pointed out that the Little Giants escaped the 1971 season with only two injuries that involved lost playing time for key personnel.

Along that line, Shuff said, "This team is in better physical condition than any we have coached. During the last two weeks of the summer fitness program we were averaging 55-60 kids. Our weight program and summer work are important in helping to avoid injuries."

The schedule:

Sept. 8, Toledo Rogers; Sept. 15, Cleveland Lincoln-West; Sept. 22, Toledo Bowsher; Sept. 29, Admiral King; Oct. 6, at Mansfield; Oct. 13, at Elyria; Oct. 20, at Lorain; Oct. 27, Marion; Nov. 3, at Findlay; Nov. 10, Sandusky.

# Talented Backfield Boosts Ross High Football Outlook

Ross High School's offense should be able to put the points on the board this football season.

The Little Giants are once again blessed with a talented backfield led by All Buckeye Conference tailback Rob Lytle. If the Giants can put the promising pieces together on the line, there will be plenty of cheers in Harmon Stadium.

The Giants will depend upon a small, but quick line to open the holes for the fleet of swift running backs.

"We are small in the offensive line, but we will be quicker. We have to depend on quickness," Head Coach Chuck Shuff points out.

The Giants do have a good nucleus of lettermen in that line and they aren't exactly midjets.

Bob Brudzinski, a two year letterman will be the Ross starter at tight end. Brudzinski, who also stars as a defensive end, stands 6'4" and weighs 210. He will be backed by junior Steve Celek (6'1", 170).

Alternating at the two tackle spots will be Bob Koebel (6'3", 205), Denny Reese (6', 200) and Mike Biehler (6', 205). All three are lettermen, but only Koebel lettered as a tackle. Reese has moved over from a guard spot, while Biehler has been shifted from center. Biehler is a two-year letterman and co-captain who has been moved to the tackle spot for two reasons. The coaches feel they can make better use of his strength and size at tackle and want him in a spot where he can help alternate with other gridders who will have to see action both ways. The trio will be backed by Mark Cooley, a 230 pound junior.

Terry Hinkle (5'8", 175) and Dave Mierke (6', 180), a pair of lettermen, head the guard corps, but five men are expected to see action. Others due to play a lot at guard are juniors Keith Butdorff (5'10", 170), Dennis Wieckert (5'8", 170) and Don Wensinger (5'8" 150).

Biehler's replacement at center is expected to be Jim Briney (5'10", 185) with Paul Silcox (5'11, 180), a senior who moved into town from Michigan last year, also seeing some action.

Mike Matthes (5'7", 155) and Tim Smith (5'10", 155) will share the split end duties.

A pair of talented nonlettermen are in a tight battle for the quarterback spot. Junior Brad Borden and Senior Jon Smith appear set to direct the Ross attack. The nod may go to Borden, strangely enough, because of Smith's talent. Smith is recognized as a valuable part of the defensive backfield and the coaches would rather that the starting quarterback not play defense.

"We would prefer that our

quarterback not play defense, but it doesn't always work out that way," Shuff said. "On the other hand we like to see a kid at quarterback who has the ability to play defense. He has to have the agility. He has to be a hitter.

He has to block on several plays and he has to stand up in the pocket. Both these kids are good strong candidates for the job."

Borden is considered the better thrower of the two, but Smith gets the nod in "fundamentals."

At tailback, the Giants have Lytle, unquestionably an all-state candidate, who is a threat to break off a big one every time he carries the ball. Lytle (6'1", 195) is lightning fast—he went to the state meet in the sprints—and strong enough to run inside.

"Not much we can say about that fellow," Shuff said with a smile when the season preview conversation got around to tailback.

Lytle is a two-year letterman and co-captain who won conference and district honors as he piled up more than 1,200 yards rushing last year.

Tim Smith and Don Moore (6'2", 190) are backing up Lytle and have been pleasant surprises to the coaches.

Letterman Tom Pitts (6'1", 195) and junior Jerry Obermyer (6', 196) are expected to share the fullback duties. Pitts saw considerable action and Obermyer got a taste of the competition last year. The apparent development of Obermyer is looked upon as a "very definite advantage to the ball club. Pitts would have to go both ways full-time if Obermyer didn't come through."

Moore is starting at swing back with Steve Holman (5'11", 175) seeing action at that spot.

Shuff compares this year's backfield favorably with last year's although any team would miss a Tom Liggins and a seasoned quarterback is missing.

"Pitts and Obermyer are inside threats and both are doing a pretty good job of blocking. I feel that the people are going to try to stop Lytle and we hope the offensive line can open the holes for the inside. If people concentrate just on Lytle, we are going to move the ball anyway."

Shuff has always been a ball control coach and he still wants a "possession" club, but he expects to have to open up a little more and make better use of speed instead of power this year. "We need to go with the personnel," Shuff says. "It may mean a little more passing, a little more wide open game."

He points to the elimination of mistakes as a key to the Giants ability to control the football.

He expects the Giants to score points.



## Backfield Candidates

Among top candidates for starting backfield spots for the Ross High School Little Giants this year are Jon Smith, quarterback; Don Moore, swing back (31); Tom Pitts, fullback

(30); and Rob Lytle, tailback (41). The four are seniors and are expected to help give the Little Giants a potent offense this year.

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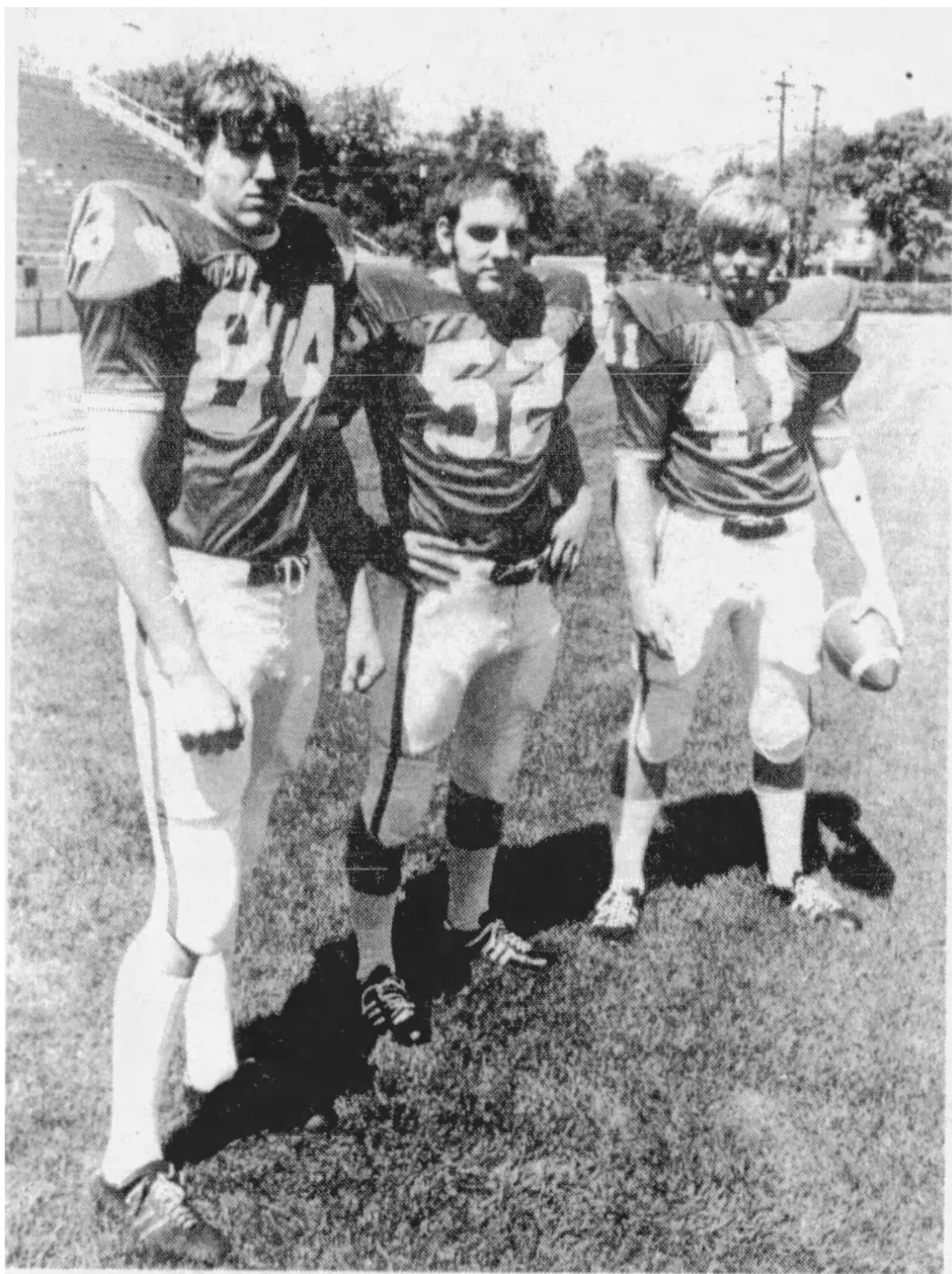
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**ROSS HIGH** two-year lettermen pictured above are Bob Brudzinski, Mike Biehler and Rob Lytle.

# Giants Have 'Something Going'

## Ross Trounces Rogers, 40-0

By ROY WILHELM

You score 40 points and after the game you talk about your defense.

You rest your all-state candidate tailback and his replacement scores a pair of touchdowns on two of the most exciting runs of the evening.

You score two touchdowns before your opponent manages a first down.

Obviously, you've got more than a little something going for you.

The Ross High Little Giants opened the 1972 football season Friday night by crushing visiting Toledo Rogers, 40-0 and demonstrating that they have plenty going for them in the new campaign.

Ross, hoping to continue the quality football produced by 1971's 9-4 squad, snuffed out Rogers' hopes early, scoring a pair of quick touchdowns in slightly more than half of the first quarter.

Rapid Robbie Lytle, who sprinted, scrapped and fought his way to more than 1,200 yards in 1971, outgained the entire Rogers offense Friday night and scored Ross High's first three touchdowns, including two first-quarter jaunts of 17 yards each. The scores came the first two times Ross got its hands on the ball.

The Little Giants drove for Lytle's first score after taking the opening kickoff. The six-play, 54-yard drive ended at 9:33 and exactly four playing minutes later, Lytle was scrambling into the end zone again.

On each of Lytle's first period touchdown runs, fullback Tom Pitts was demonstrating his versatility in the backfield by delivering crunching blocks to clear the way.

Lytle, who piled up 142 yards in just 15 carries, added one more first half touchdown, sprinting into the end zone from 28 yards out with 3:39 left in the second quarter.

While Lytle was just about finished by then, Ross continued to get plenty of mileage out of its tailback position. Tim Smith, Lytle's replacement for much of the second half, carried the ball five times in the last two quarters, gaining 50 yards and scoring on touchdown runs of 10 and 30 yards.

Both of Smith's scores came on plays in which he appeared to be stopped. In his first score, he broke out of a real log jam at about the seven yard line and pranced into the end zone. On his long touchdown run, which came with 5:45 left in the game, he was cornered by a fleet of Rogers defenders, but somehow out-ran them and escaped down the sidelines.

Pitts and Jerry Obermeyer, sharing the fullback duties, complemented the speedy tailbacks well. Pitts added 82 yards in 12 carries and Obermeyer had 81 in 11 thrusts at the line.

But, it was the defense that drew the most conversation after the game since it was that part of the Ross team that drew the most questions when practice began in August.

"The defense has really come a long way," Ross coach Chuck Shuff said after the contest. "If you would have asked me if I expected to shut them (Rogers) out after the Defiance scrimmage, I definitely would have said no. But, we've come along the last two

scrimmages. A shutout is something we always work for."

Defensive coordinator Jim Hamman didn't appear surprised by a strong defensive performance, but was surprised by the shutout. "It's pretty tough to shut someone out, especially when you consider we used our substitutes the last three times we were in on defense."

The Giant defenders yielded just 29 yards in the first half. At the same point in the game, the Giant offense had 229 yards.

After the Giants had built a 16-0 lead, Rogers marched to a first down at the Ross six yard line late in the first quarter. The Rams put together their only three rushing first downs of the game in moving 46 yards in eight plays with the help of a 15-yard penalty against Ross. But on the ninth play of the drive, Rogers fumbled and Ross end Bob Brudzinski recovered the pigskin on the nine yard line.

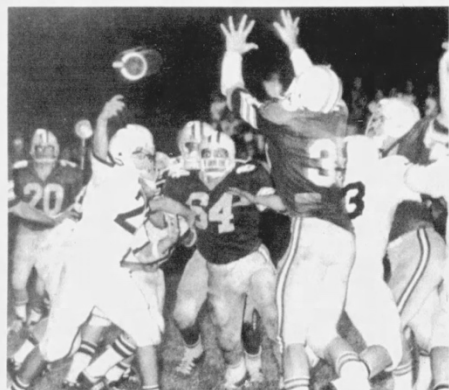
A six-yard punt that went off the side of Brudzinski's foot gave the Rams the ball back on the Ross 39 yard line, but on fourth and one, Dave Mierke nailed Jim Robb for a two-yard loss and Ross took over. The Giants marched from their own 31 yard line in 11 plays in spite of being set back by a 15-yard penalty for illegal use of the hands.

The major penalties were one of Ross' problems in the victory and Shuff attributed that mostly to inexperience. "The kids are trying so hard to make sure they do a good job, that sometimes they reach out and grab. As they mature, they will realize that they can do the job and they will eliminate these mistakes."



**LARGE LOSS**—Fremont Ross defender Tom Pitts (30) reaches out to bring down Jim Robb of Toledo Rogers in their opening football game last night at Harmon Field.

Pitts was part of a defensive effort which held Rogers scoreless in the Little Giants' 40-0 victory. (N-M Photos by Bruce Crippen)



## News-Messenger SPORTS

### Clyde Blasts Lakota, 27-0

By DICK KINNEY

N-M Sports Editor

**KANSAS**—In a father-son football duel which was labeled "a battle of the Wubboons," Don Graham got his wish as Clyde pulled in the large end of a 27-0 victory against Lakota here last night.

The talent-laden Fliers, suffering a few opening-game mistakes, managed touchdowns in each quarter while holding the Paul Graham-coached Lakota Raiders scoreless.

And it was with double satisfaction that the younger Graham viewed his team's victory since it also offset a 24-21 defeat to Lakota in 1971. Setting the pace for Clyde was

the ground. And Patton, casting the ball 11 times, connected on five for 174 air yards. Four misses came on an unsuccessful attack in the closing seconds of the first half.



**AROUND THE CORNER**—Tim Smith of Fremont Ross appears cornered by Toledo Rogers' Tim Brown (40) during second-half action last night. But Smith eluded Brown and several other Rogers defenders to scamper into the end zone with his second touchdown of the evening.

### Rockets Aim For No. 36

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)**—The University of Toledo will try to stretch its unbeaten string to 36 games in tonight's season opener against the University of Tampa. Toledo is unbeaten in the last three seasons.

The Rockets' 35-game streak is the second-longest ever in major college play, exceeded only by Oklahoma's 47 straight in the 1950s.

Toledo coach Jack Murphy, with only nine seniors returning, said "This may be the toughest opener Toledo ever faced." He added that the outcome of the game will depend "on the kind of maturity we got into the young people during the last two days of preparation."

**Coming Fast**

Starting quarterback for the Rockets will be 6-foot-1 Joe Schwartz, who played all 11



# Ross Faces 'Heavy' Lincoln-West Team

Fremont Ross goes after its second season football victory tonight when the Little Giants host Cleveland Lincoln-West at Harmon Field.

In the second of three non-Buckeye Conference games, the Ross offense will be facing a defensive line that averages more than 200 pounds per position.

"Cleveland always has good-sized players on that front line and it makes it difficult for our offense to keep butting heads against that additional weight," said Coach Chuck Shuff.

"They have a good combination of speed and power this year which can break off the long touchdown plays any time our defense relaxes. They've also changed their offense from a 'T' to an 'I' with a slotback.

"Probably their most dangerous players are Rick Woods at quarterback and Israel Santiago at tailback. Woods can run with authority or throw if he has to. He completed about 50 per cent of his passes last week for more than 100 yards."

Shuff said that a lot of things went right for the Giants last week, but that six offensive holding penalties could have cost a lot in a closer contest.

"It was a typical first game," he said. "We made some mistakes, but no actual rule mistakes. Our passing (three for 10) should have been better. We had receivers open several times that weren't seen—but it's coming.

"On defense, we'll have to concentrate on stopping their passing attack. We lack experience, but it's coming around. We had 14 interceptions last year and are hoping for at least that many in 1972."

Top performers in last week's 40-0 clubbing of Toledo Rogers were recognized with "star" awards by the Ross coaching staff this week. Eight defensive and six offense decals were distributed to eight players while 22 shared "shutout" stars.

Fullback Tom Pitts, Ross' player of the week, Linebacker Don Moore, Guard, Terry Hinkle and End Bob Brudzinski each won two individual stars while Rob Lytle, Denny Reese, John Smith and Tim Smith received one.

## Buckeyes Favored In Opening Clash

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Woody Hayes promises a mixture of running and passing when his third-ranked Ohio State football team opens the Big Ten season Saturday as the conference favorite against visiting Iowa.

Greg Hare, a strong runner, has overcome a shoulder injury and will open at quarterback for the Buckeyes, who beat Iowa 52-21 in the 1971 opener but finished with three straight setbacks.

However, the Hawkeyes, 1-10 for all games and last in the conference last fall, did score the most points against Ohio State in the Buckeyes' 6-4 season.

Skeptics question Hare's passing. The big junior hit 25 of 59 passes for 299 yards as a part-time starter last year.

### Run And Pass

"He can pass well enough, if he doesn't pass too much. I like to see that quarterback run, but it takes one who can run

However, Iowa Coach Frank Lauterbur, who has rebuilt his squad after last year, thinks Hayes will keep it on the ground with a power attack.

"I imagine he (Hayes) will try to grind us into the ground with a strong running game and throw play-action passes whenever he wants," the former Toledo mentor said.

The Buckeyes are in good shape physically, a contrast to last season when they lost 16

### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FRIDAY GAMES

Cleve. Lincoln-West at Fremont Ross  
Bucyrus at Clyde  
Margaretta at Oak Harbor  
Sandusky Perkins at Bellevue  
Lake at Genoa  
Woodmore at North Baltimore  
Sylvania at Port Clinton

### SATURDAY GAMES

Gibsonburg at Fremont St. Joseph  
Lakota at St. Wendelin





# Giants Deliver Heavy 'Message' Ross Buries Bowsher, 47-0

By ROY WILHELM

Ross High's Little Giants are making a habit of delivering their message early and then pounding home their point until you fully understand the situation.

