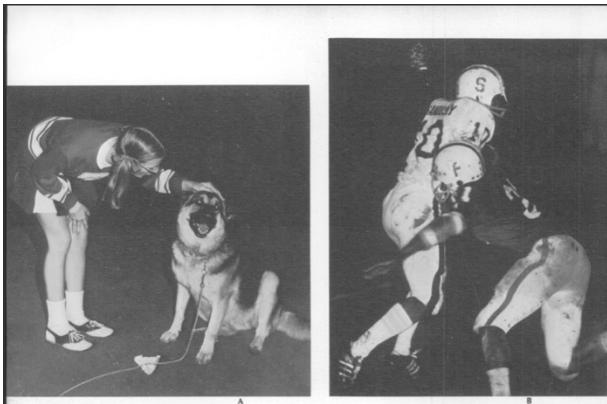


## 1972 Season review...



(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 Grossman, Jim Briney, Mike Andrews, Dan Michaels, Jerry Obermeyer, Don Wensinger, Kurt Landig. (Fourth Row) Mike Keller, John Brindley, Jude Bischoff, Dale

Stout, Scott Stout, Larry Liggins, Harry Liggins, Ken Franks, Jim House, Al Beard, Bill Christensen, Mark Cooley. (Fifth Row) Tim Grabenstetter, Denny Szymanowski, Paul Michaels, Guy Cunningham, David Minich, Ken Berlekamp, Tony Little, Harold Ramirez, Tim Carn, Randy Hazle, Mike Stoner. (Sixth Row) Steve Carmack, Mark Celek, Dave Grabel, Steve Longanbach, Howie Johnson, Art Martinez, Mark Albright, Jim Paxson, Dan Krelick, Chuck Gleba, Jim Quaintance, Chris Celek. (Back Row) Managers — George Rathbun, Terry Coomer, Mark Aspen, Bill Bliss, John Carter, John Kovaleski, Joe Whisler, Noe Almaguer.



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

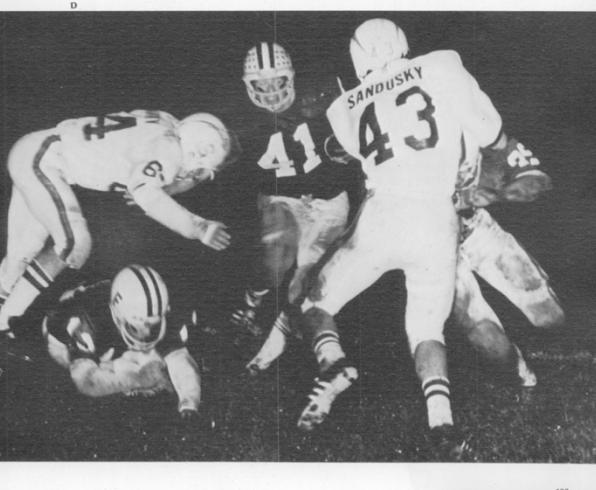
Bob Brudzinski and Rob Lytle were unanimous choices for the All-Buckeye Conference teams while Coach Shuff was selected All-Buckeye Coach by his peers. Other All-Buckeye honors were: First team offense — Mike Brudzinski, Rob Lytle, Dennis Weickert; Don Wensinger, first team defense — Bob Brudzinski, 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 Tim Smith, Bob Lytle, and Dennis Weickert, Rob Lytle Co-coach 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.



A: Taking time out to pet Little Giant mascot is cheerleader Gail Semer.  
B: Don Moore '31 lunges for another tackle against Sandusky Streaks.  
C: 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





**Little Giants Share Buckeye Crown With Elyria**

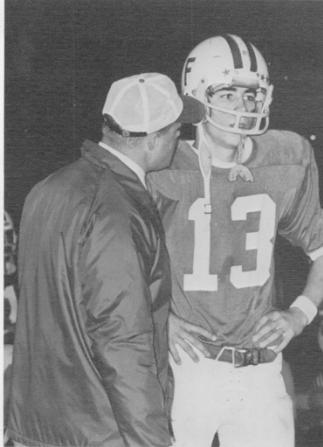
The Varsity Cheerleaders, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Gloer, were the 1972 USCA Team champions. The Reserve cheerleaders were University of Toledo reserve champions. In addition to twice weekly practices, they painted signs, organized Cheer Block, constructed the hoops, and planned several pep assemblies.

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 Dot Shon at taping the players before the game, passing out salt tablets and in general keeping the players healthy.

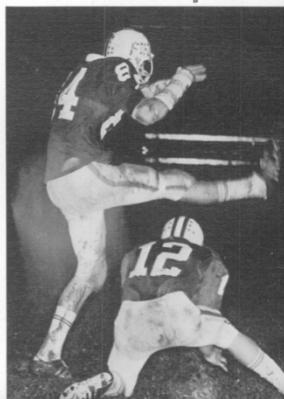


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| Ross          | 40 | Toledo Rogers       |
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| Ross          | 47 | Toledo Bowshe       |
| Ross          | 14 | Lorain Admiral King |
| Ross          | 29 | Mansfield           |
| Ross          | 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 Micht, Jill Auxter; (Back Row) Pam Dittmeyer, Barb Kearon.  
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 midgets.

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 Mierle (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 Wleckert (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', 185) 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.

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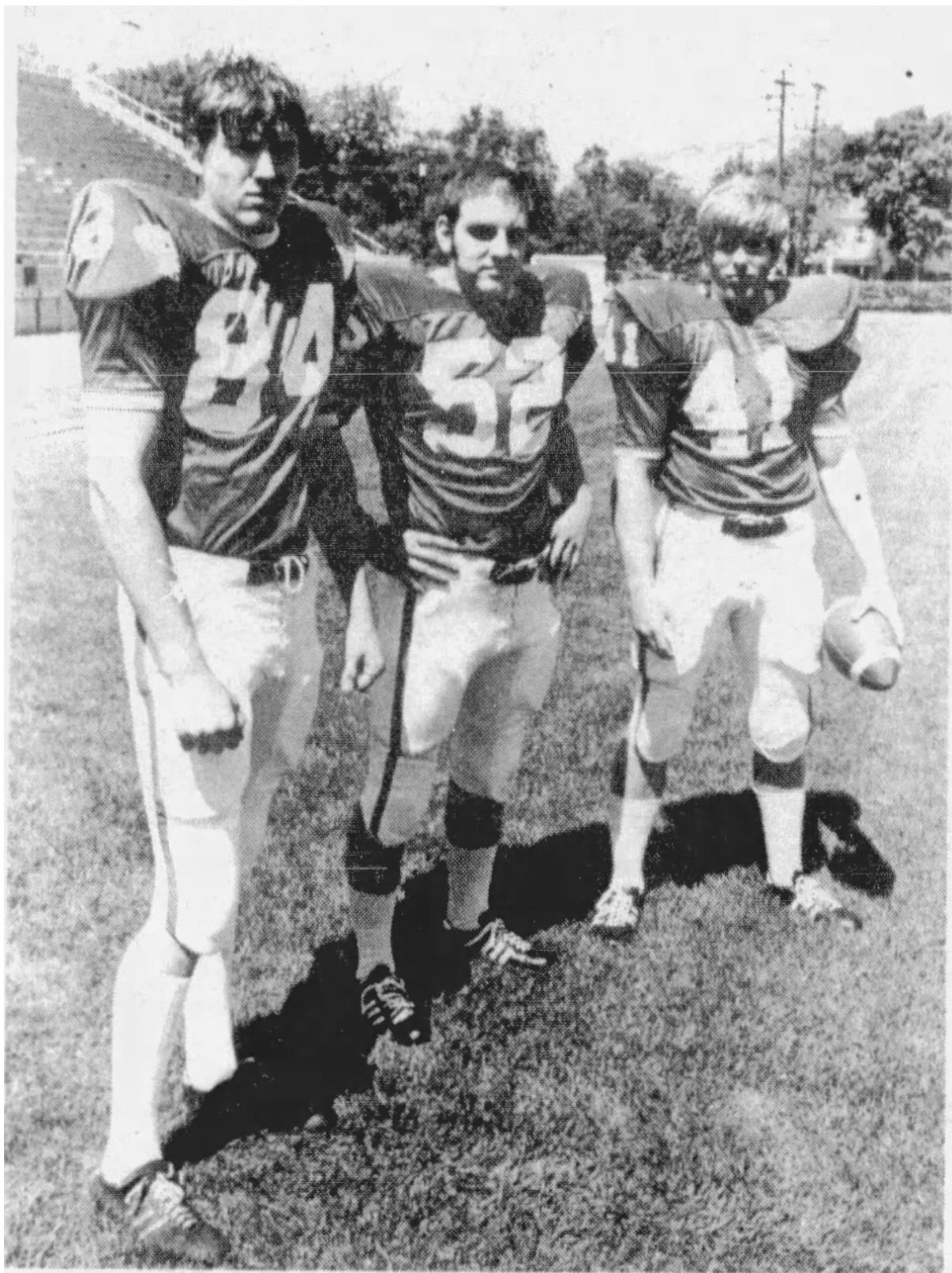
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**ROSS HIGH** two-year lettermen pictured above are Bob Brudzinski, Mike Biehler and Rob Lytle.

