

1971-1972 Season Review

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COACH ALEX CLARK

MIKE MILLER

Coach Gives Progress Report

Alex Clark, head basketball coach for Ross high school, was speaker Tuesday evening at a meeting of the Fremont Valley Kiwanis club at Hotel Fremont.

Coach Clark gave a rundown on the team's progress during training. He mentioned that the Buckeye Conference is going to be tough but he feels that he has the material to get the job done.

With him were Steve Smith, a junior, and Mike Miller, a senior, members of the team.

Kiwanis members assured Coach Clark that they were behind the team and wish him the best of luck.

Dick DeRan gave a report on the Essay Contest and urges all juniors and seniors in high school to participate. Prizes will be awarded and students have a

chance to enter the state contest.

Richard Geist presided and introduced guests, Walter Hipp, Dean Wilson, Bill Young and George Dove, all members of the Norwalk Kiwanis club.



Ross Hosts Fostoria Redmen

Celek, Brudzinski Missing For Opener

Time will not be on the side of Fremont Ross when it opens the 1971-72 basketball campaign at home tonight against Fostoria.

"We're not ready to play yet," comments head coach Alex Clark, who's starting his third season as pilot of the Purple and White.

"The kids who played football have only been with us for nine days. They know what to do on the floor and want to do it, but their reactions aren't quick enough."

The entire team together. It's just going to take time for us to adjust. I wish we had another week."

Time is only one of the Ross problems, however. The others are a pair of 6-5 lettermen, who won't even be in the lineup against the Redmen.

Chris Celek (5-11), who started practically every game at center for the Little Giants when they were 5-15 last winter sustained a knee injury in his first cage workout and hasn't practiced since. It's doubtful that he'll be ready until the Little Giants journey to Marion December 10.

Also missing will be junior Bob Brudzinski, who twisted an ankle in a scrimmage Wednesday.

"Now we've got to work away all of our height under the boards and rebounding strength," Clark laments. "Now, I'm not sure what we'll be doing."

"We're going to try and fast break, but I don't know whether we'll be able to get the ball off the defensive boards. We'll just have to wait and see."

Thus, the Little Giants, instead of having two 6-5 veterans in the lineup will go with a starting five that features only two

players who are taller than 6-2 and neither of those have much varsity experience.

Clark has announced a lineup that will include Mike Feasel (6-0) and Steve Smith (6-0) at guard, Tom Liggins (5-11) and Gary Prinny (6-3) at forward and Mike Miller (6-3) jumping center.

Scout, Feasel and Liggins were letter winners last winter although they saw only limited action. Miller divided his time between the reserves and varsity last year while Prinny was a reserve player.

"I'm sure we're going to play a good ball game," Clark says. "The kids have a lot of desire and spirit. They want to win."

"I think we'll click together," each one of those fellows will need to play better than he's capable of playing."

Clark is pleased with his guard candidates.

"Right now guard is our strength," Clark says. "I have four fellows (Smith, Feasel, Chuck Lindsey and Kirk Stout), who I won't be afraid to use. In fact, we might be using three guards at times against Fostoria."

Little Giants' Tom Garner (6-0) and Tom Pitts (6-1) will be the chief reserves for the Little Giants against Fostoria.

Other members of the varsity squad include Tom Garner (6-1), Doug Kridler (5-10), Jon Smith (5-10), Dean Hetrick (6-4), Jeff Wingo (6-1) and Rock Kanyu (5-9).

"I said before practice that I thought one of our strongest areas would be our rebounding," Clark said. "The loss of Brudzinski and Celek hurts, but I feel once we get those fellas back we'll have a strong bench."

Having so many players of equal ability has created some fine competition within the squad. Everyone has been working hard for a position.

"Balance should be one of our strong points. I believe I'll be able to put at least four players on the floor throughout the game who are capable of scoring well for us. The boys must learn to distinguish between the good and bad shots, however."

Clark looks for Fostoria to be a strong opponent.

"They have some of the same problems we do," Clark said. "Many of their better players have been with the squad only a short time because they also participated in football."

The Redmen, who beat the Little Giants by 12 last winter, will rely on four returning lettermen — Mark Burton, a 6-2 senior, Dan Hipscher, a 6-6 junior, Tom Grine, a 5-11 junior, and George Scott, a 6-3 senior.

Burton, Grine and Grine started most of the games last winter for the Redmen. Most of the scoring chores will fall to Burton and Hipscher.

The four lettermen are all expected to start. The fifth position will go to either Kerry Mitchell (6-0) or Chris LaForge (5-11). They were the top scorers on last year's reserve team.

The schedule:

November 27 — FOSTORIA.

December 3 — MANSFIELD; 10 — at Marion; 17 — LORAIN; 18 — at Findlay; 23 — SANDUSKY; 30 — ELYRIA.

January 7 — at Admiral King; 14 — at Mansfield; 15 — at Tiffin Columbian; 21 — MARION; 28 — at Lorain; 29 — FINDLAY.

February 4 — at Sandusky; 5 — TOLEDO WHITMER; 11 — at Elyria; 12 — at Toledo Rogers; 18 — ADMIRAL KING.



READY FOR OPENER—Ross head basketball coach Alex Clark (left) and his assistant, Jim Hamman, will lead the Little Giants against Fostoria in the Ross high gym tonight. Clark begins his third year as pilot of the Little Giants while Hamman will be guiding the reserves for his first season. Hamman, however, served as a member of the basketball staff last winter.

Oak Harbor Posts 56-48 Cage Win

By DON FOGLESON

News-Messenger Staff Writer

OAK HARBOR—Seniors John Brunkhorst and Bob Moore poured in 30 points between them to power the Rockets of Oak Harbor to a 56-48 victory over the Danbury Indians here last night in the season opener for both squads.

The 6-6 Brunkhorst hit on seven of 13 field goal attempts from his center position and added two tallies from the charity line for 16 points.

Moore pumped in six baskets while operating out of his starting guard spot. He added two points from the free-throw line to finish out at 14 points.

Leading all scorers for the

two baskets to finish out the contest.

Oak Harbor totaled out with 14 conversions of 26 free throw attempts for 52 per cent.