For the third time in as many games, the Little Giants took the opening kickoff and marched in for a touchdown against Toledo Bowsher at Hannon Stadium Friday night. And, for the third straight game, the Giants pounded home their message by ringing up the scoreboard and hitting the 40-point mark.

The message is "We came to play football and we do a darn good job of it" and the Little Giants delivered it to the tune of a 47-0 romp over Bowsher.

It was the second shutout in three outings for the Giants who raised their three-game point total to 128. Ross dominated throughout piling up 504 yards while holding Bowsher to just 64.

## DEVASTATING ATTACK

A devastating running attack, which netted 370 yards for the hosts, was complemented by an accurate passing game which added 134 to the total.

And, Ross wasted little time in making their point. The Giants marched 77 yards in just seven plays after taking the opening kickoff. Tom Pitts finished the drive by balling into the end zone from seven yards out and speedy Rob Lytle added the extra points. A 21-yard run by Lytle opened the march and a 23-yard pass from Brad Borden to Bob Brudzinski kept the Giants moving in high gear.

Pitts' touchdown was the first of two for the talented

senior fullback. He added a 13-yard scoring jaunt in the third period as he scrambled his way to 107 yards for the game. The total gave the Giants a pair of 100 plus men for the contest.

Once again, Lytle led the way for the Ross runners, piling up 148 yards in just 12 carries. He also scored a pair of touchdowns and added the extra points after two of the Giants' tallies.

The speedy Lytle also fired a touchdown pass, catching the Bowsher defense completely by surprise as he threw to Mike Matthes. Matthes had raced into the wide open spaces behind the Bowsher defenders and he dashed into the end zone to complete a 36-yard play that opened the second quarter.

## THROWING REAL WELL

Junior quarterback Borden also fired a touchdown pass, connecting with wingback Tim Smith on a 15-yard scoring play in the second quarter.

"Brad had a real good night," Coach Chuck Shuff said after the game. "He was throwing the ball real well and that touchdown pass was a real nice one."

Borden connected on his first four passes and missed only once. His aeriels accounted for 70 yards of the Ross total.

Jerry Obermeyer, who had 66 yards in just 11 carries, scored the seventh touchdown of the night for the Giants.

But, the offensive show almost had to take a back seat to the fine defensive performance. In addition to holding Bowsher to just 64 yards—46 on the ground—the Giants picked off a pass and recovered a fumble.

Defensive coordinator Jim Hamman thought his charges turned in the best performance of the young season and could point to a long list of players as having made significant contributions since the Giants used a number of substitutes from early in the game.

Among those who played key roles in the defensive effort were Jon Smith, Jim Oliver, Pitts, Don Moore, Tim Smith, John Wright, Obermeyer, Jim Heidelberg, Steve Holman, Mike Andrews, Mike Biehler, Dennis Weickert, Dave Mierke, Terry Hinkle, Denny Reese, Paul Silcox, Mark Cooley, Bob Koebel, Bob Harris, Brudzinski and Steve Celek.

Hinkle drew special praise from Hamman for his excellent performance at middle guard. He recovered the fumble, while Biehler intercepted the pass.

## 'WOLFPACK' ON PROWL

The defense held Bowsher without a first down in the first quarter—the second straight time the "Wolfpack" has so stymied an opponent in the first 12 minutes.

Bowsher threatened only once. Training 22-0 in the second quarter, the Toledoans moved to the Ross seven yard line, but the Giants' defense stiffened. Aided by a combination of penalties that ended up setting Bowsher back four yards, the Giants held and took over on the 11 yard line.

The only other time Bowsher managed to enter Ross territory came on an eighty-yard run for the last play of the first half. That run followed an inside kick that gave Bowsher the ball at the 50 yard line.



**HARD-CHARGER**—Rob Lytle (41), Fremont Ross' top-yardage runner, slips past Toledo Bowsher defender Lonnie Konz (33) while three Bowsher teammates follow the play. Lytle kept up his torrid pace with a

12-yard-plus average per carry and the Little Giants maintained their equally-hot standard of 40 points per game by clubbing Toledo, 47-0.

# Baseball Boston Edges Detroit, 3-2

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
American League

East	W. L. Pct. G.B.
Boston	59 65 .480 —
Detroit	57 67 .461 1
Baltimore	57 68 .531 2½
New York	55 70 .517 4½
Cleveland	49 80 .633 13½
Milwaukee	50 80 .613 20

West	W. L. Pct. G.B.
Oakland	61 58 .560 —
Chicago	61 63 .562 4
Minnesota	74 69 .577 10½
Kansas City	71 72 .497 17½
California	68 77 .469 17½
Texas	62 80 .438 23

Friday's Results	Score
Cleveland 4, New York 1	
Boston 3, Detroit 2	
Minnesota 1, California 0	
Chicago 3, Texas 4	
Kansas City 5, Oakland 2	

Saturday's Games	Score
New York Yankees 10, Oakland Athletics 5	
Cleveland Indians 5, Detroit Tigers 3	
Los Angeles Dodgers 10, St. Louis Cardinals 6	
Minnesota Twins 13, Baltimore Orioles 10	
Milwaukee Braves 12, Kansas City Royals 11	
Texas Rangers 10, Chicago White Sox 7	

Sunday's Games	Score
New York Yankees at Cleveland	
Detroit at Boston	
California at Minnesota	
Los Angeles at Oakland	
St. Louis at Kansas City	
Chicago at Texas	
Minnesota at Oakland	

National League	W. L. Pct. G.B.
Pittsburgh	62 53 .540 —
Chicago	59 65 .478 12½
New York	70 70 .500 17½
St. Louis	70 76 .479 22½
Montreal	65 79 .450 28½

Monday's Games	Score
New York Yankees at Cleveland	
Detroit at Boston	
California at Minnesota	
Los Angeles at Oakland	
St. Louis at Kansas City	
Chicago at Texas	
Minnesota at Oakland	

By HAL BOCK  
Associated Press Sports Writer

What kind of week has it been in the American League East pennant race? Whacky, of course, but then, what did you expect?

Item—Boston, opening a vital four-game series with challenging Detroit with first place at stake, started Mike Garman, who had never started a major league game before. Result: Detroit 10, Boston 2.

Item—Detroit, now tied for first place, tries to take over the lead in the second game of the series Friday night. The Tigers' pitcher? Chris Zachary, who hadn't started a game all season. Result: Boston 3, Detroit 2.

The little man off in the corner, rubbing his hands vigorously and cheering for everybody is Earl Weaver, who urgently needs a split in this four-game weekend series by the 1-2 teams in order to keep his third

## Weaver Cheers Silently

place Baltimore Orioles in real contention.

The man off in the other corner is Manager Ralph Houk of the New York Yankees. He is shaking his head rather than rubbing his hands. The Yankees have lost six of their last seven games and are in contention only mathematically.

The Red Sox regained the revving door lead Friday night with a 3-2 victory over the Tigers built on some clutch relief pitching by Bob Veale and Bob Bolin and a couple of sharp defensive plays by Rico Petrocelli and Rick Miller.

The Yankees, meanwhile, slipped 4½ games behind with only 10 to play, dropping a 4-1 decision to Gaylord Perry and the Cleveland Indians.

Baltimore, with the night off, slipped 2½ behind with nine games remaining.

In other AL action, Minnesota shut out California 1-0, Chicago downed Texas 8-4 and Kansas City trimmed Oakland 5-3.

Veale bailed Sox starter Lynn McLinden out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth inning after Duke Sims' home run had pulled the Tigers within one run of Boston. The veteran lefty escaped that spot with Petrocelli sporting a third out liner. But two innings later, the Tigers loaded the bases with none out against him.

Enter Bolin, who got Ed Brinkman to rap into a double play started by third baseman Petrocelli. Miller's skidding catch on Jim Northrup's drive ended the inning.

"It took three sensational plays to beat us," said Detroit manager Billy Martin. "Petrocelli's two plays and Miller's catch were the equivalent of

seven runs ... but we're not down. We'll see what happens tomorrow."

Chicago, still hoping to catch Oakland in the West, picked up a game by beating Texas while Kansas City was whipping the A's.

The Sox held a pre-game meeting before beating the Rangers. "It's not over yet," said Chicago Manager Chuck Tanner, "and that's what I told them if we win our last 11 games, we have a chance."

The Sox then socked it to the hapless Rangers as Stan Bahnen earned his 20th victory of the season. Carlos May ripped a bases-loaded triple in the third inning and Tony Muser drilled a two-run homer in the eighth.

Muser, an early-game replacement for Dick Allen, who is nursing a twisted ankle, also drove in another run with a single.

Kansas City snapped a 1-1 tie with four runs in the eighth inning, three of them on John Mayberry's 22nd home run of the year and went on to beat Oakland.



**THROUGH THE LINE**—Fremont Ross fullback Jerry Obermeyer (35) cradles the ball in both arms as he charges through a large hole in the Toledo Bowsher defensive line last night. Clearing a path to Obermeyer's right is Don Wensinger (66). (News-Messenger Photos by Bruce Crippen)

## Cincy Stops Astros

By KEN RAFFOPOORT  
Associated Press Sports Writer

The Houston Astros have been chasing Cincinnati for most of the season, but finally ran into a Big Red stop sign.

Steered by Pete Rose and Johnny Bench, the Big Red Machine defeated Houston with a 4-3 victory Friday night that settled, once and for all, the National League West pennant race.

"It's the best feeling I've ever had," said Cincinnati Manager Sparky Anderson as the Reds won their second division title in three years. It wasn't easy.

No cakewalk. "This club battled so hard," said Anderson. "This year's team means so much more to me than the one that took the title in 1970 because the 1970 team won in a cakewalk."

The 1972 "Machine" isn't quite the same model that won the National League pennant two years ago, agreed Rose. "This year everybody was

# Ross Tackles Buckeye Foe

Fremont Ross High School puts its three-game winning streak plus its chances for a Buckeye Conference football title on the line tonight when Lorain Admiral King invades Harmon Stadium.

The battle initiates conference play for both teams. King (2-1) lost its season opener to Eastlake North, 13-7, before coming up with one-sided victories against Cleveland Collinwood (27-6) and inter-city upstart Lorain Southview (44-6). The Little Giants have routed opponents to the tune of 40-0 (Toledo Rogers), 41-12 (Cleveland West) and 47-0 (Toledo Bowsher).

## FREMONT ROSS STATS RUSHING

Player	No.	Yds.	Long.	Ave.
Rob Lytle	43	450	40	10.5
Tom Pitts	44	283	21	6.4
Tim Smith	22	141	30	6.4
Jerry Obermeyer	32	194	19	6.1
John Wright	6	26	9	4.3
Jim Oliver	1	3	3	3.0
Don Moore	3	8	7	2.7
Dan Michaels	1	1	1	1.0
Brad Borden	5	3	8	0.6
Jon Smith	5	2	4	0.4

## PASSING

Player	No.	Comp.	Yds.	Int.	TD
Brad Borden	21	11	153	0	1
Rob Lytle	2	1	56	0	1
Jon Smith	6	2	16	0	0

## RECEIVING

Player	No.	Yds.	Long.	TD
Mike Matthes	3	95	56	1
Bob Brudzinski	3	59	33	0
Tim Smith	1	15	15	1
Rob Lytle	2	20	10	0
Don Moore	1	11	11	0
Steve Celek	1	8	8	0
Jerry Obermeyer	1	6	6	0
Tom Pitts	1	3	3	0

## PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Long.	Ave.
Bob Brudzinski	6	192	47	32.0

## SCORING

Player	TD	EP-2	EP-1	Tot.
Rob Lytle	8	5	0	58
Tim Smith	4	0	0	24
Tom Pitts	3	3	0	24
Jerry Obermeyer	1	0	0	6
Mike Matthes	1	0	0	6
Mike Coleman	0	1	0	2
Jim Oliver	0	0	2	2

## KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Long.	Ave.
Tim Smith	1	29	29	29.0
Jim Heidelberg	2	22	12	11.0
Tom Pitts	2	19	11	9.5

## PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Long.	Ave.
Rob Lytle	4	23	18	5.8

## King Rated Toughest Yet

"I don't think it'll be primarily a battle between Rob Lytle for us and Tim Bonko for King," said Ross coach Chuck Shuff when asked about the individual team leaders. "If they concentrate on Lytle, we have Tom Pitts and Jerry Obermeyer who can rip off yardage. And King has a couple of other good runners, too."

"In overall team balance, I feel we have the edge. They've made several changes, however, that have proven beneficial. They seem to have taken formations that have worked well against them and decided to put them to work."

Shuff said he thinks that King could have beaten any of the Ross victims with "not much trouble," and added that the Admirals

would be "the quickest team we've met yet and they have the best group of backs."

He rated the BC contenders as about equal in size and quickness with the Giants, but added that in overall speed, Ross might have the advantage.

One question that should get answered tonight is whether King's reported claim as the "best defense in the Buckeye Conference" has any merit. The Admirals gave up 13 points in their opener — one more than Ross has allowed to date. The Giants also have two shutouts to their credit to none for Lorain.

It seems that the King defense has held opponents to 1.5-yards per carry on the ground. Ross,

which is averaging 370 ground yards per game will be a strong challenge.

"One of the big advantages of our having had large victory margins is that we've been able to develop our depth," Shuff said. "That was one of our problems at the start of the season. But Don Wensinger and Denny Weickert have come along well at offensive guard and have allowed us to specialize Terry Himkle and Dave Mierke on defense. It's helped us all around."

Lytle leads Ross in rushing (450 yards for and 10.5 average) and scoring (eight touchdowns and five two-point conversions) while Bonko, a senior fullback, has gained 291 yards (5.3 average) and scored three touchdowns for King.

## Streaks' Mental Attitude Seen As Important Factor

"We've had a good week in practice," states Fremont St. Joseph football coach Bob Smith.

"The boys have responded well after the loss to Huron (28-14) last week, but we won't really know how well until tonight. Our mental attitude will be a big factor in the outcome."

The Crimson Streaks, who built a two-game win skein before falling to the powerful Huron Tigers, seek to rebound into the victory column tonight in their initial road test against Margaretta.

At stake when the 8 o'clock kickoff starts the fray will be a chance to stay "alive" in the Sandusky Bay Conference title

the state polls and both have fine clubs.

"An added 'plus' for them is that it's Homecoming and they'll be wanting a victory twice as much. What it boils down to is that if we're not mentally right, it could be a real disaster."

Adding to the Streaks' woes is the ankle injury to runner Dave Frederick who Smith says had a fine game last week. Frederick was hurt during practice Tuesday.

Comparing size and speed, Smith stated, "Margaretta's defense is small, but quick. It's one of their year-to-year traits. In offensive speed, I think we match them fairly well this year."

caught. And Barrington is the top receiver with seven for 78 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Mike Smith and Byers also become prime targets on occasion.

Barrington leads the St. Joe scoring attack with 22 points on two touchdowns and five two-point conversions via the air lanes. Byers has three touchdowns and Guyer and Frederick have two each.

"We just want to be a winner tonight — to get back on track," said Smith. "But we'll have to be careful with Margaretta. As I said, it'll be a mental game more than anything else."

**Ross Beats**

# Lytle Injured; Status In Doubt King Stuns Ross, 19 To 14

By ROY WILHELM

Lorain Admiral King gave the Ross High Little Giants a rough welcome into the 1972 Buckeye Conference football season at Harmon Stadium Friday night.

The Admirals derailed the state-ranked and undefeated Giants, 19-14, parlaying the "big play" with a tenacious defense that all but halted the vaunted Ross running game.

Ross rolled into the contest with impressive statistics, having crushed three non-conference foes, but the Admirals rushed into the battle ready for the kill.

"We were as prepared for this game as we ever have been," King coach Don Fritz said after the contest. "The kids knew what they had to do and they just did the job. We came off a big victory last week (44-0 over Lorain Southview) and the kids just started pointing to Ross. Also, there were several kids out there who suffered through that game last year (when Ross won 43-6)."

The Admirals were obviously ready to play and they held the high bailing Ross offense completely in check in the first half. Then, as it appeared the Giants might begin to get moving, the Ross squad suffered a severe blow when Rob Lytle injured his knee.

Lytle was hurt on defense shortly after Ross had tied the game 6-6 early in the third quarter.

"That was the first play he had been in there on defense other than with our goal line units," Ross coach

Chuck Shuff said after the game. "We felt if we could hold them then we could get things going in our direction."

The Giants did hold Admiral King, but without Lytle whose status for the remainder of the year is in doubt. He was taken to Memorial Hospital and was admitted overnight. Hospital officials said this morning that while Lytle's left knee was not broken, the extent of his injury had not yet been assessed. He's listed in "good" condition.

Ross got the ball back, but as was the case in most of the rest of the game, the Giants had trouble moving against the Lorain defense and had to punt.

"We just didn't fire off at the line of scrimmage. Their defense was good, quick and aggressive. They out-fought us at the line of scrimmage. We were just not mentally sharp and when you are not mentally ready you get hurt on the scoreboard."

After the Giants punted, Ross continued to hold the invaders off, but one of those "big plays" came when Admiral King had to punt. Tim Bonko, whose booming kicks helped the Admirals out of trouble and kept the Giants deep in their own territory much of the night, booted a drive that struck one of the return men and Lorain fell on the free ball at the Ross nine.

On the next play, Bonko ramblled into the end zone to break the tie.

Lorain had scored its first touchdown late in the second quarter on another "big play."

Craig Macove connected with Bernard Lawrence on a 28-yard touchdown pass with just 1:16 left in the half. Lawrence made a leaping catch of the pass, which came on fourth down and 17.

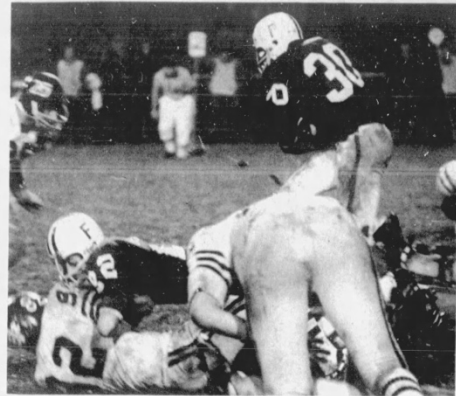
The last touchdown scored by the winners also was set up by a clutch pass play. Macove connected with Bill Burdger on a play that covered 37 yards for a first down at the Ross 20. The play came on fourth and 18.