## 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 three touchdowns before your opponent makes 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 proved that they have plenty going for them in the new campaign.

Ross, hoping to continue the quality football produced by 1971's 9-1 squad, snuffed out Rogers' hopes early, scoring a pair of quick touchdowns in slightly more than half an hour.

Head coach Robie Lytle, who spotted, scrapped and fought his way to more than 1,200 yards in 1971, outgated the entire Rogers offense Friday night and scored Ross High's first three touchdowns, including two first-quarter jambals of 17 yards each. The scores came in the first two plays of the game, all in all.

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.

Smith's 30-yard run play, 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 sideline.

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 carries.

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. "You would have to be an idiot 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 Hammann 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 have no big substitutes to fall back on. In fact, three times we were 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.

It was the defense that had to go to work. 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 fullback Tim Brown (40) fumbled and Bradzinski recovered the pigskin on the nine yard line.

A six-yard punt that went off the side of Bradzinski'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 Giant猛士 from the Ross 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 (3) 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 Wishbones," Don Graham got his wish as Clyde pulled in the large end of a 27-0 victory against Lakota here last night.

The talented Don Pfeifer made a few opening-game mistakes, mainly touchbacks 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 and it also was a 26-21 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 Alabama's 47 straight in the 1960s.

Toledo coach Jack Murphy, with only nine seniors returning, said: "This may be the toughest team we ever faced." He added that the outcome of the game will depend "on the kind of maturity we get 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 and '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.

## 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

"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

## Giants Prevail, 41 To 12 Ross Captures No. 2

By ROY WILHELM

Ross High School's 10-point Little Giants continued to pile up the points and hold their opponents at bay, crushing Cleveland Lincoln-West 41-12, Friday night for their second victory in as many outings.

The Little Giants, who walloped Toledo Rogers 46-6 in the season opener, coasted past Lincoln-West Friday, building a 41-6 lead by the end of three quarters.

For the second straight game, the Giants combined a potent offense featuring a lightning-fast running attack with a rugged defense, particularly on the line.

Ross never appeared to be in any trouble against the Wolverines as the defense held the visitors to a net offense of just 15 yards in the first half while the offense was putting the game out of reach with 22 points.

Rapid Robbie Lytle continued to pile up points and yardage as he set the pace for the Ross offensive blitz. The quick senior tailback averaged ten yards a crack at the line, burning past the Cleveland defenders for 12 yards and 10 points in the first two quarters. The Giants had 129 yards in the first two quarters, the rugged Ross defense limited Lincoln-West to minus three yards rushing.

While Ross was pounding up and down the field, Lincoln-West never entered Fremont territory and never made a first down until midway through the second stanza.

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At that point, with Ross leading 16-0, the Wolverines reached the Ross 39 yard line only to be thrown for losses two straight yards and give up the ball on their own 20. Ross moved in from there for its third touchdown with Pitts blasting in from four yards away.

When the fourth quarter started, Ross (2-0) had only 46 total yards for the game, first down and 22 of those yards came in the last play of the third period. Meanwhile Ross had added to its halftime margin with Lytle's two touchdowns and a three yard scoring run by Tim Smith, followed by Jim Oliver's extra point kick. The Giants had also raised their offensive yardage total to 303 by the end of the third quarter.

In that fourth quarter, with a number of substitutes in the game, the Ross defense held the visitors to only two touchdowns, but the Wolverines were helped by a pass interference call at the end of the game.

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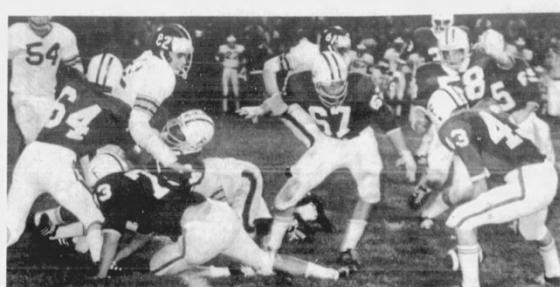
Lytle also scored a pair of touchdowns in the third period — one on an exciting 23-yard dash in which he cut back against the flow of the defense and another on a 13-yard run.

The speedy tailback, who also ran for two extra points, was far from the whole offensive story for the Giants.

Starting fullback Tom Pitts just missed hitting the 100-yard mark while backup men Jerry Obermyer and Tim Smith added plenty to Ross High's total of 399 yards on the ground. Pitts had 94 yards in 16 carries, while Smith had 68 yards in 12 thrusts at the line and Obermyer added 47 yards in ten carries.

While the Giants were piling up a net total of 457 yards offensively, they were holding the Clevelanders to 140, including just 15 in the first half. In the second half, the visitors had 129 yards total offense. The Giants had 129 yards in the first two quarters, the rugged Ross defense limited Lincoln-West to minus three yards rushing.

While Ross was pounding up and down the field, Lincoln-West never entered Fremont territory and never made a first down until midway through the second stanza.



READY TO POUNCE—The Fremont Ross defensive unit is about to take advantage of a third-period fumble by Cleveland Lincoln-West runner Bob Zacharyz (82). Combining for a crunching stop are Little Giants Keith Budorf (64) and Bob

Koebel (73) while Teammates Paul Silcox (67), Steve Holman (43) and Dennis Weickert (58) surround the loose ball. (N.M. Photos by Bruce Crippen)



FOLLOWING THROUGH—Tom Pitts of Fremont Ross tucks the ball and takes off after his blockers are down. (N.M. Photos by Bruce Crippen)

defensive line comes around after Pitts, but the speedy senior veteran eluded them for a healthy advance.

## Road To Success Looking Tougher

Ross High's Little Giants have piled up 81 points and allowed just 12 in grabbing a pair of victories in the first two games of 1972, but things should get tougher.

"Look for every game from here on out to be tough," Coach Chuck Shultz said. "The Little Giants' 4-1 win over Cleveland Lincoln-West Friday night."

"It looks like Bowsher (Ross next for) has a fine line club," Shultz said. "And when Bowsher, the Little Giants start action in the always-tough Buckeyes Conference."

While the Little Giants have failed to two easy wins, Shultz sees progress as the Giants prepare for the Buckeyes Conference title game.

Offensively, Shultz feels the Giants are showing that they can get the power inside running to convert on third down. On the attack, although he thinks the Lincoln-West helped open up the line by concentrating on the outside, he is not pleased.

"I think they were trying to stop the sweeps," Shultz said. "They were getting their tackles and out. That helps open up the holes inside."

Shultz seems to feel the Giants have the power and the passing to go with it. The team's 100-yard passing looked better tonight.