"I worked tonight," he stated. "I think it's going to stay the rest of the season."

The Rockets had 21 personal fouls called against them while Danbury was charged with 20 personal fouls.

"I can't say I was pleased with the officiating," Brunkhorst grinned from a locker room door. "Let's just say I thought they could have done a better job."

Brunkhorst was the cause of a technical foul in the late stages of the game when he protested a personal foul call against one of

made as its goal before the season started not to let any team score more than 50 points against them.

"It worked tonight," he stated.

"I think it stays true the rest of the season."

Oak Harbor utilized a full-court press throughout the first three quarters of the game and changed to a full-court press in the final period.

"It (the press) was relatively effective," Brunkhorst noted. "It should help out our offensive game a lot in the future because we get a lot of turnovers from it and several quick scores."

Windham finished out the game with nine total points, with Miller and Beier accounting for



Little Giant Roster

NAME	Ht.	Wgt.	Pos.
Chuck Celek	6-5	200	C
Mike Feasel	6-0	175	G
Tom Liggins	5-11	65	G-F
Chuck Lindsey	5-10	165	G
Mike Miller	6-3	160	F
Gary Prinny	6-2	170	F
Kirk Stout	5-10	160	G
Bob Brudzinski	6-5	185	F
Steve Smith	6-0	175	G
Tom Pitts	6-1	175	F
Tom Garner	6-1	180	F
Doug Kridler	5-10	170	G
Jon Smith	5-10	165	G
Dean Hetrick	6-0	165	F
Jeff Wingo	6-1	210	F
Rock Kanyu	5-9	150	G

Little Giants Host Mansfield

Ross basketball coach Alex Clark wants his club to be more aggressive when it entertains Mansfield in the Buckeye Conference opener for the Little Giants tomorrow at 8:15 p.m.

"Aggressiveness may be the key to victory," Clark said yesterday. "We scrimmaged two quarters against the reserves the other night and our guards showed a lot of aggressiveness. That's what we need to win."

Clark, who watched the Little Giants drop their opener to Fostoria (57-40) last Saturday, will again be coaching under a

handicap— both of the Ross big men (Chuck Celek and Bob Brudzinski) are still on the injured list and very doubtful for the contest with the Tygers. Celek has a twisted knee and Brudzinski a sprained ankle.

The loss of Brudzinski and Celek was critical in the loss to Fostoria and could be even more so against Mansfield.

"We were hurt in the rebounding department against Fostoria and Mansfield is a lot taller than they were," Clark said. "Our offense will have to take the good percentage shot.

"We're going to try and control the tempo of the game. We'll be much more patient on offense than we were last week. If we get the steal we'll try and go (fast break) with it."

Mansfield starts a back line that includes three players 6-3 or taller. Terone Butler (6-3) and Barry Kidwell (6-4) will be at forward with Dave Hurley (6-5) at center. The ball handling is taken care of by Jerry Bookins (5-7) and Joel Weber (5-8).

"Mansfield runs," Clark said as he reviewed the scouting report.

Three of the Tyger starters finished in double figures when Mansfield defeated Akron South, 86-81, last Saturday. Hurley totaled 23 points to take game honors and was followed by Bookins (16) and Butler (15).

Dan Blakley, a sturdy 6-2 forward, who is the chief substitute for the Tygers, netted 10 points against South.

Clark plans only one change in the Ross alignment. Tom Garner, who didn't score against Fostoria but did a good defensive job, will probably receive the starting call at center in place of Gary Printy. Otherwise, the guards will be Mike Feasel and Steve Smith with Tom Liggins and Mike Miller at forward.

Purple Vs. White

Fremont Ross' annual Purple and White swimming meet will be held at the junior high school pool tonight starting at 7 p.m. The meet will give Ross swim followers an opportunity to see the 1971-72 team which opens its season at Toledo St. Francis next Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Price Increase For Cage Tilts

Fremont Ross athletic department has announced an increase in student ticket prices for all remaining home basket-

will be sold at the gate unless the student is 12 years old and accompanied by an adult. Previous student ticket price was 75 cents, but all Buckeye

Ross After Win No. 2

Little Giants Journey To Marion

Fremont Ross, fresh from a come-from-behind 59-54 Buckeye Conference victory over Mansfield, travels to Marion tomorrow for another conference encounter. It will be the first road game of the season for the Little Giants (1-1).

Ross head coach Alex Clark said today that he expects to insert junior center Bob Brudzinski (6-4) into the starting lineup for the clash with the Prexies (2-1).

Brudzinski missed the season opener against Fostoria, but returned to the lineup against Mansfield last Friday, scoring eight points and pulling down eight rebounds.

Brudzinski will probably be joined in the starting lineup by guards Mike Feasel and Steve Smith and forwards Mike Miller and Tom Liggins.

Miller, a 6-3 senior, is currently the leading scorer with 26 points. His high is 15 against Mansfield. Feasel and Smith have scored 22 and 21 points, respectively, while Liggins has bagged 17.

The Little Giants will also have another weapon in their arsenal for Marion—6-5 senior Chuck Celek, who has missed the first two games because of a knee injury.

"Chuck has been practicing all week and seems to be coming along," Clark said. "I expect him to play about half the game against Marion.

"Neither Chuck nor Bob will be 100 per cent, but they won't hurt us by being in the game. Offensively, their timing will probably be off. They should be a big help to us on the boards and defensively, however."

News-Messenger SPORTS

Marion will provide a stern test for the Little Giants. The Presidents, under new head coach Greg Swepston, has sprinted to a 2-1 record. They have beaten Columbus Brookhaven (90-53) and Sandusky (86-70) and lost to Newark (63-54).

"This is the best Marion squad since Larry Merchant graduated four years ago," Clark says. "They like to run and all of their players are good shooters. Six of their players are averaging double figures for the first three games."

The Presidents will use a starting lineup that will feature Mike Roads (6-3) at center, Rick Spaulding (6-1) and Bob Hill (6-2) at forward and Neil Shaffer (5-10) and Ralph McKinniss (5-11) at guard. Dave Wigton (6-2) and Jim Owen (6-1) also see considerable action.