Ross tried to battle back after Bonko plunged in for his second touchdown with 2:56 left to go.

The Giants managed to score their second TD of the game when Brad Borden hit Tim Smith with a screen pass that covered 12 yards with 1:30 left in the contest. Borden then hit Bob Brudzinski with the extra points pass to make the score 19-14, but a last-second bid by the Giants failed when a 56-yard Borden to Mike Matthes pass brought them just to the Admiral King 19.

The Giants looked like they were going to take command early in the third quarter when Lytle dashed 37 yards for a touchdown after Denny Reese had recovered a Lorain fumble. The touchdown tied the game at 6-6.

The Admirals held together, however, and failed to crumble under the pressure.



Fremont's Tom Pitts Climbs Over Line



LEADING ADMIRAL — Tim Bonko (30), Lorain King halfback, turns the corner on this run against Fremont Ross last night. The Admirals scored a surprising 19-14 upset over the state-ranked Little Giants.

## News-Messenger SPORTS

# Clyde Turns Back Tigers In Loop Tiff

By DON FOGELSON

HURON — Field general Patton lives on. Jim Patton, who leads the Clyde Fliers probably as well as General George Patton led the Americas ground troops in World War II, commanded an aroused Flier football team to an 8-6 victory over highly touted Huron here Friday night.

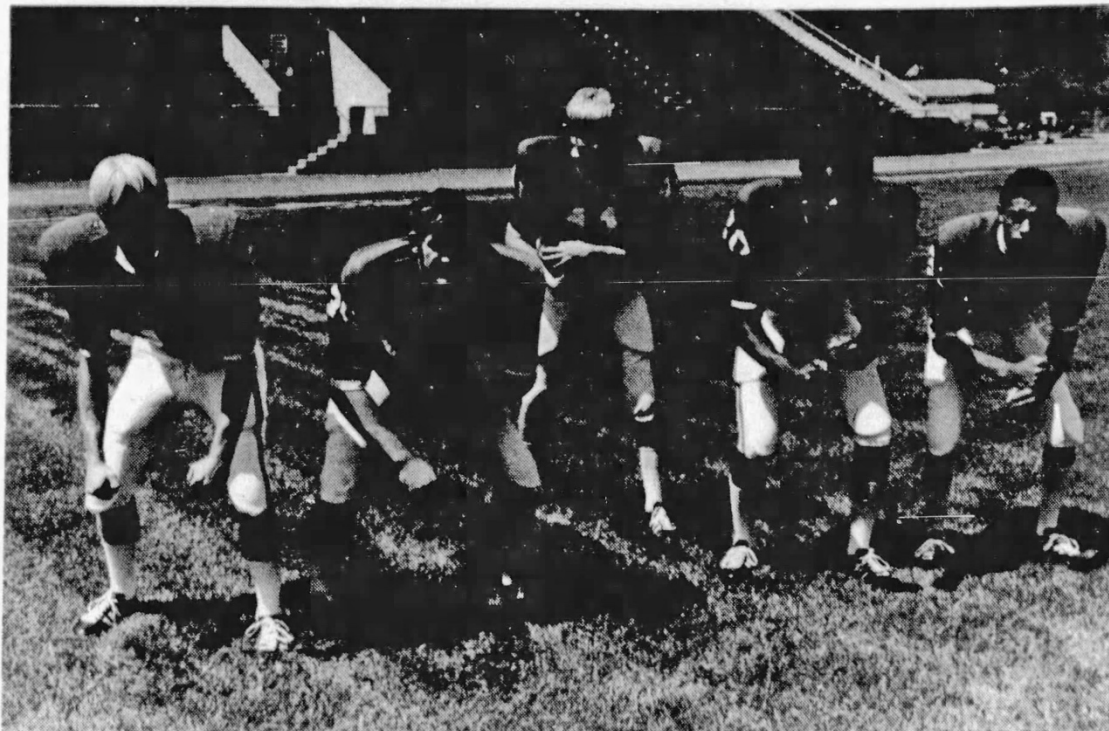
The win could prove to be Clyde's ticket to its first Sandusky Bay Conference football title ever. Huron's lone TD was set up on a booming 52-yard punt by Steve Wilkinson that came to rest on Both squads entered the the Clyde one-yard stripe.



OPENING THE DOOR — Fremont runners Tom Pitts (30) and Rob Lytle (41) team up for an end sweep which resulted in a good pickup in last night's Buckeye Conference tiff with Lorain King. Pitts runs interference here for Lytle who was

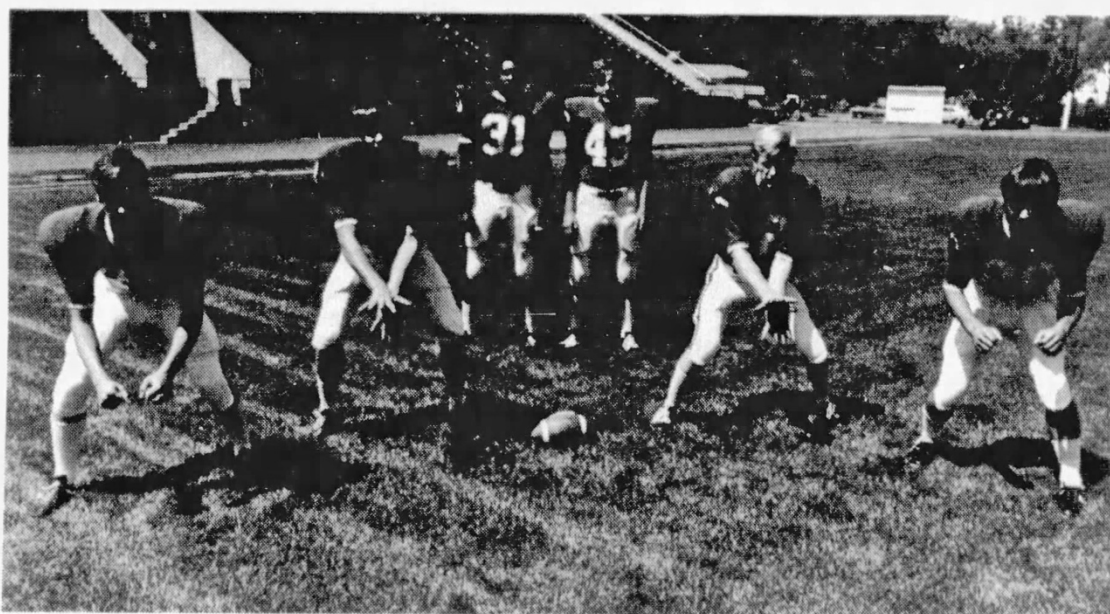
injured and hospitalized during third-period activity. Ross quarterback Brad Borden (13) trips up Ephram Hagins (82) of King while other Admirals follow the play from a distance.





**TAILBACKS AND Fullbacks** on the 1972 Ross roster include (from left) Tim Smith, Jerry Obermyer, Rob Lytle, Tom Pitts and John

Wright. Lytle is slated to start at tailback with Pitts and Obermyer sharing the fullback duties.



**QUARTERBACKS AND Swingbacks** on the Ross High Roster this year include (from left) Mike Coleman, Brad Borden, Don Moore,

Steve Holman, Jon Smith and Mike Matthes. Borden and Smith are the top prospects to lead the Giants from the quarterback spot.



**ROB LYTLE**

...awaiting word

## Rob Lytle Due Back

Fremont's Rob Lytle, one of the top offensive backs in Ohio, should be back in harness before too long, but Ross High School sources were not guestimating any time schedule.

Lytle was injured during the third period of last week's 19-14 loss to Lorain Admiral King.

"We don't know exactly how bad the injury is," said Coach Chuck Shuff this morning, "but we know that it's not serious enough to keep him out for the season. It's just a matter of rehabilitation—how long it takes to get back his strength.

"Rob is walking around without a brace now and we want to start him slowly on a jogging program. It'll take time to bring his leg around."

The main concern, after a break was ruled out, has become the danger of cartilage damage. Doctors on the case have reported that Lytle's knee is responding to treatment.



*In Case You Wondered. . .*

# About Sports



By **DICK KINNEY** N-M Sports Editor

I feel it's about time someone around Fremont spoke out to squelch all the controversy concerning the injury last week to Ross halfback Rob Lytle.

To be sure, the absence of the talented Little Giants' speedster will be felt, but the charged-question, "Why did they (the Ross coaches) put Lytle into the game on defense?" is not without rebuttal.

Ross defensive coordinator Jim Hamman said, "We had come from behind to tie the game earlier in the third quarter and later, after they (Lorain King) stopped us deep in our own territory, we punted and King took over at our 44 yard line. They had proven in the first half that they could move the ball. We wanted to stop them . . . and win the game.

"Rob, besides being an outstanding runner on offense, is also outstanding on defense and has always been a member of our goal-line defensive unit. Under the same situation, if I didn't know beforehand that he would be injured, I'd suggest the same thing again."

What it boils down to is that hindsight, unlike foresight, is always 20-20. If on that same play Lytle had scooped up a fumble or picked off a pass and scrambled 70-or-so yards to paydirt, the plan would have been hailed as near-genius, I'm sure.

The Ross coaching staff, headed by Chuck Shuff, has developed Fremont football into a serious contender for Ohio honors. When the team's name is mentioned in sports circles now, they are taken seriously.

Let's keep it that way and get behind the coaching staff rather than ahead of it.

# Giants' Defense Makes Big Plays

## Ross Whips Tygers, 29 To 6

MANSFIELD—Fremont Ross has its Little Giants football team back on the winning trail, but there will have to be some changes made before they tangle with undefeated Elyria next week.

Ross (1-1 in Buckeye Conference and 4-1 overall) routed the lackluster Tygers of Mansfield Senior High (0-2 and 0-4-1) by a 29-6 count, but it was much closer than that until the final 8½ minutes of the game.

The Giants' defense, as usual, was invincible, holding the Tygers to minus yardage on the ground (including a pair of "team" losses totaling 44 yards). And had it not been for the offense, which sputtered without its two leading rushers to call upon, the hosts would have become Fremont's third shutout.

A pair of first-quarter Mansfield mistakes led to Fremont's slim 8-0 lead at halftime. A bad snap on a punt attempt sailed over the Tiger punter's head and rolled back 36 yards into the end zone. A Mansfield end recovered the ball, but tried to run it out rather than kick it out of danger and was tackled for a safety.

Ergo, a 2-0 lead with no offensive punch yet — to speak of.

Fremont gained its only first-quarter first down on the

next series which was again brought about by a bad snap to the punter. Ross recovered on the Mansfield 13 and on the next play Tim Smith zipped to paydirt.

Again a set-up due mainly to Fremont's defensive charge that had the Tygers nervous, to say the least.

Coming out for the third period, the Giants put together their only sizeable (successful) drive of the game by marching 80 yards for the score. Jerry Obermeyer capped the drive with a five-yard burst for his first of two touchdowns. The fourth-quarter tallies were "gifts" with the Mansfield offense and Fremont defense combining on a fumble and interception to set up the scores. Obermeyer and Quarterback Brad Borden boosted the margin, each from one yard out.

### 70-YARD FUMBLE RETURN

Mansfield's touchdown, in the third stanza, came on an offensive error by Ross which allowed Terone Butler to scoop up a Tom Pitts fumble on his own 30 and ramble 70 yards. It was the only carry for Pitts who specialized on the defensive unit because of an injury. Pitts' countered with an interception in the fourth quarter which led to Obermeyer's second TD.

Neither team mustered much of a threat otherwise on

the Arlin Field turf which was soggy, but avoided rain for the evening. The halftime band show was cancelled because of the field condition.

But Smith, who has become a mainstay to the Giants' offense had little trouble with his footing. The speedster gathered 105 yards on 15 carries to surpass the efforts of anything else on two feet.

Most of Fremont's forward drive was generated in the third period when it earned six of its 10 first downs. The 80-yard drive accounted for nearly half of Fremont's 170-yard net total.

The officials provided their share of the game-delaying confusion, which kept the final gun from sounding until well after 10 p.m. Several discussions surrounding some puzzling calls were held under the "officials' time out" tag.

Besides the loss of Pitts for offensive purposes, Ross also suffered through its first test without its premier rusher, Rob Lytle. Rapid Rob had accrued 520 yards prior to being injured last week and Pitts had 318. In the Mansfield tiff, both Obermeyer and Smith passed the 200-yard mark with 231 and 252 respectively.

CROGHAN COLONIAL BANK PRESENTS . . .

# THE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ROSS  
HIGH



**BOB BRUDZINSKI**

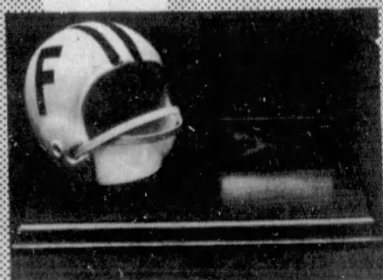
Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brudzinski. On defense Bob made 10 tackles, caused one fumble, tackled the passer twice behind the line of scrimmage and tackled the punter in the end zone for a safety. On offense Bob is credited with an extra point conversion and from his end position did an outstanding job of blocking. He punted 5 times for an average of 36.3 yards.

ST. JOE  
HIGH



**JOE GUYER**

Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Guyer. Joe carried the ball 23 times for a total of 124 yards from his fullback position. He scored two touchdowns on runs of three and two yards. He punted three times for an average of 40 yards, returned two kickoffs for a total of 25 yards and is credited with one pass interception.



ABOVE TROPHIES PRESENTED EACH WEEK TO "PLAYERS OF THE WEEK"



## Ross Stats

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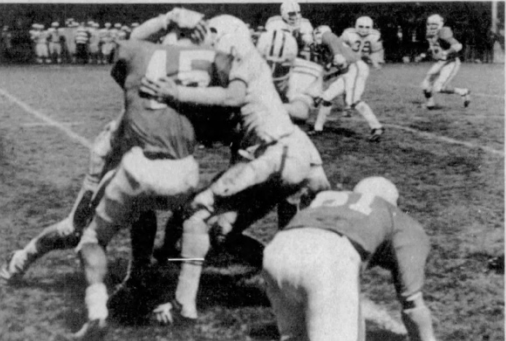
TOUCHDOWNS — Tom Pitts (three-yard run); Brad Borden (one-yard sneak); Jerry Obermeyer (one-yard plunge).

INDIVIDUAL RUNNING  
FREMONT ROSS — Rob Lytle, 15 for 111; Jerry Obermeyer, 19 for 72; Tom Smith, 7 for 28; Brad Borden, 5 for 11; Tom Pitts, 4 for 8. TOTALS: 50 for 230.  
ELYRIA — Phil Oliver, 18 for 117; Jack Sio, 1 for 10; Ira Perkins, 3 for 2; Fitzpatrick, 3 for 1; Gary Stevenson, 6 for 18. TOTALS: 31 for 186.

	Fremont Ross	Elyria
First Downs	10	9
Rushing	10	4
Passing	0	0
Penalties	0	0
Yards gained, rushing	231	138
Yards gained, passing	0	124
Yards lost, scrimmage	1	39
Passes attempted	1	17
Passes completed	0	11
Passes intercepted by	2	1
No. of punts	4	2
Punt average	34.5	35.0
No. of punt returns	2	2
Punt return yards	11	-3
No. of kickoff returns	1	4
Kickoff return yards	8	80
No. of fumbles	0	4
Own fumbles recovered	0	0
No. of penalties	2	4
Penalty yardage	30	30

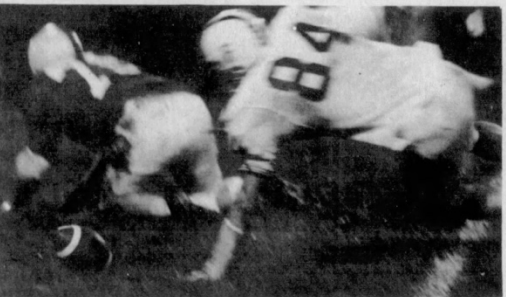
TO CATCH A THIEF — Tom Pitts (30) of Fremont Ross tucks in an intercepted pass during fourth-quarter play last night at Elyria at the Ross 10 and puts on the speed for

a 36-yard runback to get the Little Giants out of trouble. Elyria's Phil Oliver (45) waits to make a tackle, but missed the try at Fremont's 30.



ALL WRAPPED UP — Fremont's Bob Brudzinski (84) and an unidentified teammate put an end to any hopes Phil Oliver (45) of Elyria had of breaking off a big gain

during action last night. The Ross defense had a field day in holding Elyria's ground game to only 109 yards. (Photo by Dave Ridenour).



LOOSE FOOTBALL — Going after one of four Elyria fumbles is Fremont's Bob Brudzinski who turned in an outstanding evening of defense. The senior end, who plays both

offense and defense, also led the blocking which helped Rob Lytle accumulate 111 yards in the 18-0 Ross victory. (Photo by Dave Ridenour)

# Giants' Wolfpack Defense Sums Up Victory — Shuff

By MARK HOFFMAN  
N-M Staff Writer

"Our defense made the game for us."

That's how Coach Charlie Shuff summed up the Ross-Elyria encounter last night. The Little Giants won the game easily, 18-0.

Although this game was not built up to the proportions of last years contest, it had the makings of a great game all the way around. Unlike last season's high powered offenses, the Pioneers

and Giants were sporting tough defenses this time around. The Ross offense provided the winning margin in the end, however.

The Pioneers' offense was stymied all night long until they reverted to a passing attack late in the second half. Quarterback Gary Stevenson was hitting the Elyria receivers for long gainers, but the Ross defense kept the Pioneers from connecting for the TD's.

"They're basically a running team and they surprised us," commented Shuff. "We were playing a zone defense and their receivers slipped into the 'seams' between the linebackers and the secondary."

The Wolfpack defense grabbed up four fumbles and picked off two Pioneer aeriels. Shuff cited them as providing all the opportunities for the offense.

Senior tailback Rob Lytle looked in top condition for the game as he had another 100 yard plus night. Up until game time he was listed as "doubtful" by the Ross coaching staff, but Shuff admitted it was only a psyche job.

The Pioneers apparently fell for it hook, line and sinker.

After the loss to Lorain King Shuff commented that perhaps the team hadn't been quite mentally prepared. This wasn't the case last night, though, as Ross still seemed to be smarting from its lone defeat at the hands of the Giants in 1971. Although the Pioneers didn't overwhelm Elyria, they did appear to have a big edge throughout the entire game.