Harding's 82-yard drive with a one-yard plunge

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

By ROY WILHELM

Ross' message, however, was a little off delivering their message early and then pounds 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 Harmon Stadium Friday night. And for the third straight game, the Giants scored their first points 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." 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 and to raise their overall game point total to 128.

Ross dominated throughout, piling up 84 yards while holding Bowsher to just 4.

## DEVASTATING ATTACK

A devastating running attack, which netted 370 yards for the hosts, was complemented by an accurate passing game, which netted 200 yards.

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 hitting the end zone from seven yards out and speedy Rob Lytle added the extra points. A 21-yard run by Jerry O'Conor opened the march and a 23-yard pass from Brad Borden to Ross kept the Giants moving in high gear.

Pitts' touchdown was for the two of 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 game gave the Giants a pair of 100-plus men for the contest.

Once again, Lytle led the way for the Ross runners, piling up 140 yards in just 12 carries. He also scored a pair of touchdowns and added the extra points after two of the Giants tallies.

Again, Lytle fired a touchdown pass, catching the Bowsher defense completely by surprise as he threw to Mike Mathers. Mathers had raced into the wide open space behind the Bowsher defenders and he dashed into the end zone to complete a 56-yard play that opened the second quarter.

## LYTLE'S 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 he had a real good game."

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

Jerry O'Conor, who had 66 yards last night for the Giants, scored his seventh touchdown of the night for the Ross.

But, the offensive show almost had to take a back seat to the defense's 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 not be prouder of his players as having made significant contributions to the game. Hamman 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 Heideburg, Steve Holman, Mike Andrews, Mike Bieleh, Dennis Weier, Dan Miller, Terry Cole, Denny Reese, Paul Silver, Mike Cooley, Bob Koedel, Bob Harris, Bradzinski and Steve Celek.

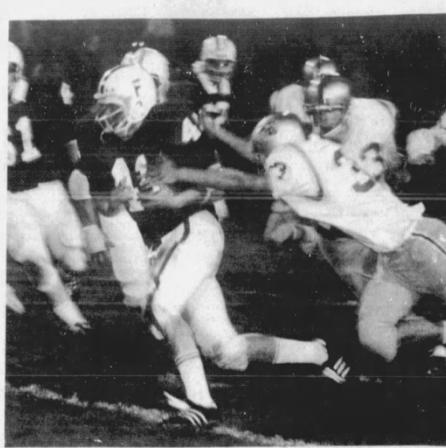
Hinkle drew special praise from Hamman for his excellent performance at middle guard. He recovered the fumble, while Bieleh intercepted the pass.

## WOLFPACK' ON PROWL

The defense held Bowsher without a first down in the first quarter — the second straight time the "Wolfpack" had no stymied an opponent in the first 12 minutes.

Following that, the defense held Bowsher without a first down 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 eighth-yard run for the last play of the first half. That run followed an onside 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.



## Cincy Stops Astros

By KEN RAPPORTER  
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 stopped the Astros 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 Houston Manager Sparky Anderson, "but we were the ones that lost the title in 1970 because the 1970 team won in a cakewalk."

"This team 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 1970 "Machine" isn't quite the same model that won the National League pennant two years ago, agreed Rose.

"This year everybody was

## Baseball

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American League

East

W. L. Pct. G. B.

Boston 79 47 541 1

Detroit 77 58 531 213

New York 72 63 531 213

Cleveland 67 80 456 137

Milwaukee 60 86 411 20

West

Oakland 85 59 590 1

Chicago 81 53 517 4

Minnesota 74 69 517 187

Kansas City 73 70 517 187

California 68 77 480 177

Texas 52 92 361 33

Friday's Results

Cleveland 1, New York 1

Boston 1, Detroit 1

Minnesota 1, California 0

Chicago 0, Texas 3

Only games scheduled

New York-Peterson 16-14 at

Cleveland (Doubleday 5-3)

Detroit 20-10 at Boston (Siebert 13-1) or Nagy 6-0

Oakland 10-9 at Minnesota (Wooden 13-14)

Milwaukee 12-10 at Detroit 2

Kansas City 12-11 at Texas (Hause 10-12) at Chicago (Bradley 14-12)

New York 1, California 0

Chicago 1, Detroit 1

Minnesota 1, Texas 0

Texas at Chicago

Boston 1, Milwaukee

Kansas City at Oakland

California at Texas (N)

Minnesota at Oakland (N)

Only games scheduled

National League

East

W. L. Pct. G. B.

Pittsburgh 92 92 53 434 —

Chicago 79 45 540 121

New York 74 58 531 213

St. Louis 70 76 479 231

Montreal 65 85 431 267

## Boston Edges Detroit, 3-2

### Weaver Cheers Silently

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?

It seems—Boston, opening a vital four-game series with challenging Detroit with first place at stake—has started the year off with a bang. Garman, who had never started a major league game before, resulted in a 10-10 Boston.

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

The Yankees, meanwhile, slipped 4½ games behind with only one win in their last five games, including a 4-1 decision to Gaylord Perry and the Cleveland Indians.

Baltimore, with the night off,

slipped 2½ behind with nine games remaining.

place Baltimore Orioles in real contention.

It seems off in the other corner. The Sox off in the other corner is Manager Ralph Houk of the New York Yankees. He is shaking his head, then rubbing his hands. The Yankees have lost six of their last seven games, and Houk is content only mathematically.

The Red Sox regained the revolving door lead Friday night with a 3-2 victory over the Tigers built on some clutch hitting by Bob Veale and Bob Miller. The Yankees had one run of Boston. The veteran lefty escaped that spot with Petrelli spearing a third out. But two innnings later, the Tigers avoided the bases ball with a two-out single by Tony Miller.

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

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

In other AL action, Minnesota McGlothen out of the sixth inning after Duke had a home run hit him. The Tigers won the game.

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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.

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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 at the meeting. 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 Bahnsen earned his 20th victory of the season. Carlos May ripped a triple in the third inning and Tony Muser drilled a two-run homer in the eighth.

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

Seattle City smacked a 13-10 four-run romp in the eighth inning, three of them on John Mayberry's 22nd home run of the year and went on to beat Oakland.

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St. Louis' Jerry O'Conor (32) cracks the ball in both arms as he charges through the line held in by Toledo Bowsher defensive line last night. Clearing a path to Obermeyer's right is Don Wensinger (66). (News-Messenger Photos by Bruce Crippen)

**THROUGH THE LINE**—Fremont Ross fullback Jerry O'Conor (32) cracks the ball in both arms as he charges through the line held in by Toledo Bowsher defensive line last night. Clearing a path to Obermeyer's right is Don Wensinger (66). (News-Messenger Photos by Bruce Crippen)

# 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 Himble 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

the state polls and both have fine clubs.

"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 Margareta.

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

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 Margareta. 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 Buckeyes Little Giants a rough welcome to the Buckeye Conference football field at Hanna 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 crushed 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 and we were ready. Saturday night 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-balling Ross offense completely in check in the first half. Then, as it appears the Giants might begin to turn the tide, Ross 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 Shiff said after the game. "We felt if we could hold them then we could get things going in our favor."

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. That's the reason we lost," Ross said. "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 ball in the end zone for 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 rammed 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 20-yard touchdown pass with just 1:16 left in the half. Lawrence made a lightning catch of the pass, which came on fourth down and 17.

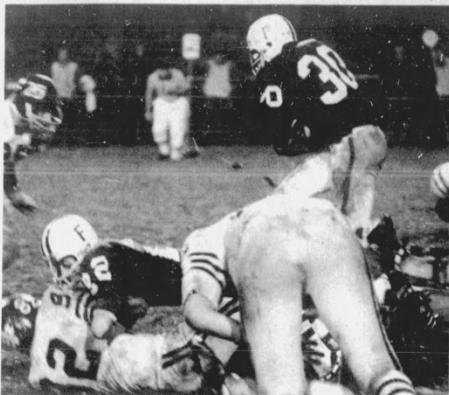
The last touchdown scored by the winners was set up by a clutch pass play. Macove connected with Bill Burgdorf on a play that covered 37 yards for a first down at the Ross 20. The play came on fourth and 16.