"Those fellows aren't very big but they're all good jumpers,"

Clark says. "They have fouled quite a bit in the past games."

Clark has established four goals for the Little Giants.

"I told the kids that if we expect to win we must: (1) shoot 50 per cent from the field; (2) shoot 75 per cent from the foul line; (3) break their press, and (4) stop their fast break."

The Ross-Marion tilt is one of

four on the conference schedule Friday. In other contests, Findlay journeys to Elyria, Lorain Admiral King plays at Mansfield and Sandusky travels to Lorain. The Findlay-Elyria match-up is expected to be the best of the evening. Elyria and Admiral King are considered the biggest threats to a second straight championship for Findlay.

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Presidents Blitz Little Giants, 90-54

Ross Out-Scored 40-19 In Final 16 Minutes

MARION — Ross basketball players no longer doubt the capabilities of their counterparts from Marion Harding.

Harding gave the Little Giants a 90-54 lesson last night that should be a valuable team lesson in the Buckeye Conference that the Presidents are far from the top.

"I kept telling my kids all week that Harding was tough," a dejected Little Giant head coach Alex Clark said. "I think my kids felt I was putting them on trying to get them up for the game."

"At halftime they began to realize Harding is a good club. By the time all of our kids woke up, it was too late for them to do anything."

Harding held a 15 point lead at halftime and led its second Buckeye victory and third in four games this season by rolling up 30 points to Ross' 11 in the third quarter.

"We knew there were certain things we had to do to win and we didn't get them done," Clark said. "Harding even controlled the boards (38-46) and we were bigger than they were."

"Their press didn't do a whole heck of a job. I thought it would, but it forced us to change our offense. We weren't nearly as aggressive on offense or defense as we were against Mansfield last week."

"I'm disappointed we weren't able to win. I went into this game with higher hopes than I had against Mansfield last

Friday. I'm disappointed from the standpoint that we didn't get the things done that we knew we needed to do to win."

"No one player is at fault. The whole team didn't do what they were supposed to do."

Harding head coach Greg Swepston used 12 players and each one scored at least two points. Four of the starters finished in twin figures.

The attack was led by the Presidents' 6-3 center, Mike Roads, who bagged 24 points. Bob Hill finished with 16, Neil Shaffer added 14 and Rick Spaulding added 13.

"They put on the floor can hurt you. The buckeye guy got weren't easy either. Most of them were from 20 feet out."

"Roads is an outstanding ball player. He could be a tremendous college guard for somebody next winter. He's going to give a lot of other teams in the Buckeye trouble this winter."

Steve Smith (11) and Mike Feasel (10) were the top scorers for the Little Giants (12), who entered the game with a 3-11 record.

It's significant to note that both Smith and Feasel are guards. "We knew going into the game that we needed to get inside against Marion," Clark said. "We weren't able to do it."

Harding raced to a 25-14 lead at the quarter. Roads and Shaffer combined for 17 of those points. Roads had 10 with five

field goals and Shaffer added a pair of field goals and three free throws.

Ross managed only three field goals and eight charity tosses in the first eight minutes. Bob Brudzinski, who started his first game of the season, Tom Liggins and Smith split the field goals. Feasel hit for four free throws. Mike Miller made three and Smith added the last.

Harding turned in an 11-14 showing at the foul line in the second quarter as it tacked 23 more points on the board and went to the locker room ahead by a 56-35 count.

In the third quarter, the Presidents displayed a balanced attack with three players posting six points or more. Hill's nine markers led the way, but Roads had eight and Spaulding tacked on six.

The Ross scoring in the third quarter was limited to four field goals — two from Smith and one from Liggins and Miller — and three free throws.

Ross maintained its 16-point plus throughout most of the fourth quarter, but still had a 16-8 scoring edge.

Clark was naturally upset with the defeat but hopes to bring his players back to winning form next week when they meet Lorain and Findlay.

"The fellows need to realize that they must put out more and

more each week of the season," Clark said. "This league doesn't get any easier. We found that out tonight."

"We'll work on our conditioning this week. Some of the boys tired out in the second half. I expected Bob (Brudzinski) and Clark (Clark) to get fatigued because they've been out for so long because of injuries, but I thought the other fellows were in pretty good shape until tonight."

"We have a lot of things to polish up and get back together, but it isn't hopeless if these kids want to give the extra effort that will be needed."

ROSS (54)					MARION (90)				
FG	FT	RB	PF	TOT	FG	FT	RB	PF	TOT
4-18	1-3	15	2	9	Spaulding	10-14	1-2	11	31 53
2-7	2-2	2	2	4	Hill	7-14	1-2	11	3 15
2-7	0-0	2	2	4	Boada	7-15	10-11	11	2 34
4-4	3-5	3	4	11	Miller	1-2	0-0	1	1 4
2-4	1-1	1	1	3	McGuinnis	1-5	5-5	4	3 7
1-4	0-1	7	1	2	Wampach	1-2	0-0	2	0 2
1-3	0-0	1	1	2	Scranton	0-4	4-5	5	2 4
0-0	0-0	0	0	0	McGary	0-2	1-1	2	1 3
0-4	0-1	6	0	0	Garner	1-1	2-2	4	1 1
0-0	0-0	0	0	0	Prinny	0-1	0-0	1	0 1
17-64	20-34	45	21	54	Weston	1-5	1-2	3	0 4
Totals					Totals				
SCORE BY QUARTER					ROSS 14 21 11 8-54				
Harding 25 25 30 10-54					MARION 31 75 28-34 59 23 90				

Ross Back Home

Ross' basketball squad has rebounded once already in this young season.

Now, Little Giant head coach Alex Clark is hoping his club can do it a second time.

The Purple and White, who were walloped by Marion (90-54) last Friday, return to the friendly confines of their North Street gym tomorrow for an important 8:15 p.m. Buckeye Conference engagement with Lorain Senior.

"Our pride and ego were crushed by Marion but I think our kids will bounce back against Lorain," Clark said yesterday.

"The players realized they played a bad ball game at Marion. We didn't do the things we wanted to do. I think that since we're going to be playing at home with our fans Friday it will make a difference. I want the fellows to show Lorain what we're made of."