Team Effort

When asked to cite the key individuals in the game, Shuff

commented, "Tonight we had a total team effort on the field. Both the defense and the offense played brilliantly and they rose to the occasion when they had to."

Coach Shuff gave Lytle's return as another reason for the fired-up Giants' play. "We were making our game plans without him, so all his play was a bonus we weren't expecting."

The Ross High mentor seemed pleased with the performance of his entire team, as he looked ahead to next week's encounter with Lorain Senior. He cited the Steelmen as another tough test on the Little Giants 1972-73 campaign trail.

Grateful Staff

Thanks to the Ely Stadium concession stands, four News-Messenger staff members were gratefully fortified by free hot chocolate and popcorn, before setting out on a muddy, jungle trek to an A&P parking lot a quarter mile away. What a way to end two hours of exciting football — on an extremely chilly evening.

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## Gibsonburg Cops Last-Minute Win

GIBSONBURG — The Gibsonburg Golden Bears pulled out an exciting victory over Woodmore with a desperate fourth-quarter drive to win, 7-0, in a Suburban Lakes League battle.

The game was marred by fumbles and interceptions by both teams over the first three quarters which ended in a scoreless deadlock.

But with just three minutes to go in the game, the Golden Bears took charge after receiving a punt on their own 45 yard line. From there they put together a 16-play drive to paydirt.

On that game-winning march, durable Randy Smith carried the ball 10 times including the final one-yard plunge to the end zone.

	Gib.	Wood.
First Downs	13	4
Rushing	18	47
Passing	0	5
Passes	0-0	1-4
Passes Intercepted	2	1
Punts	4-38	7-31
Fumbles Lost	4-1	0
Yards Penalized	6-60	4-30

Throughout the halftime the defenses of both teams performed well while the offenses battled with futility.

## Mileti Gets 'OK' For Construction

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has given sports owner Nick Mileti the go-ahead to construct his proposed \$17 million sports coliseum in Richfield Township.

Mileti says he hopes construction can begin Nov. 1 on the structure that has been delayed since June, 1971, because of various court appeals.

Construction approval came Wednesday when the high court declined to hear the request of an environmental group that opposed construction of the coliseum that will house three of Mileti's sports teams—the Cavaliers of the National Basketball Association, the Crusaders of the World Hockey Association and the Barons of the American Hockey League.

"But it sure is nice to think they planned it this way," said a jubilant Mileti, he also owns the baseball Indians and will be the owner of 50,000-watt Cleveland radio station WKYC-AM and FM in 30 days.

"We've got to clean up about 1,000 details, but we should be



# Ross Dumps Elyria From Unbeaten Ranks, 18 To 0

By DICK KINNEY, N-M Sports Editor

ELYRIA — Friday, the 13th of October, held no black cats, ladders or broken mirrors for Fremont Ross. But Elyria — well, they just should have stood by.

Rob Lytle, once again his rapid self, surprised fans on both sides of the football field here last night as he led an 18-0 Fremont Ross victory over the previously unbeaten Pioneers.

Little Giants' two-way end Bob Brudzinski looked like an accident looking for a place to happen — and did so over and over to the harried Pioneers' backfield. A tackle made without Brudzinski's name being mentioned almost assuredly meant the solid senior was on the sidelines momentarily or that Elyria had run so far in the opposite direction he couldn't catch up.

And so the evening went for Elyria, which watched a lot of its Buckeye Conference hopes go down the drain while Ross was hitting stride on offense and turning in an outstanding defensive performance.

Taking the opening kickoff, Ross (2-1 in BC and 5-1 overall)

appeared to be halted at its own 47 with a fourth-and-one situation, but Coach Chuck Shuff elected to go for the yardage — and won.

At that point Lytle, who missed last week and most of the second half against Lorain King with a knee injury, entered the scene for Ross and picked up yardage almost at will the rest of the way.

Fremont's initial march covered 72 yards in a dozen plays with Lytle's 22-yard jaunt converting a third-and-two into a first-and-goal. Tom Pitts rammed the ball to paydirt from three yards out and the Little Giants were ahead to stay.

Topping off an unlucky evening for the Pioneers (2-1 and 5-1) was their ensuing drive which was thwarted at the Ross 20-yard line when usually reliable Phil Oliver fumbled after a six-yard pickup. It was the first of two fumbles for Oliver and four overall for the Pioneers — all of which Ross recovered.

Nevertheless, Oliver wound up as the top game rusher with 117 yards on 18 carries — although a dozen yards were accounted for

on his fumbles when the ball bounced forward uncontrolled.

Lytle's 111 net yards on 15 carries headed the Giants and Fullback Jerry Overmeyer racked up 72 yards on 13 tries.

Actually, it wasn't a matter of Elyria's not being able to move the ball. The Pioneers outgained Fremont, 243-230, but the Ross Wolfpack defense came up with the key plays to abort any Elyria drive.

Quarterback Brad Borden added an insurance touchdown in the third period, capping a 60-yard drive which took 14 plays and included a 15-yard clipping infraction along the route. The penalty put the ball on Fremont's 49 with a second-and-23 situation facing the Giants. Overmeyer ripped off 13 yards and Lytle scampered for 18 on successive plays to relieve the pressure.

In the fourth stanza, Overmeyer finally achieved the sweet taste of paydirt, charging in from a yard away. That march began on a sour note after Don Moore had recovered an Elyria fumble 16 yards from the end zone. Fremont's only other

penalty, also a 15-yarder, made it a 31-yard drive which was eaten up in six plays.

Elyria's passing game turned out to be nearly double that of its first five games when the Ross defense repeatedly shut off its bread-and-butter running plays. But Elyria quarterback Gary Stevenson was outstanding in his performance which included 11 of 17 aerial completions for 134 yards and during the third quarter had five straight connections.

But the Fremont interceptions by Pitts and Jon Smith combined with a pair of fourth-quarter fumbles stopped the Pioneers each time they had something going.

The game was filled with great individual efforts at all positions of the Fremont lineup which added up to a fine team performance and left the Giants in good position regarding Buckeye title hopes. Both Fremont and Elyria have stern tests ahead with still undefeated Sandusky, the Pioneers next week and Fremont the season finale.



**FORWARD WALL.** — Fremont Ross backfield ace Rob Lytle (41) returned to action at Ely Stadium in Elyria last night behind a wall of teammate blockers including Jerry Overmeyer (35), Brad Borden (13) and Paul Silcox (67). After

a week and a half layoff with a knee injury, the Ross backfield and line gave Lytle plenty of protection as he rumped for 111 net yards in Fremont's 18-0 victory. (News-Messenger Photos by Bruce Crippen).



**ROUGH ALL OVER.** — Denny Reese (63) of Fremont hangs onto the jersey of Elyria quarterback Gary Stevenson (18) as defensive end Bob Brudzinski (84) closes in and Pioneer halfback Ira Perkins (33) wanders which of the Little Giants to

block. Neither, as it turned out and the two Ross players sacked Stevenson for one of his six times caught behind the line of scrimmage.

## Clyde Captures Sixth Win

By JERRY ROSEN

N-M Staff Writer

**CLYDE**—"Six down and three to go," said a Clyde Flier cheerleader as she joined the throngs leaving the Clyde-Fostoria St. Wendelin football debate last night.

The Fliers just had finished off their sixth straight opponent, manhandling the Mohawks 45-0. The state-ranked Fliers could have punished the homecoming game visitors further, except that Coach Don Graham showed mercy, using his reserves liberally during the second half.

One exception to that came when the Mohawks threatened the Fliers' shutout late in the fourth quarter. The visitors managed a first down at the Clyde two. Graham pulled the clean-shirted substitutes and hustled in the muddy regulars who turned back two rushes, forced an overthrown pass and then helped Mohawk quarterback Bill Wolfarth throw an interception at Jim Patton in the end zone.

### St. Wendelin Falls, 45-0

Weidner saved a touchdown at the Mohawk 21. Beier then took the ball in on probably the best run of the night.

Beier's score was strictly individual effort. He broke two tackles just beyond the line, then stumbled but kept his balance and carried a defender across the line.

An interception handed Patton the ball at the Fostoria 22 later in

the quarter. A pass to Hasselbach and another to Meyer brought the ball to the Fostoria six, and two plays later, Caudill swept in with 5:00 remaining.

Caudill scored on the tail end of a four-play 63-yard drive at 1:49 of the third quarter, and again scored on a drive at 8:30 of the fourth quarter. That drive covered 57 yards in nine plays with Caudill hitting a trap hole at the 16 and rambling in.

**SCORING**

Clyde	18	14	5	7	-45
St. Wendelin	0	0	0	0	-0

**CLYDE**

**TOUCHDOWNS**—Jim Patton (one-yard run); Ron Beier 2 (five-yard run, 31-yard run); Dale Caudill 3 (six-yard run, five-yard run, five-yard run).

**EXTRA POINTS**—Tom Hasselbach 6 (runs); Ron Beier 3 (runs); Larry Meyer (kick).

**INDIVIDUAL RUSHING**

CLYDE — Dale Caudill, 12 for 86; Tom Hasselbach, 19 for 86; Jim Patton, 7 for 40; Ron Beier, 5 for 47; Jim Schrock, 4 for 15; Randy Thompson, 3 for 13; Bill Bomber, 1 for 3. **TOTALS: 46 for 287.**

**ST. WENDELIN** — Ron Dugg, 11 for 17; Dave Bodart, 5 for 15; Jerry Bodart, 3 for 7; Fred Kuhn, 1 for 1; Fred Hammer, 1 for 1; Don Herman, 1 for 2; Bill Wolfarth, 1 for 2. **TOTALS: 25 for 50.**

## Anderson Theory Gets Test As Cincy, A's Begin Series

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Oakland A's got a chance today to prove that Sparky Anderson's theory was wrong when they opened the World Series against the Cincinnati Reds.

The Cincinnati manager has long insisted that his team faced tougher competition to win the National League pennant than the A's did in winning the American flag.

"I'm not saying that Oakland can't beat us," said Anderson. "But I'm saying that you can't compare our league to theirs. Our league is tougher from top to bottom."

Naturally, Oakland Manager Dick Williams doesn't agree with the assessment.

"I don't know," said Williams. "I've seen some pretty bad National League teams on television this season."

Williams had a former National League pitcher starting in the first game at sold-out Riverfront Stadium but southpaw Ken Holtzman didn't look for any advantage over the Reds.

"I might know the Reds' hitters—but they know me, too," said Holtzman. "I also know that they hit left-handers pretty well."

However, another element of the Oakland offense was missing from the lineup—the bat of center fielder Reggie Jackson. The bearded slugger injured his left leg in Thursday's play-off game in Detroit and will miss the entire World Series. Charles O. Finley, owner of the A's, made it official Friday after team doctors advised him Jackson would be unable to play.

Finley also said he had received permission from Kuhn to fill Jackson's spot on the roster with Allan Lewis, who played most of the season with Oakland's Birmingham farm club in the Southern League.

Lewis, used mostly as a pinch-runner, batted .200 in 24 games with the A's.

With Jackson out of the lineup, Williams went with a virtually untested center fielder—George Hendrick. Ironically,

Jackson's absence also prompted a change in Anderson's plans.

The Cincinnati manager changed his pitching rotation for the initial four games. Anderson will start left-hander Ross Grimsley in the second game Sunday and then go with right-hander Jack Billingham in game No. 3 Tuesday instead of southpaw Don Gullett. It was an obvious ploy to take advantage of Jackson's missing left-handed bat.

Gullett, a left-hander who pitched two of the play-off games against the Pittsburgh Pirates, was nominated to start the fourth game on Wednesday.

Williams chose Jim "Catfish" Hunter, John "Blue Moon" Odum and Vida Blue to pitch behind Holtzman.



## Louisville Poses Threat To St. Joe

Fremont St. Joseph's returns to the confines of Harmon Stadium tonight for an independent football clash against Louisville St. Thomas, a double-A school which ranks fourth in its computer district.

Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. with Streaks' coach Bob Smith planning







**SPOTTING THE GAP** — Fremont Ross halfback Rob Lytle (41) tucks the ball in after a handoff from quarterback Brad Borden and begins his search for the open spot in Lorain Senior's line. The talented speedster was successful to the extent of ferreting enough

air to squeeze through for 175 net yards last night against the Steelmen. Lorain defenders Kevin Welch (77) and Jim Mayhew (32) seem to have Lytle closed in on this first-half play, but he still escaped for a nine-yard jaunt.

# Giants To Face Harding

Fremont Ross returns to the confines of Harmon Stadium tonight after a successful Buckeye Conference road "trip" which included victories over Mansfield, Elyria and Lorain Senior.

Coming to grips with the Little Giants tonight is a seemingly non-impressive Marion Harding contingent which has won only one game this season and is winless in four BC outings.

"Actually, we should be more concerned with Marion than with most of the teams on our schedule," came the surprising statement from Ross coach Chuck Shuff. "People tend to look at a team's record and assume that they're either very good or very bad.

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"But what they don't look for is something like the fact that Marion has not been shut out by any team this season — and that includes Elyria, Sandusky and Lorain King.

"And what is the most worrisome is that they can attack on the ground or in the air. If they begin to click, it's going to be a difficult game. You can usually key on one or the other against most teams, but Marion can hurt you either way."

Harding leads the BC in passing yards with 607 although holding fifth in overall yards, 1,298, while Fremont holds a healthy overall lead with 2,345. Marion's Mel McGary is third in passing, having completed 32 of 89 attempts for 405 yards and has receivers Fred Favors and Bill Meginnis in the top five receivers.

Shuff reports the Giants in "good condition. We lost a reserve center with a broken ankle, but the rest of the squad is sound."

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Fremont star halfback Rob Lytle heads the Giants and the conference in rushing average and scoring. The senior flash has an 8.3 per-carry mark and has scored 84 points including a dozen touchdowns despite missing 1½ games with a knee injury.

Giants' tackle Dennis Reese, a 6-1, 190-pound senior, was accorded conference lineman honors this week, providing 11 outstanding blocks on offense while soloing or assisting on eight tackles and blocking a pass defensively.

"Marion has made a lot of improvements and we'll need a complete effort," Shuff said. "They had Sandusky on the ropes most of their game. Sandusky might have been looking ahead to the Elyria game the following week — which shows what can happen if you don't keep your mind on the team you're playing."

# Ross Thumps Marion, 46-7; Lytle Hits 110

By ROY WILLIAMS

Taking advantage of seven Marion Harding miscues, the Ross High Little Giants crushed the invading Presidents, 46-7, for their fourth consecutive victory and seventh in eight this year.

The state-ranked Little Giants grabbed up five Marion fumbles and picked off a pair of passes as they easily erased any upset hopes the Presidents might have had.

While the defense was opportunistic, the offense was awesome. Led by senior tailback Rob Lytle and senior fullback Tom Pitts, the Ross offense rolled up 43 yards, including 30 on the ground. Lytle, who is scoring the 1,000 mark in spite of the fact that he missed a game and a half with an injury, scored four touchdowns and gained 118 yards in 19 carries. Touchdown runs of 15, five, seven and five yards and a run for the points after Pitts' touchdown boosted Lytle's season scoring total to 110 points.

While Lytle was as impressive as always, it was the defense and Pitts who broke the game open early for the powerful Little Giants.

The Ross defense recovered three fumbles in the first quarter with one of those leading to its first touchdown and another stalling Marion after the Presidents reached the Ross 24 yard line.

Lytle dashed into the end zone from 19 yards out on the second play after the Giants had recovered a Marion fumble on the Presidents' 24-yard line, opening the scoring with 7:28 left in the first period.

But Marion threatened to make a game of it, marching from its own 53 to the Little Giants' 26 before fumbling for the third time. Ross then marched in for a touchdown with junior quarterback Brad Borden sneaking over from one yard out on the first play of the second quarter.

Marion scored its only touchdown about four minutes later. Mel McGarry, a pinpoint passer who was victimized by a number of dropped aerials during the night, bulled his way into the end zone

two plays after Doug Middleton had dashed 43 yards through the middle of the Ross defense to the Ross one.

The conversion by John Beach made the score 12-7 and it looked like it could be an interesting evening.

Just four plays after the kick-off, however, Pitts broke through the line, cut to the right sidelines and dashed 50 yards for the Giants' third score. It was a breeze from there on.

Quick senior linebacker Don Moore picked off a pair of passes and Lytle added another touchdown before the half was over.

Pitts finished the night with 86 yards in just seven carries while Tim Smith, Jerry Obermeyer and Brad Borden gave the Ross running game a big boost.

Borden made the Presidents pay for concentrating on Lytle on the option play.

"You can't just let him have it," Ross high coach Chuck Shuff said of the opening the Presidents were leaving for Borden by playing the pitch man (Lytle) on the sweeps.

Borden, besides scoring the touchdown, had a 19-yard jump for fourth down and picked up a big first down with a six-yard run on fourth down. He finished with 38 yards on nine carries.

Except for the 43-yard run by Middleton, the Ross defense bottled up the Presidents' running game almost completely.

Marion did manage to move the ball through the air at times and probably could have been more successful except for a number of dropped passes.

Safety Jon Smith was primarily responsible for more than one of those dropped aerials. The scrappy senior really blasted Fred Favers just after he grabbed one McGarry aerial. The ball fell free and Favers, who had been one of McGarry's favorite receivers, appeared to be "hearing botulism" the rest of the night.

Smith also saw a lot of action at quarterback and was on the mark with his passing. He hit on three of five for 70 yards. He also scored the Giants' final touchdown on a five-yard run.

The victory kept the Giants in a tie for the Buckeye Conference lead.

## St. Joe, Clyde In Showdown

The Sandusky Bay Conference football clash between loop-leading Clyde and Fremont St. Joe was preceded by a convincing show of force by both teams last weekend.

The Streaks and Flyers duet tonight at Harmon Stadium in what shapes up as THE battle of the SBC season. Kickoff is set for 8 o'clock.

A week ago, Clyde sent Sandusky Perkins to a 34-0 demise and the Streaks turned up Sunday by pinning a 36-0 loss on Tiffin Calvert.

"We've had a fine week of football practice," stated St. Joe coach Bob Smith. "There's no

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trouble in getting the kids ready for this one. The biggest worry is to keep them from being over-ready — leaving their game on the practice field.

"We'll have to get an all-out effort from all 11 players this week, especially from our tackles. We haven't made any changes for this game, just planning to do what we do best — and do it better. We believe in good execution and feel that it will execute well we'll be in the game.

Both schools will field healthy squads according to Smith and Clyde Coach Don Graham.