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 night 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 36-yard Borden to Mike Mathes pass brought them just to the Admiral King 19.

"We were able 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



### News-Messenger SPORTS

## Clyde Turns Back Tigers In Loop Tiff

By DON FOGELSON

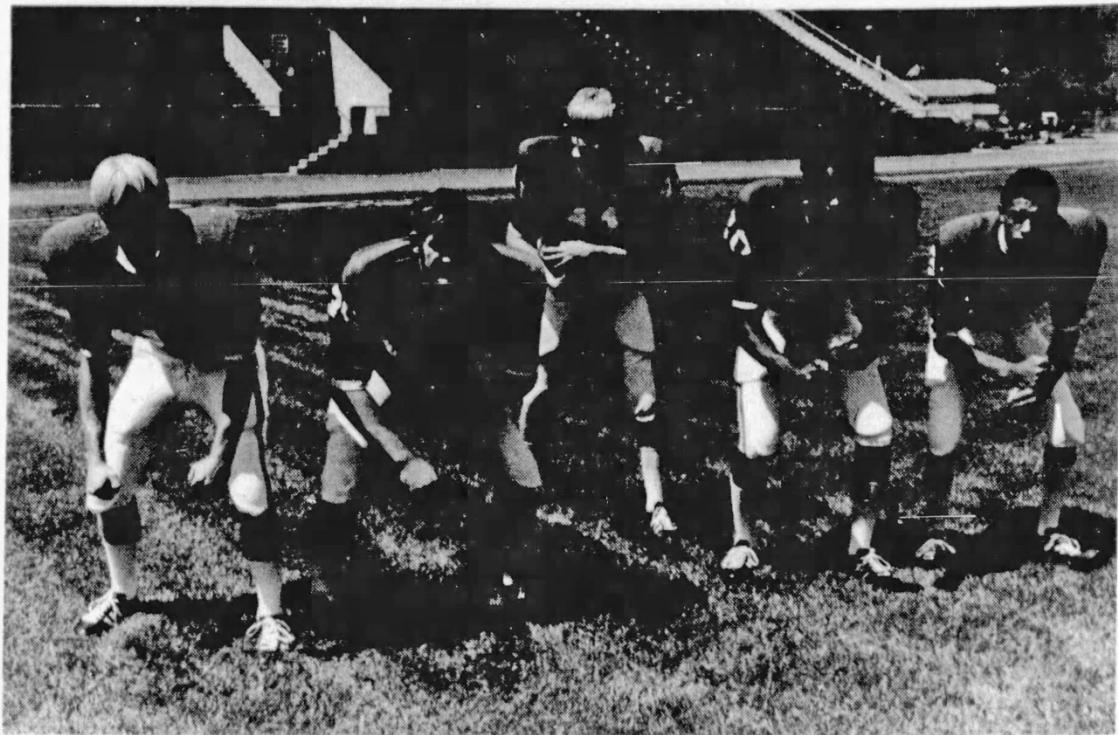
HURON — Field general Patton lives on. Jim Patton, who leads the Clyde Fliers probably as well as General George Patton led the American ground troops in World War II, commanded an aroused Flier football team to an 8-6 victory over highly touted Huron here Friday night.

Clyde will prove to be Huron's lone TD was set up on Clyde's ticket to its first Sandusky Bay Conference football title ever. Both squads entered the the Clyde one-yard stripe.



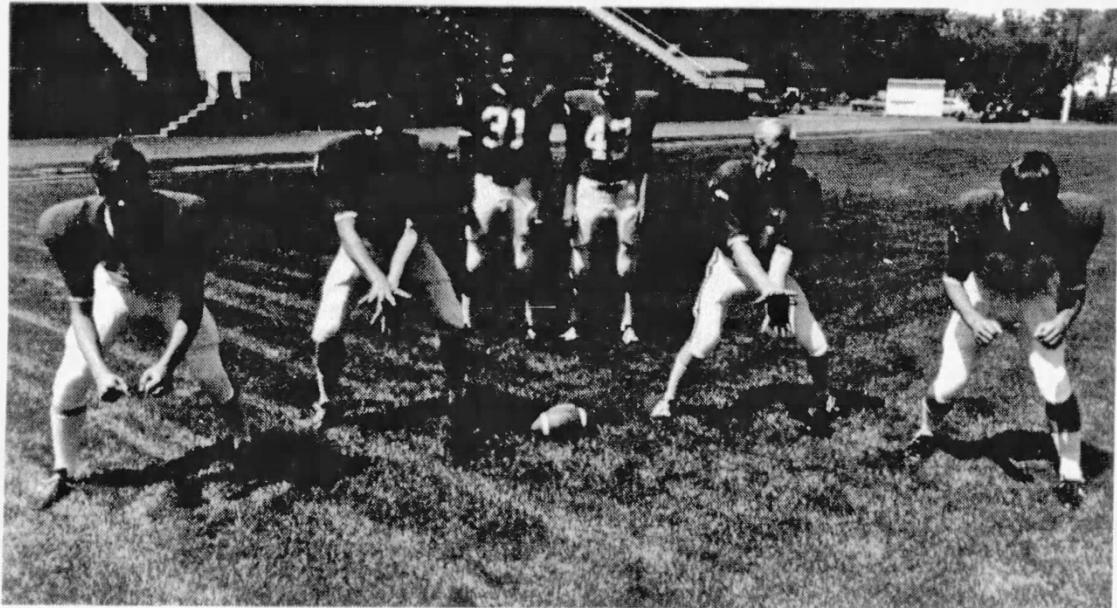
Both squads entered the the Clyde one-yard stripe. Injured and hospitalized during third-period activity, Ross quarterback Brad Borden (13) trips up Ephram Hagnes (82) of King while other Admirals follow the play from a distance.

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**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 LYITLE**  
...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 Tyger 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.

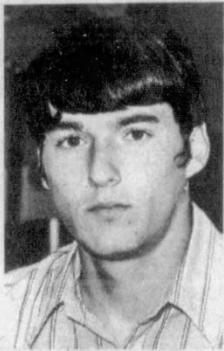
Most of Fremont's forward drive was generated in the third period when it earned six of its 10 first downs. The 80-yard drive accounted for nearly half of Fremont's 170-yard net total.

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

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**BOB BRUDZINSKI**

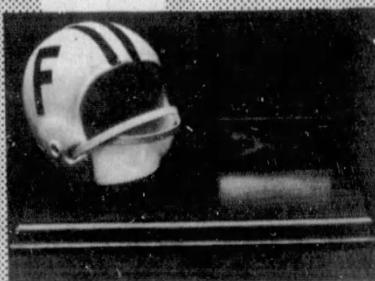
Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brudzinski. On defense Bob made 10 tackles, caused one fumble, tackled the passer twice behind the line of scrimmage and tackled the punter in the end zone for a safety. On offense Bob is credited with an extra point conversion and from his end position did an outstanding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

Rob Lyle, once again his rapid self, surprised fans on both sides of the line when he held last night's record to 10-0 Fremont Ross victory over the previous unbeaten Pioneers.

Little Giants' two-way end Rob 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 on it and another one by him meant the solid sentinel 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 Lyle, 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 Lyle'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 off to a start.

Out of an unlucky accident, 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 uncontrollably.

Lyle's 111 net yards on 15 carries headed the Giants and Fullback Jerry Overmeyer ran up 72 yards on 19 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' defense came up with the key plays to abort any Elyria threat.

Quarterback Brad Borden added an insurance touchdown in the third period, capping a 65-yard drive which took 14 plays and included a 15-yard clipping infraction along the route. The Ross' defense came up with the key plays to abort any Elyria threat.