The Little Giants who lost their opener and then beat Mansfield, will go with a lineup that will feature Steve Smith and Mike Feasel at the guards, Mike Miller and Tom Liggins at forward and Bob Brudzinski at center.

Chuck Celek, who started in practically every game last winter, still hasn't recovered from a knee injury sustained in the first day of practice.

"I hope Chuck will be ready to play about half the game against Lorain," Clark says. "He still hasn't had enough time to get into condition."

Clark is looking for a better offensive and defensive effort against the Steelmen, who are 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the Buckeye with a win over Sandusky and loss to Findlay, Ross' opponent Saturday.

"The offense has to be more aggressive than it was against Marion," Clark said. "We were allowing the Marion defense to come out and meet us instead of taking the game to them."

"We also must play aggressive defense. We must make Lorain work for its shots and not give them anything easy."

"I've told our kids to go all out. I don't want them to save anything. We'll throw everything at Lorain that we've got."

The Steelmen will go with a lineup that has Brad Franks (6-5) and Rick Allen (6-2) at forward, Jim Coughlin (6-0) and Chad Saladin (5-9) at forward and Mike Drovdedelich (6-7) at center.

Franks is the key to the Steeler offense. He has an average of better than 25 points a game and set the Lorain school record with 43 markers against Youngstown East two weeks ago. Drovdedelich, a junior, is averaging more than 15 per contest.

"Lorain can be very dangerous," Clark says. "The key to their success thus far has been their shooting. If they have a hot night, they are very dangerous. But if their fellows have trouble finding the basket it seems to hurt the rest of their game."

Clark lists eight key areas for a Ross victory against the Steelmen, which would be the first for the Little Giants since the 1965-66 season: (1) hustle on defense, good position and no fouls; (2) aggressive on offense; (3) box and go for the ball; (4) seal the opponent in the key; (5) good weak side help; (6) execute the offense; (7) good rebounding inside; and (8) make the open shot.

Ross will have another important date at Findlay Saturday.

"We aren't even looking ahead to that one," Clark said. "I've said very little in practice this week about that game. We won't even begin to think about playing Findlay until after the Lorain game."

"I don't want my kids thinking about anything else but Lorain. We need to get back on the winning track and restore some of that pride we lost against Marion."

Little Giant Cagers Shed Football Muscles

Grid Standouts Spark Win Over Lorain

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor

The adjustment has been made.

Ross basketball coach Alex Clark has been waiting for his football players turned hoopsters to work their grinders out of their system.

With the grinders working, Ross struggled to a 1-3 record in the first three weeks of the season.

But last night, the grinders became full-fledged cagers as Ross annexed a 69-62 win over undermanned Lorain Senior on the North Street gymnasium hardwood.

Mike Fesel and Tom Liggins, who helped co-captain the football team, each tossed in 16 points. Bob Brudzinski, who starred at end this fall threw in another 13 and another of former grider, Chuck Celek, contributed six although he was playing with a heavily taped knee.

The Steelers were without two of their starters, Brad Frank and Jim Stringfellow, and three other players who were suspended earlier this week by Dale Reichert.

Still, the Steelers put up a valiant effort and were within striking distance with 4:24 remaining when they trailed by a score of 59-55.

Tom polka-dot Celek of Lorain gave Ross a 63-57 lead, but the game's leading scorer, Chet Saladin, countered with two free throws. Ross' lead went to 65-59 with 2:18 remaining following an eight foot jumper by Fesel.

Lorain's Rick Atkins made it 65-60 with 2:11 left when he sank the second of his free throws.

That was the closest the Steelers were to get, however. Fesel missed a one-and-one opportunity at the 1:42 mark but Lorain couldn't capitalize on its next trip down the floor.

Ross then kept the ball until Liggins was fouled with 43 seconds left and proceeded to score on a charity toss. Lorain again failed to score and Fesel put the game in the victory column for the Little Giants with two free throws with 17 seconds remaining to make it 69-69.

Saladin, who was a dead eye from 20 feet out throughout the evening and had 24 markers, closed out scoring with a 16th.

"We made mistakes out there but our coaches expected it when we were starting two fellas who never had been in the starting lineup before," Reichert said.

"I really think my kids out-hustled them. We knew that we had only two guys who were going to be able to score with Ross tonight. We just didn't have the personnel to match up against them."

Reichert pointed to the closing four minutes of the first half as being a key to the outcome of the battle. Lorain had a 25-24 lead with 3:58 left but when the team went to the locker room at intermission Ross had the lead, 35-33.

"We had to play a zone because we didn't have the personnel to go against them with a man-to-man," Reichert said. "If someone would have gotten in foul trouble we didn't have anyone to put in."

"Ross beat the hell out the way it should be beaten. Those kids were finding the open man and he was taking the good shot and making it. Our coaches had them making nine straight shots at one point in the second quarter and also being 11 for 14 at another point."

Liggins and their other two men, Brudzinski and Mike Miller ran out but us. When their guards passed inside those fellow were making the shot."

Little Giant head coach Alex Clark was pleased to finally see his offense get untracked after Ross hit for less than 30 per cent in a loss to Marion last Friday.

"Look at that," a smiling Clark pointed out as he reviewed the statistics. "That 47 per cent is quite an improvement."

The Little Giants canned 28 of 59 action tosses and were 13-17 at the charity stripe. Lorain made 27 of 63 floor tries but meshed just eight of its 15 free throws.

Liggins held the hot hand for the Little Giants in the first half. He accounted for 14 of the 38 Ross points with six field goals and two free throws. In the second quarter when Ross rolled up 23 points, the 5-10 forward was responsible for 10 of those markers.

Fesel, Brudzinski and Mike Miller, who finished with 10 points, spread their scoring out. Fesel had two points in the first quarter, four in the second, another four in the third and six in the final eight minutes.

Brudzinski canned four points in the opening stanza, three in the second and six in the third. He failed to score in the final eight minutes when Ross posted 14 points, the least productive quarter of the night for the Little Giants.

Miller, after scoring just three points in the first half, came on to tally three more in the third quarter and four in the fourth.