"We were in good condition after last week's game and I was just hoping to get through our practices this week without injuries," Graham said. "It's a key game for us and I know the players would be hitting harder."

"We haven't made any changes for this game, just planning to do what we do best — and do it better. We believe in good execution and feel that it will execute well we'll be in the game.

But for St. Joe, the talent measures just as deep with Fullback Joe Guyer, halfbacks Dan Byers and Mark Hummelback and Quarterbacks Jerry Yeager and Mike Smith. And Dave Frederick, an early-season starter before being sidelined with an injury, is reportedly back at full strength.

Guyer, a sophomore, heads the streaks' scoring with 43 points and End John Burroughs is next with 36. Byers and Frederick are 18 and 12 respectively.

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It won't be a matter of trying to outsmart St. Joe — they know what we do."

Clyde will be bucking tradition as it goes after its first loop crown. The Flyers have fallen to the streaks in eight of the past 10 years by shutouts and show one win and a tie over that period.

Last year St. Joe built an 18-0 victory on route to a loop title.

"I think that in the past, we've had the reputation of not being up for the St. Joe game," what we do best — and do it better. We believe in good execution and feel that it will execute well we'll be in the game.

Graham said. "But our young men know that the community believes in them and they believe in themselves. Both St. Joe and Clyde have strong teams that will give a good account on the football field. It boils down to which team does its job best."

Clyde has run through seven straight opponents this year on the obvious talents of its backfield — halfbacks Dale Caudill and Tom Haselback, quarterback Tom Patton and Fullback Ron Beier — and hardnose line play.

But for St. Joe, the talent measures just as deep with Fullback Joe Guyer, halfbacks Dan Byers and Mark Hummelback and Quarterbacks Jerry Yeager and Mike Smith. And Dave Frederick, an early-season starter before being sidelined with an injury, is reportedly back at full strength.

Guyer, a sophomore, heads the streaks' scoring with 43 points and End John Burroughs is next with 36. Byers and Frederick are 18 and 12 respectively.

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NO QUESTION—There was no question as to which team was going to recover this Marion fumble last night at Harmon Stadium as five Fremont players converge on the ball. Bob

Brudinski (84) did the job for the Little Giants — just ahead of teammates (from left) Dave Frymire, Denney Reese (83), Dave Mierke (80) and Jon Smith (12).



UP AND OVER — Fremont Ross fullback Jerry Obermeyer (35 left) flips a Marion Harding attacker over his shoulder to give Quarterback Brad Borden an extra moment

## Bitter Rivals Remain

With seven victories tucked away, the Ross High Little Giants turn to the final two weeks of the season with two bitter rivals remaining on the schedule.

Years of rivalry make next week's Findlay game and the final regular season test with Sandusky something special. The Sandusky outing will be important because both teams are in the running for the conference crown, but Findlay offers the first challenge even though the Trojans are out of the title picture.

Hard Telling — "It's hard telling what Findlay will throw at us," Ross coach Chuck Shuff said after Friday's win over Marion. "Hoped into (Curt) is expected to be back. They shifted him to quarterback this year and he is a real threat, but he broke his arm in a preseason scrimmage."

If he does return, Hopedinto, who was a power runner for the Trojans last season, could give the young Findlay squad a big lift.

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## Arnie Tied For Sahara Golf Lead

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—For the second time in as many weeks slump-ridden Arnold Palmer held the lead after two rounds of a major golf tournament.

"This time," the 43-year-old master said, "I just hope I can keep it going for two more days."

The comment was a reference to last week's Kaiser International when he led by two strokes after 36 holes, then blew it with two poor rounds on the weekend.

Dismal Stump — It was the fourth time this season he had been in position to win and had failed, and it extended one of the longest, most dismal, frustrating slumps of his career to some 15 months.

Friday he put together a two-under-par 69 for a two-round total of 134—eight under par.

He was tied with a pair of the game's new breed, rookies John Mah

# Trojans No 'Patsy' For Fremont Ross

Statistically, the Findlay High School football Trojans are about as far down the Buckeye Conference list as they can get and still stay in the eight-team loop.

They have one of the top five kickoff return artists in the BC, but that's mainly because he's had so much practice. Chris Fakes is averaging 17.9 yards per return.

Findlay ranks just a notch ahead of Mansfield in offensive yards gained and points scored and is behind everybody in yards allowed.

It would follow, then, that Fremont Ross is facing a second straight "breather" in action

tonight against the Trojans. Right?

"Wrong," states Ross coach Chuck Shuff who proceeds to make his point.

"In the first place, Findlay has been 'in' every game they've played. No team has had an easy time of it against them — ask Elyria. And they've done it without the services of their top rusher from last year, Curt Hippensteel. He'll be back in time to play against us.

"They also have an all-state individual from Colorado, Harry Hall, who's an explosive-type runner (turns the hundred in 9.9), and leads the league in punts (40.1 yards per punt) and

punt returns (29.0). He can put you in the hole before you know what's hit you."

Shuff's allusion to the Elyria-Findlay test which the Pioneers won, 26-2, was that except for time running out in the first half the Trojans would have carried a lead into the locker room.

## New Complexion

"That means a lot when you can enter the second half with a lead," Shuff said. "It puts a different complexion on the game — the players loosen up more and do better the rest of the way.

"Findlay has been hurt by mental errors which come with having a young ball club, but those type of teams have to jell some time and they're about due. Every team in the conference is dangerous (three are in the Class AAA top ten). We anticipate a tough game — and will undoubtedly get one. They have nothing to lose and knocking us off would redeem a lot of pride."

Meanwhile, Ross halfback Rob Lytle recovered the loop lead in rushing over Elyria's Phil Oliver and is averaging eight yards per carry.

## Giants Healthy

Shuff reports all the Little Giants are healthy for this test and seem to be mentally "up" for the Trojans. "I think our players know what happens to teams who overlook one opponent in anticipation of another — they get knocked off more often than not.

"As for the Findlay defense, a high percentage of yards allowed have come in the air and we're not that aerial-minded. They rank about in the middle in ground yards given up (Ross is third).

"Offensively, Findlay has run three different formations in as many games we've scouted and we're not sure what they'll throw at us. We'll just have to keep doing what we do best — and hope it's enough."

# Texans Ink Herzog To Manage In '73

ARLINGTON, Tex. (AP) — Whitey Herzog, named in a surprise move Thursday as the new Texas Rangers' baseball manager, says he took the job "because I want to see if I can do at the major league level what I did in the minors."

Herzog, who was picked by Ranger owner Bob Short although strong speculation this week had pointed to New York Yankee third-base coach Dick Howser, replaces Hall of Famer Ted Williams, who resigned last month.

Herzog was director of player development for the New York Mets.

Short called the appointment of Herzog, who has a reputation for making things happen, "an historic announcement which bodes well for the future of the Rangers" and said he'll have "complete authority just as Williams did."

Herzog had no illusions about the present caliber of the team he will lead.

He characterized the Rangers, who had major league baseball's worst record at 53-100 last season, as "one of the worst I've ever seen when they played a series with Kansas City." He added, "But I guess they weren't any worse than the Mets used to be."



WHITEY HERZOG  
... tries with Rangers

# Lawrence Fires 640

Haldy Lawrence zeroed in on the maples for a 254-225-161-640 series yesterday in the Fremont Eagles League at Plaza Lanes to lead reporting loop bowlers.

## PLAZA FREMONT EAGLES

INDIVIDUAL—Haldy Lawrence, (games and series) 254-225-161-640; Tim Farr, 212-217-628; Elmer Swartz, 208-233-601; Willie Jones, 209-200-581; John Horick, 223-562; Homer Rigby, 233-588; Jerry Bowers, 229-581; Earl Ross, 207-568; Denny Meyer, 205-567; Russ Missig, 561; Herb Hinkle, 203-561; Steve Burton, 205-560.

TEAMS: Rainbow Lanes, 1111-1097-1077-228; Norm Thayer Motors, 1004-1069-3058; Fremont Eagles No. 2, 1059-3022.

LEADERS: Croghan Colonial Bank, 26-10; Rainbow Lanes, 24-12; Thayer Motors, 23-13.

## RAINBOW GREEN SPRINGS MEN

INDIVIDUAL — Gene Price, 178-215-176-569; Lawrence Joseph, 224-528; Norm Cockrell, 322.

TEAMS: Young Farmers, 1004-2961; Don's Sohio, 2866; Humbert Trucking, 1022-3852.

LEADERS: Dick's Cafe, 24-12; Lions Club, 23-13; Eddie's Bar, 22-14.

## RAINBOW SACRED HEART

INDIVIDUAL—Jim Wurm, 223-584; Mike Saunders, 213-589.

RAINBOW ROLLERS LEAGUE  
INDIVIDUAL—Arlene Druckenmiller, 149-181-158-489; Betty Jones, 487; Elaine Brown, 463.

TEAMS: R & K Body Shop, 2426; A & W Root Beer, 2396; Leshner Printers, 2338.

LEADERS: Leshner, 26-10; R & K 23-12½; A & W 21½-14½.

## RAINBOW UNION CARBIDE

INDIVIDUAL—S. Pharr, 159-185-200-544; T. Poon, 587; E. Walters, 537.

TEAMS: UCAR, 1001-2850; Air Cell, 2724.

LEADERS: Flashlight, 17½-10½; Dry Battery, 16½-11½; Air Cell, 13-15.

## MAPLE THURSDAY KEGGLERS

INDIVIDUAL—Jennie Hensley, 462; Evelyn Michael, 397; Sarah Spielendorfer, 373.

TEAMS: Alice H. Shoppe, 2045; Fremont Realty, 2036; Sony Tape Recorder, 2029.

## MAPLE M.L. CHANNEL 6

INDIVIDUAL—Betsy Walter, 469; Donna Fox, 469; Sue Dieter, 412.

Splits: Betsy Walker, 67-10.

TEAMS: Weller's Insurance, 744-788-697-2229; Chuck's Tavern, 2194.

LEADERS: Weller's, 18-14; B & B Cafe, 17½-14½.

## MAPLE MEN'S CITY 'A'

INDIVIDUAL—Dale Nause, 169-190-205-564; Rich Bunn, 226-559.

TEAMS: Towne Lincoln Mercury, 1012-991-1056-2090; J. E. Baker Co., 1058-2908.

LEADERS: Towne, 23-13; Tod's Motor Sales, 23-13.

## FREMONT ROSS STATISTICS

### GROUND GAINING

Player	No.	Yds.	Long.	Ave.
Rob Lytle	116	924	70	8.0
Tim Smith	56	566	25	6.5
Tom Pitts	74	439	50	5.9
Dennis Szymanski	1	5	5	5.0
Jerry Obermeyer	85	357	19	4.2
Ken Franks	4	12	9	3.0
John Wright	15	41	9	2.7
Jim Oliver	1	3	3	3.0
Brad Borden	94	71	19	2.1
Harry Liggins	1	2	2	2.0
Don Moore	6	9	7	1.5
Dan Michaels	1	1	1	1.0
Jon Smith	8	7	5	0.9
Jim House	1	0	0	—
Jim Quaintance	1	—	—	—
Mike Matthes	1	—	—	—

### PASSING

Player	No.	Yds.	Comp.	Int.	TD
Brad Borden	64	27	47	1	4
Jon Smith	11	5	86	0	0
Rob Lytle	2	1	86	0	1

### RECEIVING

Player	No.	Yds.	Long.	TD
Rob Brudzinski	10	156	38	1
Mike Matthes	8	216	56	2
Tim Smith	5	95	37	2
Mike Coleman	3	43	24	0
Rob Lytle	2	20	10	0
Don Moore	1	11	11	0
Steve Colek	1	8	8	0
Jerry Obermeyer	1	6	6	0
Tom Pitts	1	3	3	0

### PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Long.	Ave.
Rob Brudzinski	23	764	47	33.2
Tim Smith	1	43	43	43.0

### SCORING

Player	TD	EP-1	EP-2	EP-3	Tot.
Rob Lytle	16	1	0	110	
Tom Pitts	9	3	0	36	
Tim Smith	6	0	0	36	
Jerry Obermeyer	5	0	4	34	
Brad Borden	3	2	0	22	
Mike Matthes	2	0	0	12	
Rob Brudzinski	1	1	1	9	
Jon Smith	1	0	0	6	
Mike Coleman	0	1	0	2	
Jim Oliver	0	0	2	2	

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## Fremont Smothers Trojans, 34-6

## Lytle Gains 209 In Giants' Win

By DICK KINNEY, N-M Sports Writer

FINDLAY — Fremont Ross, led by Rob Lytle's spectacular 209-yard evening, zigged and zagged its way through a porous Findlay defense here last night en route to a 34-6 Buckeye Conference football victory.

The Little Giants were maneuvering the ball with the chess-like precision it takes to make the trip through Postoria on Route 12. The Trojans might have had more luck stopping semi rigs on an Interstate while Ross was piling up a massive 517 net-yard total.

After three minutes, the game was decided. For the next 45 the two teams played out a pre-ordained script. The Ross defense and a 15-yard penalty halted Findlay's initial possession and on the ensuing punt, Tim Smith rambled 60 yards to paydirt.

Smith's artful dodging didn't register on the scoreboard because a clipping penalty was spotted on the return. But three plays later, Lytle scampered through a hole on the right side, sidestepped

several would-be tacklers and breezed 62 yards to the end zone. His extra-points sweep gave Ross all the points it would need.

It was a fine performance by the entire Fremont squad (5-1 in BC and 8-1 overall), but for Lytle it meant a second-straight 1,000-yard season. And third-quarter touchdown from 13 yards out boosted his scoring output to 124 points.

Ross fullback Tom Pitts chalked up a pair of touchdowns and Tim Smith added a 51-yard caper which was perhaps the most interesting of all. A fourth-period sweep to the right side found Smith about to be smothered along the Fremont sidelines, but a split-second 180-degree turn and 10 strides pulled him out of danger. The rest of the run may have left scorch marks on the already-marred Donnell sod.

For Findlay quarterback Curt Hippenteel, the game doubled as his return to the gridiron after eight weeks of recovering from a pre-season injury — and his hometown swansong.

The 178-pound senior was clearly the "class" of the Trojan aggregation (1-5 and 2-7) as he rushed for 50 yards and completed nine of 24 passes for 134 yards. His five-yard sweep with eight minutes gone in the third stanza also marked the lone Findlay tally.

Behind Hippenteel, the Trojans continued making threatening noises toward the Ross end zone until the final gun. His aerials kept the Fremont defensive backfield under heavy attack and only an outstanding job kept Findlay from producing more scores.

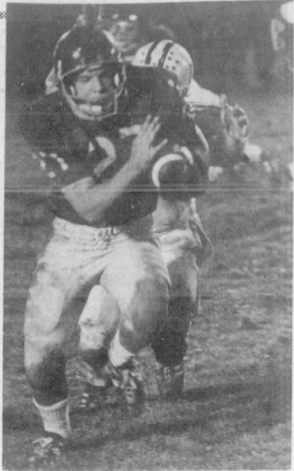
His Fremont counterpart, Brad Borden, turned in a fine performance of his own with a three-of-six passing mark for 36 yards to keep the Trojans' lines loose. And when the slender senior decided to carry the ball, he intimidated his way for 77 yards in a dozen tries.

Lytle's performance did nothing to tarnish his credentials as first-team All-Ohio material. The 209 yards came on only 20 trips and he sat out the final 10 minutes.

The Trojans tried a pair of second-half kickoff squibs in an attempt to recover the ball. But Ross covered both around the midfield stripe and capitalized in the second with a 54-yard 11-play scoring drive. Other Ross marches (in order) came from 72 yards in three plays, 82 yards on 17, 31 yards in four and 67 in six.

Penalties were a major factor in the game, some of them surprising one or both teams at the same time and, on occasion seeming to surprise the officials. For Ross, a team which prides itself on execution, 12 penalties were levied including five major infractions. Findlay was set back five times, four of them major. Of course, so were Lytle and his mates.

At Donnell Stadium last night, the clip was faster than the eye. Of



NO YOU DON'T! — Findlay halfback Harry Hall (27) is about to come to a sudden stop at the hands of Fremont Ross defender Mike Biehler during first-quarter football action last night at Findlay. Hall, who leads the Trojans in most offensive categories, was stopped by the Little Giants last night for only 44 yards.



UP FOR GRABS — A pass from Fremont quarterback Brad Borden hovers over a crowd of players, not enough of whom are Little Giants, at the Findlay goal line. The ball sails over the head of Trojan Jeff Sheidler

(30), but not quite to its intended receiver Don Moore (31). Findlay's Tom Brown (23) wound up with the catch for a touchdown and the Trojans took over at their own 20.

## Duffy Resigns At MSU

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)

— Duffy Daugherty, head football coach at Michigan State University for the past 10 years and a Michigan sports legend, has resigned effective the end of the season.

The rotund, genial pixie, long a favorite of players, fans and newsmen alike, called it quits after several seasons of declining fortunes and unrest among his former supporters. The Spartans were 2-4-1 so far this season.

Daugherty confirmed his resignation, originally to be announced following State's game with Purdue today, after a Lansing radio station broke the story Friday evening by quoting high university officials.

A MSU spokesman said no successor had been found and no one was under special consideration. Daugherty, sporting a 194-6-4 record, said he would stay on with the university, although not in an athletic department role.

**Deserves Better**  
"I feel that Michigan State deserves better than it has been getting," Daugherty told newsmen attending his weekly session prior to home games. "I haven't been making it fun for the players lately."

"I told the boys that I didn't want them to go out and win one for old Duffy. I told the players that football should be fun, especially on Saturday. I told them 'I wanted you to have fun in practice. I'm sick and tired of yelling at you.'"

The Spartans were 5-7 in 1967, then 5-5, 4-6 and 4-6 until last year's 6-5 record.

Rumors Daugherty would be dismissed cropped up again this year despite university President Clifton Wharton's declaration that all athletic department jobs were frozen following the illness of Athletic Director Clarence "Biggie" Munn.

Daugherty himself, usually an optimist, conceded things were not so good.

## Clyde Claims First SBC Football Title

By MARK HOFFMAN

N-M Sports Writer

CLYDE — The Class of 1972 presented Clyde High School with a victory bell during halftime here last night and the Fliers' football team welcomed the ball with a 26-0 shut-out over Sandusky St. Mary's to clinch their first-ever Sandusky Bay Conference championship.

The Fliers were in command of the game all the way, as they drove on the ground easily against St. Mary's defense. They gained 291 net yards in 55 carries.