In the fourth stanza, Obermeyer 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 broad-and-better running plays. But Elyria quarterback Gary Stevenson was outstanding in his performance which included 11 net completions for 124 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 a poor 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 end Rob Lyle (41) returned to action at Ely Stadium in Elyria last night behind a wall of teammate blockers including Jerry Obermeyer (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 Lyle plenty of protection as he romped for 111 net yards in Fremont's 18-0 victory. (News-Messenger Photos by Bruce Crippen).



**ROUGH ALL OVER** — Denny Reese (62) of Fremont hangs onto the jersey of Elyria quarterback Gary Stevenson (10) as defensive end Bob Brudzinski (84) closes in and Pioneer halfback Ira Perkins (33) wonders 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

### St. Wendelin Falls, 45-0

By JERRY ROSEN

N-M Staff Writer

CLYDE — "Six down and three to go," said a Clyde Flier cheerleader as she joined the throng of cheering the Clyde-Foster St. Wendelin football debacle last night.

The Fliers had just finished off their sixth straight opponent, manhandle the Mohawks 21. Beier then took

the ball to the Foster six, and two

plays later, Caudill swept in with

the ball and scored the first

of the night.

Caudill's score was strictly

individual effort. He had 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 to the Foster 22 later in

the game.

Beier saved a touchdown at

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Caudill scored on the tall end of

a four-play 43-yard drive at 11:49

of the third quarter, and again

scored on a drive at 8:38 of the

fourth quarter. That drive

covered 57 yards in nine plays

with Caudill hitting a trap hole at

the 15 and rambling in.

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 bearded slugger injured his left leg in Thursday's play-off game in Detroit and will be out for 10 days, Jim Fink, 7 for 8, and Bert Campaneris, 6 for 8, will fill in.

Anderson, 1 for 3, Tom Caudill, 1 for 4, Jim Patton, 7 for 8, and Mike Hegan, 2 for 3, will

replace him in the starting line-up.

Randy Barnes, 3 for 4, and Bill

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# Ross High Rips Lorain Steelmen, 36-0

By DICK KINNEY, N-M Sports Editor

LORAIN — If the Little Giants of Fremont Ross decide to give up football, you can bet that the steel industry will come knocking for the determined band of specialists. And rocket-like halfback Rob Lytle would be a shoe-in for corporation president.

The Lorain Steelmen fixed their muscles here and there and found they could pry Lorain High School at will — and took home a surprisingly easy 36-0 Buckeye Conference victory.

Coupled with Sandusky's loss to Elyria and Lorain King defeating Marion Harding, Ross and the first three squads currently share the BC top spot with 3-1 slates. Ross, Sandusky and Elyria show one loss apiece overall and King has dropped a pair.



**CLOSING RANKS** — After a wipeout attempt by Lorain's Dave Lindemann (84), Fremont's Bob Brudzinski (84, light skirt) to the right to form a pincer-action with teammate Jim Reese (83) on Steelmen ball-carrier Mark Gawlick (33) during second-quarter action at

Lorain. Brudzinski and Reese helped guide the Little Giants past the hosts to gain a four-way share of the Buckeye Conference lead. Fremont's winning tally read 36-0. (News-Messenger photo by Bruce Crippen)



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**World Series** — Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Duke Snider and Hank Bauer. No player has hit five home runs in a series.

The Reds appeared on the brink of elimination after Gene Hunter had a 4-2 lead going into the ninth inning, but had to leave after Tolan knocked in the Reds' third run with a single. Rollie Fingers, who has pitched in every series game thus far, shut off the Reds' three-run home in the second inning gave the A's the lead to 3-2 on Monday's home run to the left field line.

The capacity crowd of 46,010 gave snazzy a standing ovation as he crossed home plate, courtesy of Cincinnati starter Jim McGlothlin. Mike Epstein walked and George Hendrick singled prior to the walk-off, Hunter's fourth of the series.

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# 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."



# 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 Hippenstein. 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."



WHITEY HERZOG  
...tries with Rangers

## 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."

## 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 Lawrence at Plaza Lanes to lead.

#### PLAZA FREMONT EAGLES

INDIVIDUAL — Haldy Lawrence, (games and series) 254-225-161-640; Tim Farr, 212-217-628; Elmer Swartz, 208-223; Jim Weller, 208-59; John Horick, 208-593; Homer Ritter, 233-388; Jerry Bowers, 229-581; Earl Ross, 207-548; Dennis Meyer, 205-567; Russ Misig, 561; Herb Hinkle, 203-561; Steve Burton, 202-562; Thayer Motors, 100-100.

TEAMS — Rainbow Lanes, 1111-1097-1077-1285; Norm Thayer Motors, 1004-1069-3055; Fremont Eagles, No. 2, 1059-3022; Taperecorders, 2029.

LEADERS — Croghan Colonial Bank, 26-10; Rainbow Lanes, 24-12; Thayer Motors, 20-10.

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

TEAMS — Young Farmers, 1004-2961; Don & Sohn, 2866; Humbert Trucking, 1022-2852.

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

RAINBOW SACRED HEART  
INDIVIDUAL — Jim Wurm, 232-584; Mike Saunders, 212-569.

#### RAINBOW ROLLERS LEAGUE

INDIVIDUAL — Arlene Druckemiller, 149-131-106-488; Betty Jones, 487; Elaine Borden, 462.

TEAMS — R & K Body Shop, 2426; & W Root Beer, 2396; Lesser Printers, 2334.

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

#### INDIVIDUAL—JON CARBINE

INDIVIDUAL — S. Pharr, 159-185-200-544; T. Foss, 557; E. Walters, 537.

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

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

#### MAPLE THURSDAY KEGLERS

INDIVIDUAL — Jennie Hensley, 442; Evelyn Michael, 397; Sarah Spieldenner, 377.

TEAMS — Alice H. Shope, 2045; Fremont Realty, 2036; Sony Taperecorders, 2029.

LEADERS — Croghan Colonial Bank, 26-10; Rainbow Lanes, 24-12; Thayer Motors, 20-10.

MAPLE M.L. CHANNEL 6  
INDIVIDUAL — Steve Biedenbeller, 469; Donna Foss, 469; Sue Dister, 412.

Splits: Betsy Walker, 6-7-10.

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

LEADERS: Weller's, 16-14; B & C Cafe, 17½-14½.

#### MAPLE MEN'S CITY 'A'

INDIVIDUAL — Dale Nause, 169-190-205-564; Rich Bunn, 226-558.

TEAMS — Towne Lincoln Mercury, 1012-951-1036-3299; J. E. Baker Co., 1058-2908.

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

#### FRÉMONT ROSS STATISTICS

##### GROUND GAINING

| Player           | No. | Yds. | Long. | Ave. |
|------------------|-----|------|-------|------|
| Rob Lytle        | 112 | 70   | 8     | 6.5  |
| Tim Smith        | 56  | 366  | 35    | 6.5  |
| Tom Pitts        | 74  | 435  | 50    | 5.9  |
| Dennis Szymanski | 1   | 5    | 5     | 5.0  |
| Jerry Obermeyer  | 85  | 357  | 19    | 4.2  |
| John Wright      | 15  | 12   | 9     | 8.0  |
| John Wright      | 15  | 41   | 9     | 2.7  |
| Jim Oliver       | 1   | 3    | 3     | 3.0  |
| Brad Borden      | 34  | 71   | 19    | 2.1  |
| Harry Liggins    | 1   | 2    | 2     | 2.0  |
| Mike Mathes      | 9   | 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   | 3    | —     | —    |
| Mike Mathes      | 1   | 9    | —     | —    |

RECEIVING

| Player      | No. | Yds. | Long. | Ave. |   |
|-------------|-----|------|-------|------|---|
| Brad Borden | 64  | 27   | 427   | 1    | 4 |
| Jon Smith   | 11  | 5    | 86    | 0    | 0 |
| Rob Lytle   | 11  | 56   | 0     | 1    | — |