"We moved the ball on offense," Clark said. "That was the big difference between this week and last week at Marion. Lorain was putting a lot of pressure on our two guards but we were able to get the ball inside."

"Liggins got us going in the first half with his scoring and the other fellows were able to pick up the slack in the second half."

"Fesel and Chuck Lindsey contained Saladin about as well as anyone will be able to hold him this year once he stopped letting him get to the corner," Clark said. "I also thought Miller and Brudzinski did a good job of stopping their big fellow, Mike Drvodelich."

Drvodelich, a 6-7 junior, was held to only eight points, connecting on three of nine floor tries and two of five at the charity stripe.

Akin (17) and Frank Johnson (12) trailed Saladin in the scoring race.

Clark was quick to praise the Steelers.

"Considering the situation I think they played a real fine game," said Clark. "Their fellows really hustled."

"I was more worried about them when I learned Frank wouldn't be playing. He's the key to their offense. They go to him and it would have been easier for us to defend them, but with him out of there we had to play things pretty straight. I feel Lorain is much more aggressive with Frank out of the lineup."

ROSS (69)				
	PG	FT	RB	PF
Fesel	7.14	2.3	10	1
Lindsey	5.2	0.0	0	16
Miller	5.8	4.5	3	4
Smith	4.9	0.0	3	9
Brudzinski	5.0	0.0	12	12
Liggins	6.13	6.4	4	3
Others	1.0	0.0	0	16
Totals	35.59	13.71	36	59

LORAIN (59)				
	PG	FT	RB	PF
Saladin	11.25	2.3	5	2
Servis	2.01	0.0	0	24
Johnson	6.10	0.1	4	1
Akins	3.10	3.4	10	12
Drvodelich	3.9	0.0	2	17
Cunningham	0.5	0.1	3	0
Others	0.5	0.0	0	12
Totals	13.20	19	19	59

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Lorain	13	20	19	59
Ross	13	20	17	59

TIME OF QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	4
Ross	13:00	19:00	17:00	59:00

HALFTIME				
	PG	FT	RB	PF
Ross	13	20	19	59
Lorain	13	20	17	59

HALFTIME				
	PG	FT	RB	PF
Ross	13	20	19	59
Lorain	13	20	17	59

HALFTIME				
	PG	FT	RB	PF
Ross	13	20	19	59
Lorain	13	20	17	59

HALFTIME				
	PG	FT	RB	PF
Ross	13	20	19	59
Lorain	13	20	17	59

HALFTIME				
	PG	FT	RB	PF
Ross	13	20	19	59
Lorain	13	20	17	59

HALFTIME				
	PG	FT	RB	PF
Ross	13	20	19	59
Lorain	13	20	17	59

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Little Giant Cage Squad Sustains Its Worst Defeat

By MARK CARLSON

News-Messenger Sports Editor

FINDLAY — Ross expected to make mistakes.

But head coach Alex Clark warned his club it couldn't get 'shoddy' and 'make errors again.'

The Little Giants made their missteps — 38 turnovers — and were pummeled Saturday, 106-57 defeat, the worst loss ever inflicted on a Purple and White cage squad.

"I told the kids they could expect to make mistakes against the Findlay press but to keep their 'cool' and not let it bother them," Clark said.

"Findlay has an excellent basketball team and they're going to hurt a team when it rattles them. We knew we had to keep our poise and not let them get to us."

Findlay started with the unbroken Trojans (6-0) for the first five minutes and it looked like the Little Giants were ready to give Findlay a strong battle.

"It started out like I figured the whole game was going to be played," Findlay coach John Stoeck said. "But I think Ross was going to be a tough game. Two of our toughest wins last year came against Ross."

The Little Giants didn't pose much of a threat after the opening five minutes, however.

Findlay led by two, 13-11, with 3:27 remaining in the first period. A free throw by Ted Hipher made it 14-11. That's when the Ross kids took over.

Jeff Hochstetler stole a Ross pass and converted a three point play at the 2:22 mark. Six seconds later Ken Brooks added three points by stealing a Ross pass and the Trojans had rocketed in front, 20-11.

For the Ross kids and the Trojans' Chuck Rogers then traded a pair of free throws. A jump shot by Steve Smith with 1:09 left cut the Trojan lead to 22-13.

Little Giant fans didn't know it at the time but that was the closest Ross was to come to gaining the lead the rest of the night.

The quarter ended 24-15 following a jumper by Rogers.

Then, in a span of less than three minutes at the start of the second quarter, Findlay iced its 30th consecutive Buckeye Conference victory.

A Roger Sease free goal and three point play by Brooks in the first 40 seconds of the second stanza hiked the Trojan lead to 29-15. After Mike Pease got two of the points back, Findlay reeled off seven straight in 38 seconds thanks to four straight Ross turnovers. The clock still had 5:44 left when Rogers hit from the free side to make it 36-20.

The Ross kids continued to baffle the Little Giants the rest of the period and at the half it was 54-27.

"That 11 minute span (the last three of the first quarter and the entire second quarter) was the difference," Stoeck said.

"Our kids just took command."

"I never expected to win like this. We didn't play well in the beginning, but then the kids realized Ross could give them trouble if we continued to play poorly. This was not one of our better games."

In the process of inflicting the third loss in five starts on the Little Giants, Findlay set a new school scoring record even though the Trojan starters never appeared on the floor in the fourth quarter.

"I didn't want to score 100 against them," Stoeck said. "I certainly wasn't out to try and get the record. But I couldn't tell my kids not to score. Those fellows who came off the bench should be allowed to do the same things we did in practice every day."

The old record was 95 set against Lorain earlier this month.

Clark didn't think the loss shattered the morale of his club.

"Our goal for the weekend was to beat Lorain and play to the best of our abilities against Findlay," Clark said. "I think we accomplished one goal even though we could have bettered against Findlay."

"The score could have been closer, but my players on the bench deserved to get a chance to play. This was good experience for them."

"I think Coach Stoeck tried to run up the score. When he started to take his starters out they had less than 80 points. This just proves what tremendous depth they have this season."

"The kids are looking forward to playing Findlay on our floor. I think it will be a lot closer the next time."