**Lone Error**  
Clyde's only error in the game, a fumble, stopped the opening drive on the Panther's 21-yard line. But after the defense forced a punt, the Fliers drove 85 yards in nine plays to paydirt. The touchdown came on a 36-yard quarterback "sneak" by Senior Jim Patton, with 52 seconds left in the first quarter.

STATISTICS		St. Mary's	Clyde
First Downs	15	12	15
Passing	6	13	15
Rushing	9	2	10
Penalties	0	1	0
Yards gained, rushing	104	306	104
Yards gained, passing	10	14	10
Yards lost, scrimmage	22	10	22
Passes attempted	10	9	10
Passes completed	6	3	6
Passes intercepted by	4	1	4
Punt average	20	4	20
No. of punt returns	1	0	1
Punt return yards	0	0	0
No. of kickoff returns	3	22	3
Kickoff return yards	147	22	147
No. of fumbles	1	1	1
Own fumbles recovered	1	0	1
No. of penalties	2	0	2
Penalty yardage	30	25	30

the game on ice. Hasselbach charged in from five yards out to cap the five-play, Hayard drive. Clyde's final score was a six-yard run by Senior back Dale Casull, with only 43 seconds left in the third quarter. After the Fliers were set back five yards for being offside, Hasselbach

second with 76 yards in 17 jaunts. He was closely followed by Panther back Dave Kannan who balled his way for 71 yards in 17 attempts.

Clyde made its passing game click for 44 yards on five completions. Patton threw nine times and kept the ball out of Panther hands. The Fliers picked up 15 first downs, two passing, a dozen rushing and one on a penalty.

Although the field was muddy, it didn't seem to affect either team, unless it was the punting units. One Panther punt travelled a fantastic three yards on a "St. Mary bounce" and Clyde's lone boot went for seven yards.

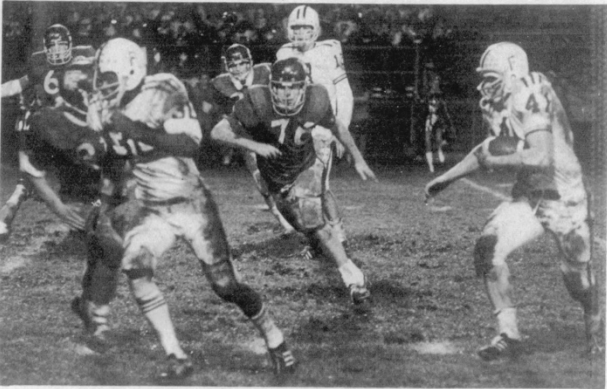
**SCORE** Clyde 26 St. Mary's 0 0 0 0-0

**CLYDE TOUCHDOWNS:** Patton 1 one-yard run, 36-yard run; Hasselbach (five-yard run); Casull (six-yard run).

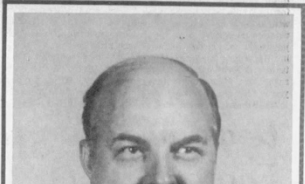
**EXTRA POINTS:** Hasselbach 1 (run).

**INDIVIDUAL RUSHING**

## News-Messenger SPORTS



A USUAL SIGHT — In every Fremont Ross football game, you're going to get a view like this of running ace Rob Lytle (41) with the ball tucked under his arm charging behind blockers toward the open spaces of "the hundred-yard war." Tom Pitts (30), who scored a pair of touchdowns himself, leads the way around left end while Findlay defenders Doug Robinson (31) and Jack Preststone (76) pursue in vain. Lytle crossed the goal line three times, twice on six-point romps in leading the Little Giants to their fifth straight Buckeye Conference victory, 34-6. Lytle had the best night of 1972, rushing for 209 yards, snaring a pair of Brad Borden passes for 24 more and recovering the lone Ross fumble. The speedy senior picked up 21 yards on this effort. (News-Messenger Photos by Bruce Crappen)





# Sandusky Planning Victory 'Party'

## Ross Faces Confident BC Rival

If the Sandusky High School football Blue Streaks have their way — complete their plans — they'll exit Harmon Stadium tonight with at least a share of the Buckeye Conference title, a tied record for season shutouts and most assuredly a berth in the Ohio play-offs.

And all that stands in the way of that quest is a highly honed group of Little Giants in the purple-and-white of Fremont Ross.

To the Giants' faithful, that seems like a sizeable object to overcome, but it's up to question whether the Blue Streaks are taking their task seriously enough. Of course this is a long-time rivalry, but...

In the "voice of the Sandusky football team" — the press release which is issued weekly from the high school, two sentences might be indicative:

"The Sandusky Blue Streaks moved one step closer to a Buckeye Conference crown by defeating the Lorain Admiral King Admirals

... 12-0." and "Sandusky's defensive unit is one game away from tying the existing school record for season shutouts with 5 thus far."

Sandusky reportedly has already been contacted by the Ohio School Athletic Association.

Streaks' coach Gene Kidwell told the Sandusky Register, "It has to be the biggest game ever for a Sandusky football team. We are

Ross athletic director Dick Sherman reminded fans that the gates will open tonight at 6 o'clock.

honored just to be that high (No. 2 in the Region). Of course, we want to play in the play-offs, but we have to beat Fremont first then sit back and wait for the final computer listings."

Said Ross mentor Chuck Shuff, "We're ready for this game both

physically and mentally. A lot is riding on the outcome and we'll be pulling out all the stops tonight."

On an individual level, the contest will feature "Rapid" Rob Lytle and Sandusky's Mike Speyd in a rushing duel; Lytle and Streaks' quarterback Chuck Miller in a scoring match; and Miller and Fremont's Brad Borden in a toned-down passing affair. Ross defenders Don Moore and Jon Smith have also split six interceptions while Sandusky's Bob Gentry has also picked off a half dozen.

The comparisons are endless between the two schools.

Lytle was honored for the second straight week as "Back of the Week" in the Buckeye Conference and Sandusky's Stan Johnson earned "Lineman of the Week" laurels. Lytle and 15 other Ross seniors will be playing their final regular-season game.

It boils down to a wait-and-see situation tonight on the soggy Harmon Stadium turf. A near-record crowd of more than 9,500 is expected to be in attendance for the classic clash.



## Perkins Final Foe On Streaks' Slate

What can you say about a team with a 1-8 season record?

Well, you could say a lot of things, but Fremont St. Joe coach Bob Smith just points to Sandusky Perkins' schedule to explain his feelings about the Crimson Streaks' opponent in their Sandusky Bay Conference football battle tomorrow night.

a much better ball club than that."

Smith pointed out that Perkins will likely unleash an attack balanced between ground and air strikes.

"Tim Brown handles the quarterback position well and has fine receivers in Bruce

our work cut out for us on offense."

St. Joe will be led by halfbacks Dan Byers (630 yards) and Mark Rimelspach (173) and a sophomore fullback of its own, Joe Goyer (480). Goyer leads the Streaks' scoring with 42 points with Byers and End John Barrington just four points



ROSS' ACE 'RAPID' ROB LYTLE ... leads Giants in search of BC crown





## Liggins Pays Visit To Giants

Tom Liggins, Fremont's power running from 1971, was one of the more than 9,000 football fans on hand at last night's Ross victory over Sandusky and was obviously enjoying the situation.

"Ross really looked great out there tonight," said Liggins after the 14-0 victory. "I wish it could have been by more, but beating Sandusky was, well, just beautiful."

Liggins was a mainstay on the University of Cincinnati freshman football team which wound up with a 2-2 slate. The husky former All-Ohio athlete led UC freshmen ground-gainers and was one of the few first-year Bearcats to suit up for varsity conflicts.

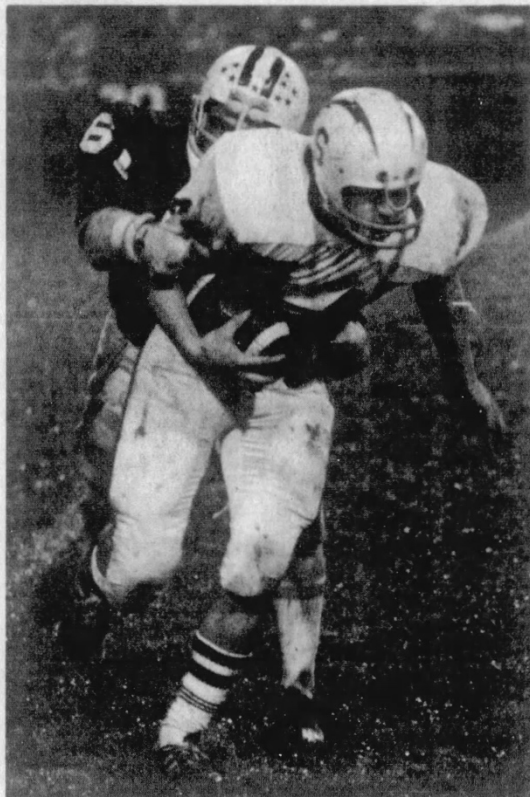
"I got in on one offensive play with the varsity," Liggins said. "I was mainly used on specialty units."

Liggins was a welcome addition to the dressing room celebration after the game.

### Meade Gains Honor

LONDON (AP) — Richard Meade, equestrian gold medalist in the Munich Olympics, was named Britain's Sportsman of the Year by the British sports Writers' Association.

**THAT KIND OF NIGHT** — Sandusky High School footballers found the going against Fremont's defensive "wolfpack" more difficult in person than it must have been "on paper." In first-half photos, Sandusky's Sidney Aaron (top) gets stopped behind the line by Fremont's Dave Mierke while a Streaks' teammate has all he can handle in holding off Ross' end Bob Brudzinski. Another run, another loss (lower) when Terry Hinkle enfolds Sandusky's Mike Spayd for a loss. Overall, Sandusky was submerged to minus yards on the ground. (Photos by Bruce Crippen)



# Ross Earns Title Share By..

By ROY WILHELM

Ross High's "wolfpack" taught the highly touted Sandusky Blue Streaks how to play the game of defense Friday night. As a result the powerful Little Giants grabbed a share of the Buckeye Conference championship by downing the invading Sanduskians, 14-0.

The "wolfpack"—the name given the aggressive Ross defense—yielding grudgingly through the air.

The ferocious "wolfpack" held Sandusky to a net total of minus-35 yards rushing and gave up just 99 through the air, with a big portion of that coming on a 38-yard play in the closing seconds of the first half.

It was Sandusky's defense that was getting all the rave notices throughout the year, but it was the Ross defenders who stole the show on the muddy turf of Harmon Field Friday night.

Time and again the Ross defenders sacked Sandusky quarterback Chuck Miller for losses. Miller was stopped in the backfield nine times. In fact, out of 24 plays that are listed statistically in the rushing column, Sandusky gained yardage on only ten. They lost yardage 11 times and were held to no gain on three others.

The shutout was the fifth of the year for the Ross team and

## 'Wolfpack' Posts Shutout; Lytle Sparkles

actually the sixth for the "wolfpack" since Mansfield's defense scored the Tigers' only touchdown on a fumble runback.

While the tenacious defense was smothering the Blue Streaks, the offense was proving that the Sandusky defenders were not impenetrable. Battling the mud in addition to a defense which had yielded just 30 points in nine previous games, the Giants managed 214 total yards, including 199 on the ground.

Led by the powerful slants of senior tailback Rob Lytle, the Giants scored two touchdowns in the first half and then held on for the victory.

Lytle, who finished the night with 108 yards in 22 carries, wasted no time in showing the Sanduskians how it was done. Lytle and senior fullback Tom Pitts carried the load in a nine-play 60-yard drive that put Ross on the board the first time it had the football.

Lytle, who opened the game at fullback and played the position at several points throughout, started the drive with a four-yard run and then picked up a first down with a seven-yard slant after junior quarterback Brad Borden had gained five yards.

Lytle added 11 yards and another first down on the next play and then Pitts, who moved into the fullback spot as Lytle shifted back to his regular tailback position, churned up 11 yards and still another first down.

A seven-yard run by Pitts and six-yard blast by Lytle gave the Giants first and goal on the nine. Lytle scored on the next play. Tim Smith's run for the extra points gave the Giants an 8-0 margin with 5:18 to go in the first period.

With the "wolfpack" destroying the Sandusky offense, that eight points was all the Giants needed for the night.

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## Redmen Defeat Huron

BELLEVUE — The Redmen have come all the way back.

After four straight losing seasons, Bellevue led a comeback year that any coach around would be proud of as they shut out the powerful Huron Tigers 19-0 last night and finished the year at 4-1.

Playing in the same spot that most high school football teams in Ohio faced Friday night, the Tigers, perennial SBC strongmen, fumbled eight times, losing the ball on six, to set up all but one of the Redmen's scores.

STATISTICS	Bellevue	Huron
First Downs	8	6
Rushing Yards	133	96
Passing Yards	22	11
Passes	5-12	2-10
Passes Intercepted By	3	1
Fumbles Lost	3-1	8-4
Yards Permitted	6-0	1-0

All the scoring came in the first half, and most of that in the first quarter as the hosts repeatedly capitalized on Tiger errors.

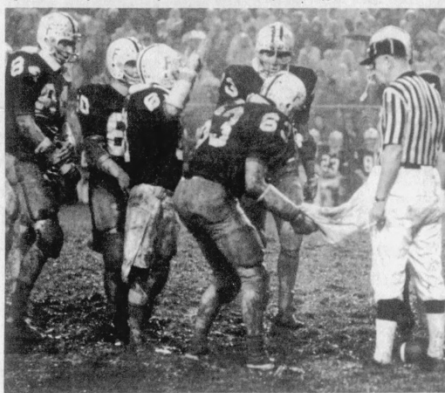
Chuck Baptista, the bruising 195-pound Bellevue fullback, started the Huron downfall with just under five minutes left in the first quarter. The senior burst across the goal line from 10 yards out and Tom Joseph kicked the extra point.

Roughly two minutes later, following another fumble recovery, Baptista exploded through the line and rambled 21 yards for a second score.

With seven seconds remaining in the half, quarterback Kip Loudenslager found junior end John Schaffer in scoring territory with an 11-yard aerial to finish the scoring for the night.

The victory only sweetened the comeback season for Coach Lowell Schaffer whose club last week clinched the NOL title with a 7-0 win over a tough Upper Sandusky squad. The 8-1 state helps Schaffer toward his goal of 200 victories in his career, and

FINDING SOME ROOM — Fremont Ross tailback Rob Lytle (41) takes a pitchout from quarterback Brad Borden (13) during second half action and watches teammate Don Moore (lower right) take out a pair of Sandusky defenders to



KEEPING IT CLEAN — Trying to "keep it clean" last night at Harmon Stadium was an impossible chore as Fremont Ross and Sandusky fought out their Buckeye Conference football duel on the chopped-up turf before a capacity crowd. Ross defender Denny Reese (63) uses an official's



MISSING CONNECTIONS — Fremont end Mike Matthes sprawls on the soggy sod at Harmon Stadium in a vain effort to make connections on a Brad Borden aerial during their game last night against Sandusky. Rainy conditions from

provide running room. Lytle scored both Ross touchdowns as the Little Giants grabbed a share of the Buckeye Conference title, 14-0, over the defense-minded Blue Streaks. (News-Messenger Photos by Bruce Crippen)

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Shuff, using a season-long pent-up reservoir of smiles, praised the "Little Giants' effort and the Ross coaching staff. "We have the best coaches and hardest-working team in the state."

"If this wasn't our top defensive performance of the season, it had to be close. Actually, with the muddy conditions, I have to feel that this was the best — and we knew we had to have that effort to win."

"Offensively, our backs were doing what they had to do — move the football and retain possession. Brad Borden did a great job for us. He had to call at least 15 'automatics' at the line when he saw Sandusky lined up in the spots where we wanted to run."

"To tell the truth, I'd really hate to have to put our offense against our defense. It would be a terrific battle."

As wet stuff soaked the area from just before game time throughout the contest, the Harmon Stadium sod became a morose between the hash marks from 20 to 20. It was well publicized that those type conditions would aid Sandusky — and perhaps they did.

Kidwell claimed that while the mud may have aided the Sandusky line, it hampered his backfield. Whatever the situation, Fremont was more than the Streaks could handle last night.

"During the first half, the surface was slippery but the field was still solid underneath," said Shuff. "In the second half it was soaked and there was little traction."

"I feel that our linemen, both offense and defense, were major factors in the victory. We

## Little Giants Keep Watch On Computer

By DICK KINNEY, N-M Sports Writer

The question today, now that Fremont Ross has displayed just what football team is Ross in the Buckeye Conference, is, "Will the boost in points gained by defeating Sandusky be enough for the Little Giants to be proclaimed No. 1 in Region Two on the final High School computer poll?"

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Shuff, using a season-long pent-up reservoir of smiles, praised the "Little Giants' effort and the Ross coaching staff. "We have the best coaches and hardest-working team in the state."

"If this wasn't our top defensive performance of the season, it had to be close. Actually, with the muddy conditions, I have to feel that this was the best — and we knew we had to have that effort to win."

"Offensively, our backs were doing what they had to do — move the football and retain possession. Brad Borden did a great job for us. He had to call at least 15 'automatics' at the line when he saw Sandusky lined up in the spots where we wanted to run."

"To tell the truth, I'd really hate to have to put our offense against our defense. It would be a terrific battle."

As wet stuff soaked the area from just before game time throughout the contest, the Harmon Stadium sod became a morose between the hash marks from 20 to 20. It was well publicized that those type conditions would aid Sandusky — and perhaps they did.

Kidwell claimed that while the mud may have aided the Sandusky line, it hampered his backfield. Whatever the situation, Fremont was more than the Streaks could handle last night.

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safety man, fielded the Sandusky punt at his own 40, cut across field and found a beautiful lane set up by his blockers. Smith sprinted 34 yards before he was hauled down by a Sandusky defender.

Smith's two interceptions — one in the third quarter and one in the fourth — were among three thefts the Little Giants had for the evening.

## First Theft Kills Drive

The other, which was actually the first of the night, killed the only real Sandusky threat of the day.

Senior Steve Holman grabbed a Chuck Miller aerial on the final play of the first half. The theft came just after Miller had connected with Sidney Aaron on a 38-yard pass play to the Ross 22 yard line. That was the closest the Sanduskians came to scoring and it was one of only three times that they entered Ross territory all night.