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| Player      | No. | Comp. | Yds. | Int. | TD |
|-------------|-----|-------|------|------|----|
| Brad Borden | 64  | 27    | 427  | 1    | 4  |
| Jon Smith   | 11  | 5     | 86   | 0    | 0  |
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SCORING

| Player          | TD | EP-2 | EP-1 | Tot. |
|-----------------|----|------|------|------|
| Rob Lytle       | 16 | 8    | 0    | 110  |
| Tom Pitts       | 5  | 3    | 0    | 36   |
| Tim Smith       | 6  | 0    | 0    | —    |
| Jerry Obermeyer | 5  | 0    | 4    | 34   |
| Brad Borden     | 3  | 2    | 0    | 22   |
| Mike Mathes     | 2  | 0    | 0    | 12   |
| Bob Brudzinski  | 1  | 1    | 1    | 9    |
| Tim Smith       | 13 | 43   | 43   | 43.0 |

PUNTING

| Player         | No. | Yds. | Long. | Ave. |
|----------------|-----|------|-------|------|
| Bob Brudzinski | 23  | 764  | 47    | 33.2 |
| Tim Smith      | 13  | 43   | 43    | 43.0 |

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## 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 . . .

"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 5 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 Spald 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' end Dan Byers and Jon Smith have also split six interceptions while Sandusky's Bob Brown has none in a half dozen.

The comparisons are evident 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 walk-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 wants 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

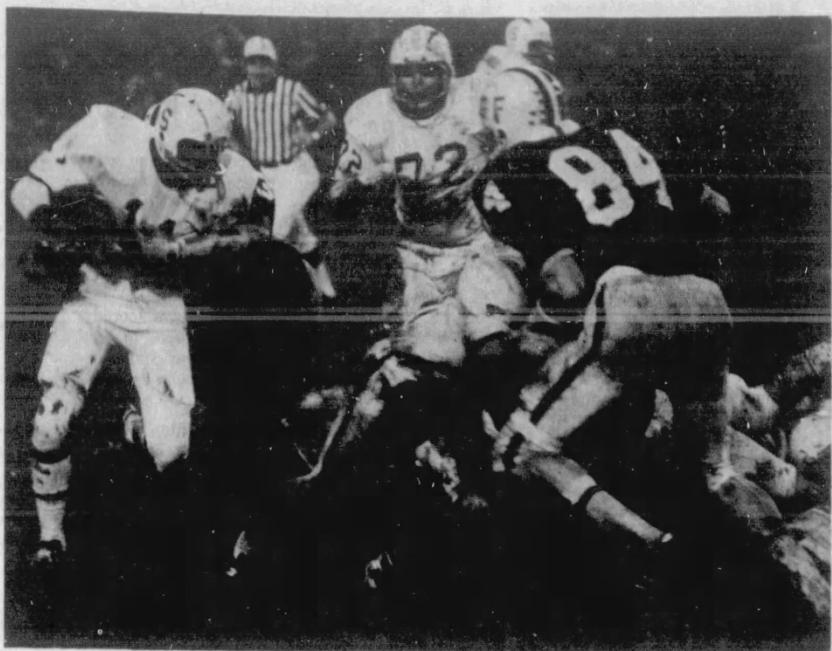
our work cut out for us on offense."

St. Joe will be led by halfbacks Dan Byers (630 yards) and Mark Rimelapap (400) and a 200-yard fullback of end Joe Guyer (498). Guyer leads the Streaks' scoring with 42 points with Byers and end John Harrington just four points



ROSS' ACE 'RAPID' ROB LYITLE

.. 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. action.

**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" fought the highly touted Sandusky Blue Streaks 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 Sandusky, 14-0.

The "wolfpack" — the name given the aggressive Ross defense — gobbled up the Sandusky offense, smothering the rushing attack and smothering "wolfpack" held the air.

Time and again "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 36-yard play in the closing seconds of the first half.

It was Sandusky's defense that was getting all the rave notices throughout the state, but it was the Ross defenders who stole the show in the 10th year of Ross' first year in the Buckeye Conference.

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 14 yards.

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 covered the Tygers' 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.

It was the power slants of senior tailback Rob Lytle, the

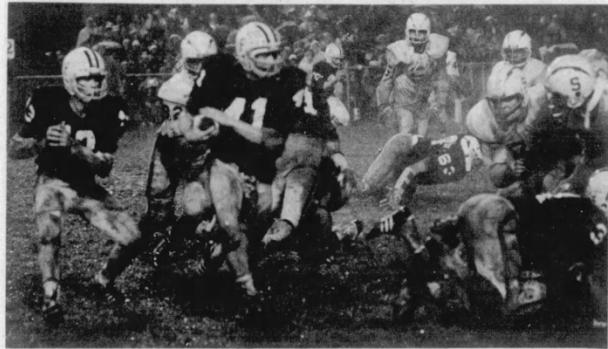
Giants scored two touchdowns in the first half and then held on for the victory.

Lytle, who finished the night with 108 yards in 22 carries, wasted no time in proving the Sandusky was what it was done. Lytle and senior fullback Tom Borden carried the load in a most efficient manner.

Lytle, who opened the game in fullback and played the position at several points throughout, started the drive with a four-yard run. He never put down on the first of the next two plays of the football.

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Lytle and then picked up a first down with a seven-yard slant after junior quarterback Brad Borden had gained five yards.



## Redmen Defeat Huron

BELLEVUE — The Redmen have come all the way back.

After four straight losing seasons, Bellevue iced a comeback year that any coach around would be proud of when it beat the Huron Tigers 19-0 last night and finished the year at 9-0-1.

Playing in the same site that most high school football teams in the state face 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

|                       | Belle. Huron |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| First Down            | 132          |
| Rushing Yards         | 43           |
| Passing Yards         | 21           |
| Passes                | 20-10        |
| Passes Intercepted By | 5-1          |
| Penalties             | 3-4          |
| Yards Penalized       | 640          |

STATISTICS

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

## Ross Conquers Sea Of Mud To Share Buckeye Laurels

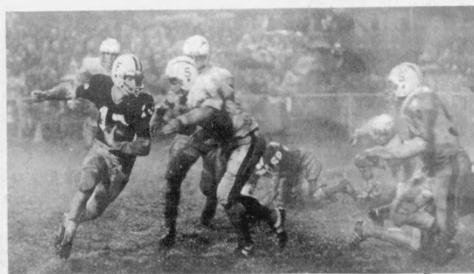


Ross quarterback Brad Borden (13) gets outside blocking from Rob Lytle (41) while Sandusky defenders Jim Hall (50) and Frank Baker (54) close in.

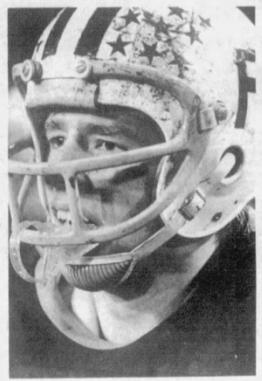
**News-Messenger Action**  
Photos By Bruce Crippen



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



Fremont 14, Sandusky 0 Equals Fifth Whitewash



Rob Lytle, who leads both Ross and the Buckeye Conference is rushing and scoring, sells 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 Streak's Mike Spayd (44). Other Ross players closing on the play include Steve Celek (58), 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 All-Buckeye Conference All-League selections announced today.

Both Lytle, who led the team in rushing and scoring from his tailback position, and Brudzinski, a two-way player at the fullback 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 16 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 statistics on both offense 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 boots.