"I don't like to make excuses but our two big men, Brudzinski and Celek, were playing at less than full strength. They will be ready the next time we play and that should make a difference."

"There is a very dangerous ball team the way they're playing this year. But I also think their style of play could be their downfall. If they run up against a team that's comparable in size and talent they might have problems."

"Their press only hurt us when we couldn't get the ball past midcourt. Once we got the ball there we were able to run our offense and get the ball inside. I think they'll have to improve defensively."

Findlay had 12 players find the scoring column. The Trojans were paced by Rogers and Brooks, who scored 16 apiece. Jim Arnold was close behind with 15 while Hochstetler bagged 13 and Dave Schellin netted 10.

Brudzinski (14), Celek (11) and Mike Miller (10) were high for Ross.

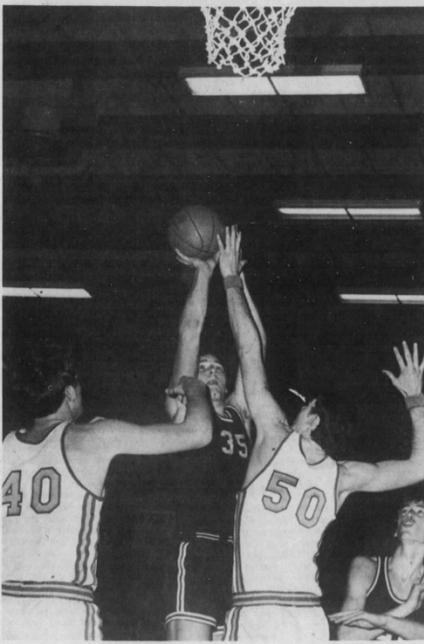
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Garner	1-2	1-1	1	2	3	Hochstetler	2-3	1-1	3	2	6
Brooks	0-2	0-4	2	0	0	Schellin	5-5	4-4	1	1	10
Miller	5-10	6-8	8	4	10	Wirth	3-5	1-1	3	2	7
St. South	2-4	1-1	1	0	2	Hochstetler	2-6	1-2	10	2	7
Wingo	0-1	0-2	0	1	0	Spiller	1-2	1-0	1	1	3
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Liggins	0-5	1-3	1	0	1	Spiller	1-2	1-0	1	1	3
Trotz	0-4	2-2	3	1	1	Arnold	6-12	6-9	12	3	16
Celek	5-10	1-4	8	4	11	Hochstetler	1-2	1-0	1	1	3
J. Miller	0-1	2-4	2	0	2	Arnold	5-3	6-10	11	1	6
Team	10-42	19-34	31	37	Team	5-14	5-14	10	16	16	16
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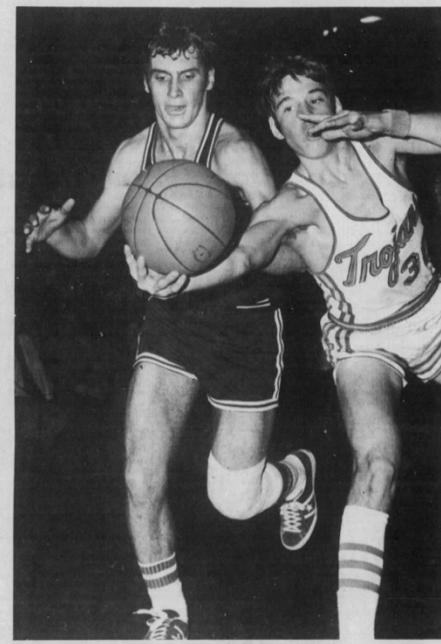
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Officials: Don Bernard and Al Sander



OVER THE TOP — Bob Brudzinski (35) shoots over Findlay's Chuck Rogers (40) and Bruce Beier (50) in Saturday's Buckeye Conference pairing at Findlay. The Trojans set a school scoring



SAVE — Kevin Spiller (30) grabs loose ball half in, goes out of bounds during Saturday's Buckeye Conference game between the Trojans and Ross at Findlay Saturday. Spiller controlled the ball and passed to a waiting teammate, who

scored two points. Closing in on Spiller is Ross' Chuck Celek. The Little Giants lost a 106-57 verdict. (News-Messenger Photo by Mark Carlson)

Szakovits, Beier Win Titles St. Joe First In Bowsher Tournament

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TOLEDO — The smallest school left with the largest trophy.

Freight St. Joe, the smallest school entered in the Toledo Bowsher Invitational Wrestling Tournament, left with the state tournament, which it won over Ron Miller of Oregon Clay.

After a scoreless first period, Szakovits escaped at the start of the second period and took Miller down to 10 on Oregon Clay in 2:34.

Pete Norton, a sophomore participating in his first varsity competition, bested Dale Cherkov of Woodstock, 9-7, for third place at 119.

Albert Zamora followed with a second-period decision victory at 126 over Mark Hargather from Clay. The score was tied 6-6 after

four periods.

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Miller picked up a pin in the final period and escaped before the period was over, however.

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Ross Cagers Host Improving Streaks In Buckeye Battle

Sandusky, which started out slowly but has been gaining momentum with each game, will be attempting to put everything together tomorrow when it visits Ross for a Buckeye Conference basketball brawl.

The Blue Streaks won only one of their first three games but began doing things right last weekend. They lost their third game in four outings Friday, dropping a heart-breaking 82-80 decision to Findlay before bouncing back from a 10 point second half deficit Saturday to shade Elyria, 63-62.

"Sandusky has the potential to be a real fine basketball team," Ross head coach Alex Clark says. "The last two games they've played indicate that."

The Blue Streaks will probably go with a lineup that will contain Willie Jordan (6-4) at center, Scott May (6-5) and Pat Kelly (6-4) at forward and Barry Glass (6-3) and Bob Gentry (6-0) at the guard slots.

"May is a good all around ball player," Clark says. "He scores (inside and out), rebounds and is the team leader. He likes to work inside but is not shy from 20 feet. He had 11 buckets from the key against Willard and nine against Findlay."

Clark has told the Little Giants they will have to contain either May or Jackson if Ross is to even its record at 3-3 and go to 2-2 in Buckeye action.