The first time the Blue Streaks crossed the 50, they reached the 43-yard line, but a holding penalty and a 13-yard loss helped move the invaders all the way back to their own 25-yard line. Denny Reese and Bob Brudzinski combined to sack Miller on a third-down passing play. It was from here that Sandusky punted to Smith and the speedy senior set up the second Ross touchdown with a 14-yard pass, but on the next play, Miller fumbled and Brudzinski and Bob Koebel were on the spot to make sure the Giants took over again.

## Many Defensive Standouts

End Brudzinski and tackles Koebel and Reese were



Ross Players Stand On The Sidelines During The Cold, Wet Sandusky Game

## Ross Conquers Sea Of Mud To Share Buckeye Laurels



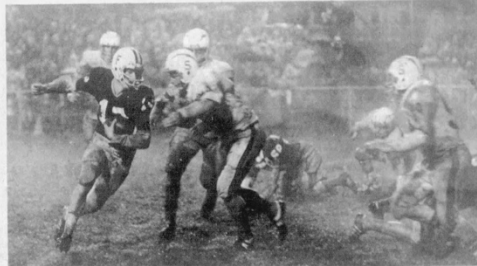
Ross quarterback Brad Borden (13) gets outside blocking from Rob Lytle (41) while Sandusky defenders Jim Hall (46) and Frank Baker (54) close in.

News-Messenger Action

Photos By Bruce Crippen

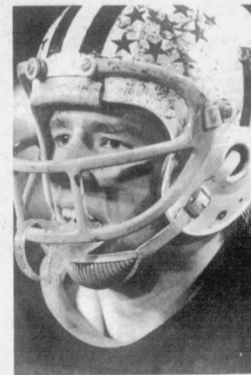


Two-way end Bob Brudzinski displays the grime of battle during a brief trip to the sidelines.



Same play, different runners in this sequence. In top photo, Brad Borden (13) slips past a stack of Sandusky defenders for a short gain. Tim Smith (32) is the featured carrier in the bottom picture.

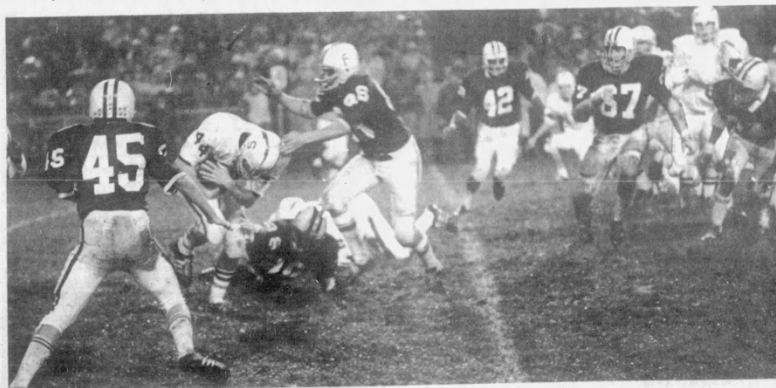
Fremont 14, Sandusky 0  
Equals Fifth Whitewash



Rob Lytle, who leads both Ross and the Buckeye Conference in rushing and scoring, yells an encouraging word to the defense to get the ball back.



A sign of things to come occurred during pre-game warmups when the Little Giants' mascot stood triumphantly atop a makeshift Blue Streak.



Fremont's Mike Andrews (45) turns a Sandusky play to the inside where teammate Guy Cunningham (86) could get his hands on the Blue Streaks' Mike

Spayd (44). Other Ross players closing on the play include Steve Celek (88), Art Martinez (42), Paul Silcox (67) and Jim Oliver (24).

# Lytle, Brudzinski, Shuff Top All-Buckeye Choices

All-Ohio candidates Rob Lytle and Bob Brudzinski and Coach Chuck Shuff, all of Fremont Ross, received top annual honors on the 1972 Buckeye Conference All-League selections announced today.

Both Lytle, who led the BC in rushing and scoring from his tailback position, and Brudzinski, a two-way performer at the end spot, were unanimous choices of the eight conference coaches.

Lytle missed playing in one and a half games this year, but would up with 20 touchdowns and 18 extra points for a 136-point total. Along the way he carried the ball 154 trips for a 1,251-yard pickup. His average per carry was over eight yards.

Brudzinski turned in stirring actions from end on both offense and defense, caught 11 passes for 171 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, the BC coaches rated his blocking percentage as outstanding throughout the season. As the Ross punter, he averaged 33.3 yards, hitting the thousand-yard mark on 30 booms.

Shuff, in his fifth season at the Little Giants' helm, turned in his second straight 9-1 record for a 36-22-2 slate at Ross. Including three years at Oak Harbor (16-13-1) his career mark reads 43-35-3. The real indicator there is that in both cases Shuff took over losing teams and made them winners within one or two seasons.

Joining Lytle and Brudzinski on the first team from Ross were Bob Koebel (tackle), Don Wensinger (guard) who was the lone junior on either first squad, Mike Biehler (linebacker) and Tom Pitts and Jon Smith (defensive backs).

Another All-Ohio candidate, linebacker Frank Baker of third-place Sandusky, joined Biehler on the first team and was one of six first-team picks for the Blue Streaks.

BC co-champion Ross led the voting with eight players on the first teams and six gaining second-team notice including Dennis Reese (offensive and defensive tackle), Brad Borden (quarterback), Pitts (running back), Terry Hinkle (middle guard) and Don Moore (linebacker).

Filling out the offensive backfield were quarterback Chuck Miller of Sandusky, Tim Bonko of Admiral King and Phil Oliver from Elyria, the second and third scorers and rushers respectively behind Lytle.

Elyria, which shared the conference crown with Fremont, gained only four first-team spots with King taking a pair while Lorain and Marion each gained one. Mansfield and Findlay missed first-team connections.

## Four More Ross First-Team Selections. . .



**TOM PITTS**  
... defensive backfield



**JON SMITH**  
... swift Ross defender



**MIKE BIEHLER**  
... tough at linebacker



**BOB KOEBEL**  
... works at tackle

## Ross Quartet Named To Second Team . . .



**TERRY HINKLE**  
... middle guard pick



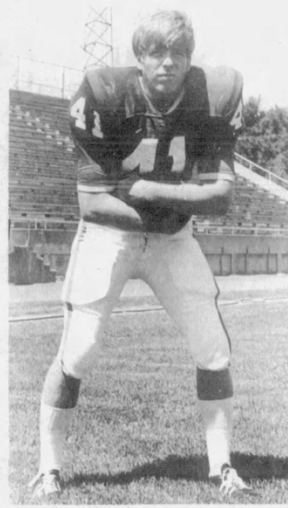
**DON MOORE**  
... talent behind line



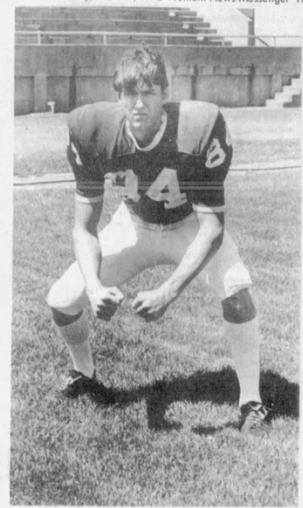
**DENNY REESE**  
... second team twice



**BRAD BORDEN**  
... calls right signals



Rob Lytle (41) and Bob Brudzinski (84) Unanimous Selections



## All-Buckeye Conference—1972

FIRST TEAM—DEFENSE				FIRST TEAM—OFFENSE			
Player, School	Pw.	Yr.	Ht. Wt.	Player, School	Pw.	Yr.	Ht. Wt.
Bob Brudzinski, Fremont	E	12	6-4 205	Bob Brudzinski, Fremont	E	12	6-4 205
Wille Jordan, Sandusky	T	12	6-4 195	Dave Lindemud, Lorain	E	12	6-1 185
Charles Outlaw, Elyria	T	12	6-0 225	Bob Koebel, Fremont	T	12	6-2 205
Craig Nemitz, Sandusky	T	12	6-0 260	Howard Smith, Sandusky	G	12	5-11 220
Mark Lovell, Sandusky	MG	12	5-7 182	Don Wensinger, Fremont	G	11	5-6 155
Mike Biehler, Fremont	LB	12	6-1 185	Tom Dugane, King	G	12	6-0 180
Jack Siro, Elyria	LB	12	6-1 185	John Beach, Marion	C	12	5-11 190
Frank Baker, Sandusky	LB	12	5-9 170	Chuck Miller, Sandusky	QB	12	5-10 155
Tom Pitts, Fremont	DB	12	6-2 185	Rob Lytle, Fremont	RB	12	6-0 190
Jon Smith, Fremont	DB	12	5-9 160	Phil Oliver, Elyria	RB	12	5-10 185
Ira Perkins, Elyria	DB	12	6-2 185	Tim Bonko, King	RB	12	5-10 190
SECOND TEAM—DEFENSE				SECOND TEAM—OFFENSE			
Maurice Handelman, King	E	12	5-11 185	Pete Abraham, Lorain	E	12	6-2 205
Charles Black, Mansfield	E	12	6-3 210	Mac Megness, Marion	E	12	6-1 190
Dennis Reese, Fremont	T	12	6-1 200	Dennis Linn, Fremont	T	12	6-1 200
Sam Johnson, Sandusky	T	11	6-4 282	Tom Finnerty, Mansfield	T	12	6-2 215
Terry Hinkle, Fremont	MG	12	5-8 185	Paul Johnson, Mansfield	G	12	6-1 205
Don Moore, Fremont	LB	12	6-2 185	Tom Ballish, King	G	12	5-10 190
Phil Mordis, King	LB	12	5-10 175	Dennis Zonne, Lorain	C	12	6-0 180
Ron D'Andrea, Lorain	LB	12	6-2 195	Brad Borden, Fremont	QB	12	6-1 170
Steve Sinsap, Elyria	DB	12	5-8 185	Tom Pitts, Fremont	RB	12	6-2 185
Dave Hosiato, King	DB	11	5-10 154	Ira Perkins, Elyria	RB	12	6-2 185
Jon Holmes, Marion	DB	12	6-2 178	Harry Hall, Findlay	RB	12	5-9 190

## COACH CHUCK SHUFF ... selected by peers

## Basketball

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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<b>Eastern Conference</b>			
Atlantic Division			
Boston	14	1	85%
New York	15	2	82%
Philadelphia	1	17	6%
Atlanta	2	8	20%
<b>Central Division</b>			
San Antonio	1	1	100%
Phoenix	1	1	100%
Portland	1	1	100%
Seattle	1	1	100%
Utah	1	1	100%
Golden State	1	1	100%
Los Angeles	1	1	100%
San Diego	1	1	100%
San Jose	1	1	100%
Washington	1	1	100%
Wizards	1	1	100%

## Marion Pleasant Mentor Relishes Added Pressure

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Don Kay relishes the pressure his Marion Pleasant team, top-ranked and carrying Ohio's longest winning streak, faces in the first Class A high school football play-offs.

"It's the kind of burden we like," said Kay before the 9-0 Spartans play 6-31 Zorville Tuscarawas Valley in a semi-final contest Saturday night at Mansfield.

Lorain Clearview (9-1-0) and Middletown Fenwick (6-3-1) tangle in the other Class A

The Tuscarawas County school played five Class AA teams. Two of the losses were to Tuslaw and Uniontown Lake, both Class AA powers.

The Trojans finished third in their own league, the Senate, but have a rich football tradition. They were 7-21 last fall and 6-2-0 in 1970 under Folts.

Lorain Clearview probably is the fastest of the four teams.

**Seils To Work**  
*Play-Off Game*

Among the starters are tailback Otis Jenkins, a 9.8 sprinter who is the reigning state Class A 100 and 220 king, and fullback Don Hitchens, a 10.1 dashman.

The quarterback, Larry Fortner, also is a track star. He leaped 5-5 to tie the state Class A high jump record last spring as a freshman.

Jenkins and Hitchens have surpassed 1,000 yards and Fortner has passed for 600 yards and ran for another 300 this fall.



## All-Northwest District Football

### Class AAA—Offense

FIRST TEAM					
Player, School	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.
Bob Brudzinski, Fremont Ross	E	12	6-5	205	
Augustus Westbrook, Toledo Scott	E	11	5-11	175	
Barney Burack, Toledo Cent. Cath.	T	12	6-2	225	
Dewayne Shandley, Lima Senior	T	12	6-1	215	
Dale Satter, Sandusky	G	12	6-4	190	
Andy Lucas, Toledo St. Francis	G	12	6-1	175	
Terry Joe, Galien	C	12	6-4	185	
Chuck Miller, Sandusky	QB	12	5-11	175	
Rob Lytle, Fremont Ross	RB	12	6-1	185	
Jim Harrell, Oregon Clay	RB	12	5-9	180	
Dan Iowenice, Ashland	RB	12	5-10	175	
SECOND TEAM					
Henry Tyson, Lima Senior	E	12	6-1	160	
Jeff Paul, Toledo Woodward	E	11	5-11	155	
Howard Smith, Sandusky	T	12	6-0	225	
Mike Eaddy, Galien	T	12	6-1	220	
Dan Wenzinger, Fremont Ross	G	11	5-4	155	
Rick Mann, Toledo Cent. Cath.	G	11	5-11	160	
Jim Hall, Sandusky	QB	12	6-2	185	
Robert DeVine, Toledo Scott	QB	12	6-2	185	
Tyrone Watkins, Toledo Scott	RB	12	5-9	165	
Dennis Richardson, Lima Shawnee	RB	12	6-0	175	
Hugh Ross, Toledo Cent. Cath.	RB	12	6-0	175	
LINEMAN OF THE YEAR — Bob Brudzinski, Fremont Ross					
BACK OF THE YEAR — Dan Wenzinger, Toledo Cent. Cath.; Jim Harrell, Oregon Clay					
COACH OF THE YEAR — Cheri Satt, Fremont Ross (9-1)					

LINEMAN OF THE YEAR — Bob Brudzinski, Fremont Ross.  
BACKS OF THE YEAR — Rob Lytle, Fremont Ross and Jim Harrell, Oregon Clay.  
COACH OF THE YEAR — Chuck Shuff, Fremont Ross (9-1)

### Class AAA—Defense

FIRST TEAM		Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
Player, School					
Carl Witter, Wapakoneta	E	12	6-3	185	
Chuck Miller, Tol. Central	E	12	6-3	185	
Joe Brown, Tol. Central Catholic	T	12	6-7	235	
Gary Zakick, Toledo Scott	T	12	6-7	235	
Frank Baker, Sandusky	LB	12	5-8	175	
Mike Buehler, Fremont Ross	LB	12	6-1	195	
Steve Anderson, Toledo Scott	LB	12	6-2	220	
Tom Pitts, Fremont Ross	DB	12	6-1	185	
Sam Lane, Galien	DB	12	5-8	180	
Joe Hall, Toledo Scott	DB	12	5-9	180	
Bob Lindsey, Tol. Central Catholic	DB	12	5-9	180	
SECOND TEAM		Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
Willie Jordan, Sandusky	E	12	6-4	185	
Dennis Omer, Toledo Scott	E	12	5-9	165	
Stan Johnson, Sandusky	T	11	6-4	245	
Charles Black, Mansfield Senior	T	12	6-1	210	
Phil Wilson, Lima Shawnee	LB	12	6-1	205	
Steve Schag, Mansfield Madison	LB	12	6-1	195	
Casper Dittus, Bellevue	LB	12	6-0	200	
Jon Smith, Fremont Ross	LB	12	5-10	165	
Bob Duckworth, Mansfield Senior	LB	12	5-10	165	
Louise Newell, Sandusky	DB	12	5-11	165	
Terry McGuire, Findlay	DB	12	5-10	160	

(Honorable Mention Lists on Page 14)

### Class AA—Offense

FIRST TEAM		Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
Player, School					
Tom Elder, Crestline	E	12	6-3	170	
Tom Fleming, Findlay	E	12	6-1	170	
Gary Thompson, Ontario	T	12	6-2	205	
Jeff Russell, Findlay	T	12	6-1	205	
Joe Korjaca, Crestline	G	12	6-0	170	
Ruggie Cole, Sandusky Perkins	G	12	6-1	185	
Dave Higbie, Allen East	C	12	5-11	180	
Tom Grier, Findlay	QB	12	6-0	180	
Steve Kashi, Lima CC	RB	12	5-11	175	
Rocky Tisdale, Findlay	RB	12	5-10	170	
Felix Gerber, Findlay					
SECOND TEAM		Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
Jack Krill, Vermilion	E	11	6-4	200	
Bruce McConnell, Elida	E	12	6-3	165	
Dave Streeter, Elida	T	12	6-4	185	
Dave Baird, Vermilion	T	12	6-1	185	
Mike Wright, Findlay	G	12	5-10	170	
Mark Crybber, Allen East	G	12	6-0	185	
Hank Dorell, Lake	C	12	6-0	190	
Jeff Chesney, Crestline	QB	12	5-11	175	
Dale Caselli, Clyde	RB	12	5-11	185	
Tom Hubbard, Fairview	RB	12	5-10	185	
Chip Voster, Lakota	RB	12	5-10	170	

LINEMAN OF THE YEAR — Frank Hymore, Cardinal Stritch.  
CO-BACKS OF THE YEAR — Tom Grier, Findlay and Steve Kashi, Lima CC.  
COACH OF THE YEAR — Mike Beier, Cardinal Stritch (8-3)

### Class AA—Defense

FIRST TEAM		Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
Player, School					
Gary Miller, Bucyrus	E	11	6-1	170	
John Olsok, Lake	E	12	6-2	205	
Frank Rymore, Stritch	T	12	6-1	200	
Dennis Dussell, Huron	T	12	6-1	220	
Dave Nix, Lakota	G	12	6-1	195	
Jeff Harrell, Lake	LB	12	6-1	220	
Steve Hahn, Lima CC	LB	12	6-0	190	
Craig Hower, St. Mary's	LB	12	5-11	185	
Jim Patton, Clyde	LB	12	6-1	170	
Ken Schroeder, Cardinal Crawford	DB	12	5-10	170	
	DB	12	5-10	160	

# Lytle, Brudzinski, Shuff Duplicate BC Voting

## Ross Trio Sweeps Honors

By DICK KINNEY, N-M Sports Editor

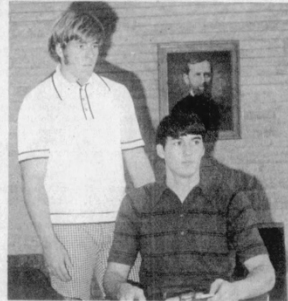
Rob Lytle, Bob Brudzinski and Coach Chuck Shuff continued to cut a wide swath through the field of high school football's postseason harvest of laurels — today adding top honors from Ohio's Northwest District.