Filling out the offensive backfield were quarterback Chuck Miller of Sandusky, Jim 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



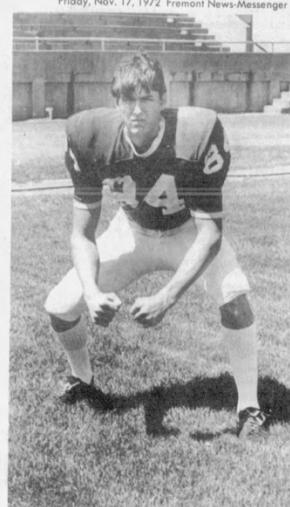
DENNY REESE  
...second team twice



BRAD BORDEN  
...calls right signals



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



## All-Buckeye Conference—1972

| FIRST TEAM—DEFENSE      |     |    |     | SECOND TEAM—OFFENSE |                         |    |     |      |     |
|-------------------------|-----|----|-----|---------------------|-------------------------|----|-----|------|-----|
| Player, School          | Pos | Yr | Ht. | Player, School      | Pos                     | Yr | Ht. |      |     |
| Bob Brudzinski, Fremont | E   | 12 | 6-4 | 205                 | Bob Brudzinski, Fremont | E  | 12  | 6-4  | 205 |
| Willie Jones, Sandusky  | E   | 12 | 6-4 | 195                 | Bob Lindquist, Lorain   | E  | 12  | 6-4  | 195 |
| Charles Outlaw, Toledo  | T   | 12 | 6-4 | 195                 | Bob K. Freeman          | E  | 12  | 6-4  | 205 |
| Craig Nemitz, Sandusky  | T   | 12 | 6-5 | 245                 | Howard Smith, Sandusky  | T  | 12  | 5-11 | 220 |
| Mark Mazzoni, Sandusky  | DB  | 12 | 6-4 | 205                 | Don Miller, Fremont     | T  | 12  | 6-4  | 195 |
| Mike Biehler, Fremont   | LB  | 12 | 6-1 | 185                 | Tom Dioguz, King        | G  | 12  | 6-4  | 180 |
| John Gandy, Elyria      | LB  | 12 | 6-1 | 185                 | John Gandy, Elyria      | G  | 12  | 6-4  | 180 |
| Frank Baker, Sandusky   | LB  | 12 | 6-1 | 185                 | Chuck Miller, Sandusky  | QB | 12  | 5-10 | 185 |
| Tom Pitts, Fremont      | DB  | 12 | 6-2 | 185                 | Rob Lytle, Fremont      | RB | 12  | 6-4  | 190 |
| Don Moore, Fremont      | DB  | 12 | 6-2 | 185                 | Phil Oliver, Elyria     | RB | 12  | 6-3  | 180 |
| Ira Perkins, Elyria     | DB  | 12 | 6-2 | 185                 | Tim Bonko, King         | RB | 12  | 5-10 | 190 |



COACH CHUCK SHUFF  
...selected by peers

## Basketball

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Eastern Conference  
Atlantic Division

Boston 14 1 921 — —

New York 14 1 921 — —

Buffalo 3 12 200 11 12

Philadelphia 3 17 656 14 12

Central Division

Atlanta 8 8 500 —

St. Louis 8 8 450 —

Chicago 8 8 450 —

Washington 8 8 450 —

Philadelphia 8 8 450 —

## All-Northwest District Football

### Class AAA—Offense

| FIRST TEAM  |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Player, School  | Pos. Yr. Ht. Wt. |
| Bob Brudzinski, Fremont Ross  | E 12 5-11 175    |
| Augustus Westbrook, Toledo Scott  | E 12 6-0 220     |
| Burley Harward, Toledo Cent. Cath.  | T 12 6-3 232     |
| David Johnson, Sandusky Senior  | T 12 6-0 190     |
| Dan Sartor, Sandusky  | G 12 6-0 190     |
| Mike Zelazik, Toledo St. Francis  | G 12 6-0 185     |
| Terry Jobe, Galion  | C 12 6-0 185     |
| Chuck Miller, Sandusky  | QB 12 5-11 178   |
| Rob Lytle, Fremont Ross   | RB 12 6-0 180    |
| Jim Harrell, Oregon Clay  | RB 12 6-0 180    |
| Dave Johnson, Sandusky  | RB 12 5-10 172   |
| Steve Miller, Lima Senior   | RB 12 6-0 175    |
| Jeff Park, Lima Senior  | E 12 5-11 155    |
| Howard Smith, Sandusky  | T 12 6-0 220     |
| Mike Zelazik, Toledo Scott  | T 12 6-0 190     |
| Don Wenninger, Fremont Ross   | G 11 5-6 195     |
| Bob Johnson, Toledo Cent. Cath.   | G 11 5-6 190     |
| Jim Hall, Sandusky  | C 11 5-11 180    |
| Rodney DeVoe, Toledo Scott  | QB 12 6-0 180    |
| Terry Jobe, Galion  | RB 12 6-0 180    |
| Denis Richardson, Lima Shawnee  | RB 12 6-0 180    |
| Hugh Johnson, Toledo Scott  | RB 12 6-0 175    |
| 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)                       |                  |

| SECOND TEAM                     |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Player, School                  | Pos. Yr. Ht. Wt. |
| Jeff Park, Lima Senior          | E 12 5-11 155    |
| Howard Smith, Sandusky          | T 12 6-0 220     |
| Mike Zelazik, Toledo Scott      | T 12 6-0 190     |
| Don Wenninger, Fremont Ross     | G 11 5-6 195     |
| Bob Johnson, Toledo Cent. Cath. | G 11 5-6 190     |
| Jim Hall, Sandusky              | C 11 5-11 180    |
| Rodney DeVoe, Toledo Scott      | QB 12 6-0 180    |
| Terry Jobe, Galion              | RB 12 6-0 180    |
| Denis Richardson, Lima Shawnee  | RB 12 6-0 180    |
| Hugh Johnson, Toledo Scott      | RB 12 6-0 175    |

### Class AAA—Defense

| FIRST TEAM                       |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Player, School                   | Pos. Yr. Ht. Wt. |
| Carl Winter, Wapakoneta          | E 12 6-4 225     |
| Chuck Miller, Toledo Scott       | E 12 6-2 185     |
| Joe Brown, Tol. Central Catholic | T 12 6-0 190     |
| Gary Zelazik, Toledo Scott       | T 12 6-0 190     |
| Frank Miller, Toledo Scott       | G 12 6-0 190     |
| Mike Blehr, Fremont Ross         | LB 12 6-1 195    |
| Steve Miller, Toledo Scott       | LB 12 6-1 195    |
| Tom Pitti, Fremont Ross          | LB 12 6-1 195    |
| Sam Long, Galion                 | LB 12 6-1 175    |
| Joe Johnson, Toledo Scott        | LB 12 6-1 190    |
| Bob Lindsey, Tol. Cent. Catholic | LB 12 5-9 190    |

| SECOND TEAM                     |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Willie Jordan, Sandusky         | E 12 6-4 195   |
| Denis Omer, Toledo Scott        | E 12 5-9 165   |
| Mark Johnson, Toledo Scott      | T 12 6-0 190   |
| Charles Black, Mansfield Senior | T 12 6-3 210   |
| Shelby Johnson, Toledo Scott    | G 12 6-1 195   |
| Steve Schag, Mansfield Madison  | LB 12 6-2 195  |
| Casey Didion, Bellevue          | LB 12 6-2 200  |
| Jon Miller, Fremont Ross        | LB 12 6-1 195  |
| Bob Duckworth, Mansfield Senior | DB 12 6-0 180  |
| Lorraine Newell, Sandusky       | DB 12 5-11 185 |
| Terry McGuire, Sandusky         | DB 12 5-10 180 |

(Honorable Mention Lists on Page 14)