"May is going to get his 25 points no matter what so we'll have to try and control Jackson," Clark says. "If one of those fellows is hot shooting and the other cold we'll be okay. But if both of them are hot it's going to be tough to defend them."

Jackson and May almost beat Findlay by themselves. They combined for 58 points against the unbeaten Trojans. Jackson hit on 12 of 25 field goal tries and seven of eight charity line tosses for 31 points. May made 12 of 19 field goal attempts and three of six chances at the free throw line.

"There is no doubt in my mind that this is going to be a tough game," Clark says. "It will be the toughest game we've played at home thus far. Just the fact that the opponent is Sandusky makes this game special."

The tilt should serve as a preview of what the Little Giants can do through the rest of the season.

"This will be a real test," Clark says. "It will indicate to me what this club can and can't do. In many ways Sandusky is similar to Findlay. They like to use the deny press and also run with the ball when they get it. Those fellows aren't afraid to shoot when they are open."

Clark lists two areas as being the keys to a Ross victory combination.

"So far this year we haven't had the good defensive effort or rebounding off either the offensive or defensive boards," Clark says. "We must improve in those two areas."

"Last year we were much smaller than we are this year yet we were staying with our opponents on the boards. This year we're bigger and getting fewer rebounds. Someone needs to take the rebounding leadership and begin to go after everything."

"So far we've had only two real good defensive games—against Fostoria and Mansfield. Against Marion and Findlay the defense didn't do the job our philosophy calls for."

"We need to get the pride, desire and hustle back in the defense that we had earlier. Someone on this club needs to take the role of the leader and fire up the rest of the fellows."

"Defense and rebounding will be a determining factor in the Sandusky game and also against Elyria. It's just a matter of our getting the job done. The kids know how to play our defense, now they need to execute."

Clark will go with the same starting five that beat Lorain (69-62) last Friday before bowing to Findlay (106-57) last Friday. That means junior Bob Brudzinski (6-4) will jump center, Tom Liggins (5-11) and Mike Miller (6-3) will be the forwards with Mike Feasel (6-0) and Steve Smith (6-0) at guard.

Chuck Celek, a 6-5 senior forward-center who has seen limited action in the first five games, is also expected to see plenty of duty.

"Chuck still isn't 100 per cent but he should be able to play more than he has in the past," Clark said. "He had a minor setback last week but has looked good in practice so far this week."

Little Giants Steal Overtime Victory

Mark My Words

Special Note For Mr. Claus

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December 24, 1971
Santa Claus
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Dear Sir,

As usual we're late! We understand that your sleigh is already half filled as you prepare to visit North America and the United States on your yearly visit.

But would you please make room for the following gifts for some of our closest friends, who haven't had time to sit down and write to you because of their busy schedules?

Fremont Ross head football coach Chuck Shuff would like to find a place to sit for the seniors on this year's excellent Little Giant football squad.

Woodmore basketball coach Carl Snyder wants to know the three easy methods to make foul shots for his squad.

Clyde football coach Doug Graham wants a victory over his dad at Lakota next September 8.

St. Joe's football coach Gary Logsdon craves for a Sandusky Bay Conference championship.

A 10th football game next fall is the desire of Gibsonsburg athletic director Karl Baker.

Another victory over his son Dan is the wish of Lakota football coach Paul Graham.

Bob Bailey, of Baker, wouldn't mind a large donation from a links follower so the Little Giants can make their trip to Florida in comfort this spring.

Bellevue basketball coach Bob Bailey would like at least one state champion and that elusive Northern Ohio League championship.

Bob Brinkman, basketball coach at Oak Harbor, wants his club to finish the regular season 16-6 because that will guarantee the Rockets their first SHC basketball championship.

State ranking in the first weekly Associated Press Class A poll would be just ideal for the unbeaten (7-0) Bettisville Bobcats and their head coach Dave Smith.

Don Miller and Carroll Clegg, of the New-Messenger Golf League winners last summer, want their second straight championship when league play begins again in May.

Ross athletic director Dick Sherman yearns for an expense paid trip to Florida during January and February.

Clyde coach Steve Frantz has his eye set on the Sandusky Bay Conference throne room.

Give St. Joe's coach John Kahle 14 consecutive victories and he'll be happy.

Little Giant swim coach Ron Zwierlein would sure like to see the bond issue pass this spring so his tankers can have a decent facility to compete in.

WFRO sportscasters Art Smith and Jim Larwick want a seat above the Findlay student body so they won't have to stand to watch action on the court the next time they broadcast from Findlay.

If Gibsonsburg head football coach Dick Tressel equals his 7-2 rookie season next fall and gets another victory over St. Joe he'll be happy.

Nick Rungiero, Hank Misick, Len Brudzinski and Glenn Hansen from Fremont and Art Bunting of Piqua want to work 10 games together next fall as a football officiating team.

Give Gary Nossaman, Ross faculty manager, another home run championship with the Chuck's Tavern slo pitch softball team.

Bill Overmyer, who just completed a brilliant college football career at Ashland, would like to be drafted by a professional football team.

New-Messenger managing editor Roy Wilhelm wants a sports editor who isn't always complaining about a lack of space on these pages.

Tom Dorman, Ross baseball coach, would like a trip to Columbus and the state AAA tournament for his diamondmen in June.

Dick Aige, baseball coach for St. Joe, just wants a couple of Derman's pitchers.

Joe Lotycz, equipment manager for Ross, would be satisfied with cigars under his tree tomorrow morning.

If Tom Woesener receives another trip to the Ohio High School wrestling tournament as a referee he won't complain.

Give St. Joe football coach Bob Smith a group of fly linemen to replace the talented seniors he's losing this year graduation.

A Mid-American conference baseball championship for new coach Don Purvis at Bowling Green State University would delight a lot of Sandusky Countians.



The Ross player taking the shot. No. 41 for Sandusky is Pat Kelley. Ross won a 63-58 overtime verdict. (News-Messenger Photo by Mark Carlson)

Ross Players Receive Lasagna Dinner For Win

Alex Clark promised . . .