Heading up the District awards, Lytle was named co-back of the year, Brudzinski followed with solo distinction as lineman and Shuff capped the performance by being voted coach of the year by a panel of sportswriters for The Associated Press.

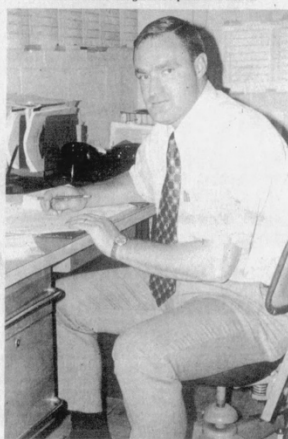
The Fremont Ross trio last week was accorded similar titles by Buckeye Conference coaches.

The reactions when notified this morning were varied. "This whole year has to be considered tops in my career," Shuff stated. "The only thing which would make it better would be if the award read 'Coaching Staff of the Year' because I'd be nowhere without the rest of them."

"I've won conference titles before in baseball and track, but this is the first time for football. It really feels great."



ROB LYTLE (LEFT) AND BOB BRUDZINSKI  
... Little Giants' duo garners top marks in district



ROSS COACH CHUCK SHUFF  
... figuring out an encore to a 9-1 slate in '72

Lytle and Brudzinski were both elated at their selection as tops in Northwest Ohio.

"This is it!" proclaimed the 6-4, 205-pound Brudzinski who was named to the offensive unit although a standout performer all year at defense also. "Nothing has ever happened to me like this before. I'm really honored that people felt I played that well."

Said Lytle, "It's the best feeling in the world. It's great. This ranks with my first-team selection last year. I think that last year was just as exciting because it was the first time."

Ross teammates Tom Pitts and Mike Biebler were also named to the Class AAA first-team on defense while guard Don Wenzinger was tabbed a second-team offense spot and Jon Smith gained a second-team defensive back post.

Honorable mention honors went to Little Giants' Denny Reese, Bob Koebel, Tom Smith, Terry Hinkle and Dave Marks.

Fremont St. Joe end John Barrington and defensive back Dan Byers gained first-team laurels in Class A. Both were two-way performers for the Crimson Streaks which finished at 7-1. Second-teamers included Mark Rimelbach on defense while the quartet of Mark Bookishin, Joe Guyer, Brian Ohm and Rick Wasserman gained honorable mention.

Clyde High School, winners in the Sandusky Bay Conference with an undefeated 8-0-1 slate, had a pair of Class AA first-teamers in defensive backs Jim Patton and Tom Hasselbach, Ron Beier, Mike

Hessick and top running back Dale Caudill earned berths on the second team.

Heading the list of three Lakota standouts was linebacker Dave Nye who was named to the premier Class AA group. Teammates Chip Yoster and Bob Zimmerman gained the second team.

Northern Ohio League winner Bellevue had only one representative in a "team" situation — linebacker Casey Dittus who was listed on the No. 2 squad. Fellow Redmen Roger Hartall, Kip Loudenlage, Chuck Baptista and Mike DeLaca were honorable mention selections.

Former Fremont St. Joe football star Mike Beier added another top honor to the Fremont-Toledo area. Beier, head coach at Cardinal Stritch, was voted Class AA coach of the year.

Other honorable mentions in Double-A were: Steve Axe, Oak Harbor; Steve Conklin, Gibsonburg; Dave Crockett, Stee Burroughs and Gary McGrath, Clyde; Janier Sanchez, Jeff Ross and Terry Hutcheson, Genoa; Gene Hoffman, and Dennis Luna, Margaretta; Gary Crawford, Stan Sayre and John Lockmiller, Lakota; Hubert Tucker, Port Clinton.

Named as co-back with Lytle was Jim Harrell, a running back from Oregon Clay who scored 38 touchdowns and netted nearly 1,800 yards. Lytle's marks of 1,253 yards and 136 points were tempered by more difficult opposition (Buckeye Conference) and having missed a game and a half with a knee injury.

## Ali KO's Foster In Eighth

### 'Too Heavy' For Joe

STATELINE, Nev. (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali still charges that Joe Frazier, the only man who has beaten him, is wearing a crown "too heavy for his brow."

But Bob Foster, who lost by an eighth-round knockout to Ali Tuesday night, landed a left jab that cut the ex-champ early in the fight and later cut Ali with his remarks. "I don't think he can punch like Frazier," said Foster, the reigning light-heavy champion who was knocked out in the second round by Frazier in a 1970 heavyweight title match. "I don't think he can beat him."

All sat quietly, holding an ice pack to the swelling left side of

his face as he listened to Foster's comments during a post-fight conference. Then he repeated what he's been saying since losing a 15-round decision 30 months ago in the biggest money event in boxing history: "I want Frazier. I don't want the division to be because the champion is killing it."

Frazier has fought just two unranked opponents, for a total of eight rounds, since beating the Ali, who has gone into the ring nine times for a total of 86 rounds in that period.

The 33-year-old Foster, who at 180 was outweighed by 40 pounds, gave Ali some of the roughest rounds in his 41-fight

pro career despite being knocked down seven times.

Foster went down the final round 40 seconds into the eighth round.

The heavyweight division spotlight now shifts from this 41 and gambling resort area to bruise. That's something that Joe Frazier nor anyone else could do to me."

"But it's worth the \$250,000," Ali said.

He was guaranteed the quarter million for the scheduled 12-round fight in the theater show-room of the Sahara-Tahoe Hotel. Foster, whose ring record

best besides me."

hind Ali, on Jan. 22.

"If he fights George Foreman and whups him, that will make up for his idleness," Ali said. "He's fighting a good man—the best besides me."

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# Ross High End 'Lineman Of Year'

## UPI Selects Brudzinski, Lytle For 'First All-Ohio'

Coach Chuck Shuff had one word in his vocabulary this morning.

It was "fantastic." That's how he described selection of Bob Brudzinski as the "lineman of the year" in Ohio, so far as the United Press International news service poll is concerned; naming of Rob Lytle to the offensive first team backfield, and Special and Honorable Mention citations for Tom Pitts, backfield; Bob Koebel, line; Jon Smith, backfield, and Mike Biehler, line.

The UPI breaks up its Honorable Mentions into "Special", Pitts and Koebel earning this rating, and "Honorable", the group in which Jon Smith and Biehler are mentioned.

Brudzinski, the 6-foot-4, 205 pound senior, who went both ways, had been honored with a first team position on the Associated Press all-Ohio only a day earlier.

Lytle, also a senior, 6-foot-1 and 190, was on the AP second team. Pitts and Biehler, both seniors, were also honored by the AP.

The Buckeye Conference, Shuff pointed out, also with elation, had 15 athletes mentioned on the UPI

selections, Ross coming up with six of the honor spots.

While Brudzinski was the lineman of the year and also a member of the first UPI defensive team, back of the year award went to Cincinnati's Mike Gayles. This 5 foot-10, 170 pound senior, was the star of the high school playoffs.

Lytle finds himself in a "coaches' dream" backfield, with Gayles at one halfback, Tom Hannon of Massillon and Jim Harrell of Oregon Clay at other spots. Quarterback is Mike Wagner, Kettering Fairmont.

Other first team offense selections include:

Ends: Mike Harris, Columbus North; Ross Browner, Warren Western Reserve.

Tackles: Chris Webster, Princeton; Tony Sears, Dayton Chaminade.

Guards: Bob Cruse, Clayton Northmont; Keith Prosser, Canton Lincoln.

Center: Randy Osterhues, Cincinnati Moeller.

On the first defensive team are:

Ends: Brudzinski, Fremont; Bill Robb, Zanesville.

Tackles: Gary Jeter, Cleveland

Cathedral Latin; Craig Nemitz, Sandusky.

Middle guard: Chuck Cullins, Warren Harding.

Linebackers: Bill Whidden, Troy; Steve Grote, Cincinnati Elder.

Defensive backs: Ira Perkins, Elyria; Calvin Kennedy, Akron Hoban; Rick White, Cincinnati

Princeton; Wilbur Boggs, Warren Harding.

Second team offense includes Tom Dlugosz, Lorain Admiral King, guard.

Second team defense: Frank Baker, Sandusky, backfield.

Others from the Buckeye Conference on Special and Honorable Mention lists include

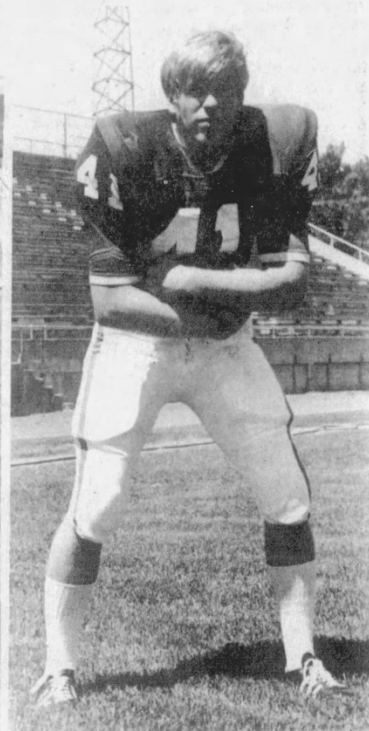
Tim Bonko, Admiral King, back; Chuck Miller, Sandusky, back; Dave Lindamood, Lorain Senior, line; Phil Miceli, Admiral King, line; Jack Sito, Elyria, back.

Bellevue's Casey Didion was named an Honorable Mention lineman.

The UPI Coach of the Year is Joe Novak of the title-winning Warren Western Reserve.



BRUDZINSKI



LYTLE

## Tennessee Coach Says It Marquette Cagers Better Than UCLA

By TED MEIER  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
What's this? Ray Mears, Tennessee coach, comes right out and says Marquette would beat the mighty UCLA Bruins,

zoomed to 16-4 lead and were never in danger.

Louisiana State upset 11th-ranked Memphis State 94-81 and No. 13 North Carolina swamped Dartmouth 128-86 in other

# Fremont Aces In Star Tiff

Ross High football All-Ohio aces Bob Brudzinski and Rob Lytle have been chosen to positions with the North squad for the annual North-South All-Star classic set for August in Canton's Fawcett Stadium.

The Little Giants duo, who paced Ross to a co-championship in the Buckeye Conference for 1972, brought to six the number of Fremonters to be given the honor over the past four years. Others include Mike Whetsel (1970), Chuck Miller (1971), Tom Liggins and Andy Sale (1972).

## Top Marks

Lytle led the BC in rushing with 1,239 yards and passed the 100-yard mark in all eight season games where he saw full duty and gained 210 yards in the next-to-last battle against Findlay. Lytle sat out a game and a half with a knee injury.

Brudzinski spearheaded the bruising Ross defense at end and collected a team-high 23 defensive awards. As the Ross punter he averaged 32.7 yards and was the top pass catcher with 11 grabs for 171 yards and a touchdown.

Brudzinski was voted Northwest District "Lineman of the Year" and Lytle gained District "Back of the Year" laurels.



**ROB LYTLE**  
... gets backfield duty



**BOB BRUDZINSKI**  
... to play at end spot

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## Named to star team

Tom Pitts, Ross High School senior who starred both offensively and defensively for the Little Giants for the past two years, has been named to the north squad for the annual Ohio High School North-South All-Star classic set for August in Canton's Fawcett Stadium. He joins Rob Lytle and Bob Brudzinski to give the Giants three men on the team. Lytle and Brudzinski were named earlier. The Little Giants now have had five men on the team in two years. Andy Sale and Tom Liggins performed for the north last year. Pitts was a standout defender as the "Monster man" for the Little Giants. He earned numerous league, district and state honors for his outstanding play. He also was a fine runner from the fullback spot in the Little Giants' backfield. "I'm real happy for him," head coach Chuck Shuff said of the selection Tuesday, adding that the selection of three Little Giants was "tremendous. Few teams ever get three players picked for the game."



### *Fremont players on North All-Star team*

Pictured above are three former members of the 1972 Fremont Ross Little Giant football team. Left to right are Tom Pitts (35); Bob Brudzinski (17); and Rob Lytle (31). The 28th Ohio High School Coaches' Association classic game is scheduled to be played on Aug. 10, at eight o'clock in Canton's Fawcett Stadium. Ross High School has the largest

representation in the game. Pitts will operate from the fullback slot while Lytle runs from the halfback position. Brudzinski will be at end. Pitts is destined for Eastern Kentucky University while Lytle will attend Michigan and Brudzinski, Ohio State.

# Three Fremont stars help North win schoolboy tilt

By BOB MARKER  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

CANTON, Ohio — Fremont Ross High's delegation of football players teamed up with the rain and clever quarterbacking of Akron Garfield's Ben Flossie last night to help the North All-Stars to a 25 to 0 win over the South All-Star team in the annual Ohio Coaches' Assn. classic at Fawcett field in the shadow of football's Hall of Fame complex.

The first half was played in a virtual downpour. The heavy rain which had been forecast all day wiped out the vaunted passing game of the South team.

The first half was actually a game in itself. Neither team was able to mount an offensive threat until the South recovered a North fumble on North's 29-yard-line in the middle of the second quarter.

After a pass from South's Quarterback Kirk Lewis of Dayton Wilbur Wright fell incomplete at the North 5, Columbus Watterson's Art Yaroch took over the South signal-calling chores. Yaroch hit flanker Mike Harris of Columbus North with a quick pass over the middle that carried to the North 5.

That was as close as the South came to scoring in the game.

Two running plays and a pass netted the South a minus 10 yards. A field goal attempt by Clayton Northmont's Bob Cruse was short and to the left.

## BRUDZINSKI PUNTS

The North took over at the 20, but failed to move and had to punt. Fremont's Bob Brudzinski getting off a 42 yard boot despite the downpour.

Then the North got its first big break on the next series when the South was forced to punt.

The big North line broke through to block Kevin Upton's boot and the North recovered on the South 49.

After one running play failed, Flossie bootlegged to the left flat and fired a pass to Akron East's James Bolden, taking the ball to the South's 23.

After Circleville's Tom Frericks threw Flossie for a one-yard loss the Garfield signal-caller hit Massillon's

Tom Hannon on a screen pass play that carried 18 yards to the 7.

With a third and four yards to go and time running out Ross's Brudzinski booted a 21-yard field goal to give the North a 3-0 lead.

It was the tall end's first field goal ever. Brudzinski talked about the field goal after the game.

"In practice I had been having trouble keeping my head down, so I worked on it before the game.

"The rain didn't bother me," the youth said. "When I looked down at the ball it seemed dry and when I kicked it it seemed like it went a mile."

## LYTLE SCORES

The North scored again with 11:50 remaining in the fourth quarter.

After the South had driven to the North 14 in the third period only to give up the ball on downs the North mounted a 17-play drive that covered 86 yards and nearly six minutes.

Ross High's Rob Lytle capped the drive with a five-yard smash over his team's left side.

The hole Lytle squeezed through was opened by 6-foot-2 240 pound Keith Cogan of Minerva and 6-foot-5 250 pound Robert Coan of Cleveland St. Joseph.

"They're good blockers," Lytle said, as he praised the offensive line.

"I just told them to give me a hole big enough to get my shoulder pads through."

Lytle's "shoulder pad" squeeze play touched off a fourth quarter scoring flurry that produced 22 points for the North.

The point-after-touchdown pass after Lytle's score went from Flossie to Brudzinski. It worked after Flossie had baffled the South defenders by faking up the middle to Lytle.

The last two touchdowns in the fourth quarter belonged to Oregon Clay's James Harrell.

The 5-foot-10 Harrell bulled his way to a fourth yard TD with 8:55 to play, then caught Flossie's pass for the point after touchdown.

After the South was again stymied by the rugged North defense Harrell galloped 31 yards up the middle for the North's final score.

Brudzinski's extra point try was wide.

There was 5:26 to play, but the South was not able to move the ball.

## PITTS IN ACTION

Fremont's third representative was not heard from offensively, but Tom Pitts played about three-quarters of the game in the North's defensive secondary.

Pitts was asked for his reaction to playing in the star tiff and his reply as he stripped off his pads was:

"It was great. I really got in only one good hit and that was on a kickoff."

Pitts reflected on the atmosphere of the Star game and the challenge of playing in it.

"You know I worked out hard back home to get in shape, but I found out that all the guys had worked just as hard to get in shape and that made it harder to win a spot. But it was great getting to play."

It was great for all the Ross products of Coach Chuck Shuff, but it was plain disaster for the South.

All the South can say about the game is:

"Maybe next time... Maybe next time..."

Neither of the three Ross stars expects to play in next Saturday night's game in Hershey, Pa., against a Pennsylvania high school all-star team. Lytle is bound for the University of Michigan. Brudzinski to Ohio State and Pitts to Eastern Kentucky.

The North rolled up 208 yards on the ground and another 68 passing, while the Rebels picked up only four yards rushing.

Two South quarterbacks, Art Yaroch of Columbus Watterson and Kirk Lewis of Dayton Wright, completed eight of 15 passes for 102 yards.

Lytle gained 13 yards in eight carries, while Bolden was piling up 63 yards in 14 tries.

Courtney Snyder of Steubenville had 23 yards on five carries for the South, and Robert Carpenter of Lancaster carried eight times for 17 yards.

## Fremonters test state champions in fast pitch tourney's second round

FINDLAY, Ohio (AP) — Columbus Ramada Inn scored three runs in the first inning, then added single tallies in the second, third and sixth to post a 6-4 win over Columbus Agler-Davidson Sporting Goods to

Elida sat down 24 batters on strikes as the Moulton Merchants downed Akron Polish-American Club 2-1 in 13 innings.

Youngstown Hilltop Cafe scored three runs in the bottom

## Statistics

	South	North
First downs	8	13
Rushes-yards	32-4	45-208
Passing yards	102	68
Passes	15-4-0	13-5-1
Punts	5-38	4-37
Fumbles-lost	0	1
Penalties-yards	5-40	4-25

South	0	0	0	0-0
North	0	3	0	22-25
North — FG 21 Brudzinski				
North — Lytle 5 run (Brudzinski pass from Flossie)				
North — Harrell 1 run (Harrell pass from Flossie)				
North — Harrell 31 run (kick failed)				

## Holdouts plaguing Jets; Redskins edge Broncos; Rozelle chastises Gillman

By ANDY LIPPMAN  
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In discussing how he might deal with two of his holdouts Emerson Boozer and Winston Hill, New York Jet Coach Webb Ewbank listed several possible alternatives.

The alternatives according to Ewbank were "fine, suspend, trade, retire, play out option."