### Class AA—Offense

| FIRST TEAM                    |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Player, School                | Pos. Yr. Ht. Wt. |
| Tom Ester, Crestline          | E 12 6-3 170     |
| Tim Fleming, Fremont          | E 12 6-1 190     |
| Tom Johnson, Ontario          | E 12 6-1 190     |
| Jeff Russell, Fostoria        | T 12 6-1 205     |
| Don Johnson, Ontario          | T 12 6-1 190     |
| Reggie Cole, Sandusky Perkins | G 12 6-1 190     |
| Mike Wedge, Fostoria          | LB 12 6-0 195    |
| Mike Johnson, Ontario         | LB 12 6-0 195    |
| David Higbie, Allen East      | QB 12 6-0 180    |
| Terry Johnson, Ontario        | QB 12 6-0 180    |
| Steve Kuehl, Lima CC          | RB 12 6-1 175    |
| Bob Johnson, Mansfield        | RB 12 6-0 180    |
| Tom Hubbard, Fairview         | RB 12 5-10 180   |
| Don Johnson, Ontario          | RB 12 5-10 170   |

| SECOND TEAM               |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Jack Kroll, Vermilion     | E 11 6-4 200   |
| Bruce McComel, Elida      | E 12 6-3 160   |
| David McComel, Elida      | T 12 6-1 190   |
| David Barta, Vermilion    | T 12 6-1 190   |
| Mike Wedge, Fostoria      | G 12 6-0 195   |
| Mark Johnson, Toledo East | LB 12 6-0 195  |
| Rick Disset, Lake         | LB 12 6-0 195  |
| Jeff Cheney, Crestline    | QB 12 6-1 175  |
| Dale Johnson, Toledo      | RB 12 6-0 180  |
| Tom Hubbard, Fairview     | RB 12 5-10 180 |
| Don Johnson, Ontario      | RB 12 5-10 170 |

### Class AA—Defense

| FIRST TEAM            |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Player, School        | Pos. Yr. Ht. Wt. |
| Gary Miller, Bucyrus  | E 11 6-1 170     |
| John Glick, Lima      | E 12 6-0 190     |
| Tom Hynes, St. John's | T 12 6-1 230     |
| Dennis Dusell, Huron  | T 12 6-0 195     |
| David Johnson, Toledo | G 12 6-0 195     |
| Jeff Hartlett, Lake   | LB 12 6-0 190    |
| Steve Kuehl, Lima CC  | LB 12 6-0 190    |
| Tom Hubbard, Fairview | LB 12 6-0 190    |
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| Dale Johnson, Toledo      | RB 12 6-0 180  |
| Tom Hubbard, Fairview     | RB 12 5-10 180 |
| Don Johnson, Ontario      | RB 12 5-10 170 |

## Lytle, Brudzinski, Shuff Duplicate BC Voting

# Ross Trio Sweeps Honors

By DICK KINNEY, N-N Sports Editor

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

Helping up the District awards, Lytle was named co-back of the year, Brudzinski followed with solo honors as linemen 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 most awards which Lytle won this morning were varied.

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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 Princeton'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

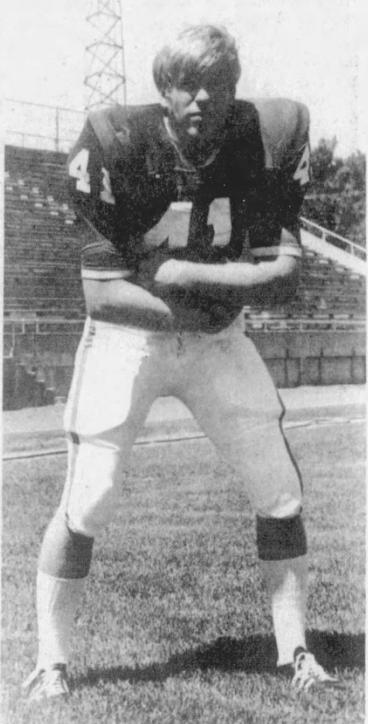
Tim Bonko, Admiral King, back; Chuck Miller, Sandusky, back; Dave Lindamood, Lorain Senior, line; Phil Miceli, Admiral King, line; Jack Sito, Elyria, back.

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 LYITLE  
... gets backfield duty



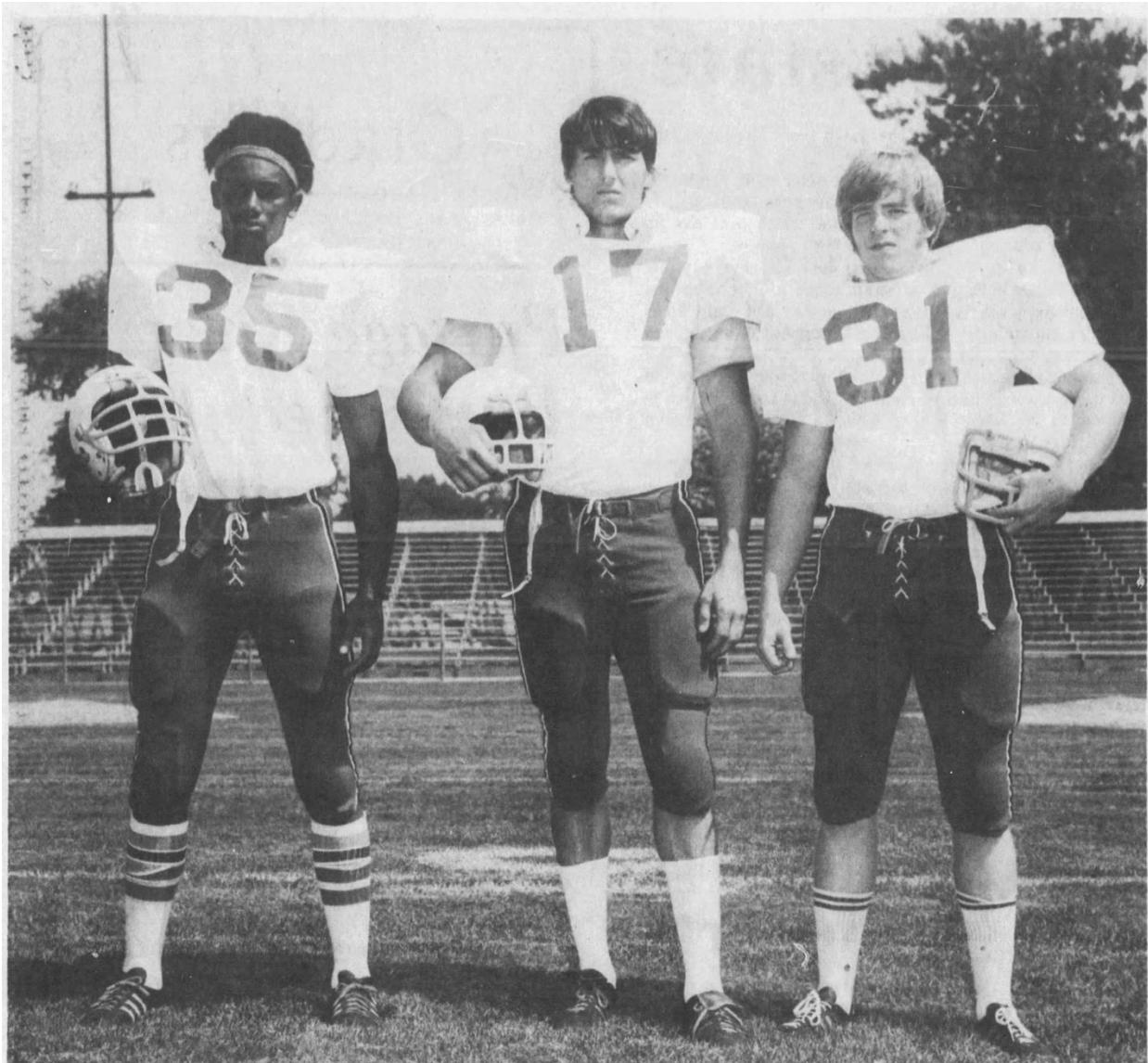
BOB BRUDZINSKI  
... to play at end spot

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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 bullded 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.

## Statistics

|                 | South  | North  |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| First downs     | 8      | 13     |
| Rushes-yards    | 32-4   | 45-208 |
| Passing yards   | 102    | 68     |
| Passes          | 15-8-0 | 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  
Associated Press Sports Writer

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

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