Clark and his Ross cagers last Friday followed up on their promise to Lorain that he would provide them with a lasagna dinner if they beat Sandusky.

Sparked by that promise, the Little Giants battled from behind in the fourth quarter last night to cage the Blue Streaks with a 63-58 overtime victory.

"It looks like my wife is going to be here to feed 13 varsity basketball players," Clark said over the shouting in a joyous Little Giant locker room.

"I don't mind, however, it will be worth it after what these fellas did. It was a fantastic ball game."

The Little Giants combined some dead eye shooting with a defense that forced Sandusky into 26 turnovers to gain their first win in basketball over the Blue Streaks since the 1964-65 season.

"We played the best ball we've played all season in the first 12 minutes of the

game," Clark said. "I think that was what really got us started. We showed Sandusky that we came to play ball."

"The defense was great and I thought our rebounding improved. Last night (Wednesday) I told the kids it was up to them. If we got the ball in our defense and began to rebound like we're capable of, we will cause lots of teams trouble."

"The kids were very determined. They just did a fantastic job, and I think you can consider them one of our sisters (Mike Miller and Bob Brudzinski) not just two of our sisters."

"Our trainer said Chuck Cole could play but he never expected him to be able to go as much as he did. I would guess Chuck played about 32 minutes. He just gutted it out because he knew the other fellows were on the bench with foul trouble."

The Ross defense limited Sandusky to 15 points, 10 below the 6-5 senior's average.

"May was in foul trouble after he picked up the fourth foul in the second quarter," Clark said. "He wanted to play, but he had to sit out for the last three minutes."

"But I would say our defense had a lot to do with his low scoring. Our guards were pressuring the outside into passing the ball to May here he didn't ordinarily do it."

The Little Giants appeared to be out of the contest at the start of the fourth quarter when they trailed by 10, 44-34.

"I just told the kids it was up to them to end it if they wanted it bad enough," Clark said. "It was our mistake that had given the lead to Sandusky."

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Tonight In Ross Gym

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Tall Pioneers Gunning For Little Giants

When's the last time you can remember that Ross had a marked basketball team?

It's been a long time.

But that will be the case when the Little Giants entertain lanky Elyria in a pivotal Buckeye Conference matchup here tonight.

Elyria (3-4, 1-4) has its sights set on the Little Giants for several reasons.

The Pioneers would like a victory because it would give them a .500 log overall to start the new year. Elyria is already out of this year's Buckeye Conference race and if it could beat Ross, the Little Giants would also be out of contention.

Then the Pioneers have a couple of personal scores to settle with the Little Giants.

Ross has been a nemesis to Elyria the last two years.

In the 1969-70 season Ross took a narrow 47-46 win that cost Elyria an outright Buckeye Conference championship. It was

the only league win of the season for the Pioneers and White and Elyria ended up sharing the title with Mansfield.

Last year Ross continued its success against the Pioneers. The Little Giants took a lopsided win at Elyria then escaped with a narrow one point victory in the North Street gymnasium.

It's doubtful Elyria first year head coach Mike Riley will need any more ammunition to get his Pioneers "psyched" for their Sandusky County invasion.

Despite the success against Elyria in recent years, Ross head coach Alex Clark should have no problems getting his club 'up' for the final game of 1971 either.

Ross, despite being off to its best start since the 1965-66 season, is showing losing form this season, suffering four consecutive losses. Observers note that the 69-63 victory over Lorain Senior came when Lorain was minus its leading scorer Brad Franks and the 63-58 overtime decision over Sandusky last Thursday came after one of Sandusky's starting guards left his team in the middle of the third quarter. Analysts also

note that Sandusky's big man, Scott May, was hampered on offense and defense after picking up his fourth foul midway through the second quarter.

Followers of opposing schools also point a finger at Ross' road record. Both Little Giant defeats have come on foreign floors and the difference has been substantial. Marion pounded Ross 90-54 and Findlay administered a 106-57 thumping.

Thus, Ross should also be a team with a mission — to show Elyria and the rest of the conference that it's a threat anytime it comes on the floor this season.

Clark will probably go with the same lineup that surprised Sandusky. Bob Brudzinski will be the center with Mike Miller and Tom Liggin on the wings. The front assignments will probably belong to Mike Harrel and Steve Smith.

The Ross pines, however, that Chuck Celek and Chuck Lindsey will both see plenty of action. Celek is just coming around after a knee injury while Lindsey fired away for 15 points (six in the overtime) against the Blue Streaks.

Feasel and Brudzinski are averaging in double figures. Feasel is at 12.1 while Brudzinski carries a 10.4. Miller is at 9.8 while Smith is scoring 8.5 per contest and Liggin 6.8.

Celek is scoring at a 5.2 clip while Lindsey is at 4.5 despite his effort last Thursday.

Elyria has the biggest team in the Buckeye Conference.

The Pioneers employ 6-7 senior Dale Griffin at center with 6-6 junior John Mazzoni and 6-7 senior Ron Beckett at forward. Dave Sellers (6-0) and Don Hawke (5-9) start at guard.

Riley also depends on 6-3 Ira Perkins. Perkins, who can play either forward or guard, has an 11-5 scoring average.

Griffin is scoring 14.1 points per contest while Sellers has an 8.1 average. Mazzoni checks in at 8.0. Beckett scores 7.7 per contest and Hawke 5.4.

"It's going to be a very big game for us," Clark said yesterday. "Basically what we need to do is play the same type of game we played against Sandusky."

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SPORTS

Sellers Tally 42

Ross Falls Apart After Quick Start

By MARK CARLSON
N-M Sports Editor

How can a team score 21 points in eight minutes and then get only 12 in the next 18?

If you have the answer, get in touch with Ross basketball coach Alex Clark — he would like to know because that's what happened to the Little Giants last night against Elyria.

Ross was ahead of the visiting Pioneers, 21-11, following a sizzling shooting performance in the initial eight minutes. But then the hosts lost all their momentum and when the final horn sounded the Little Giants were on the short end of a 68-52 count.

"I think the kids felt they had it easy after the first quarter," a puzzled Clark said later. "The same thing happened last week against Sandusky. We had a real good first quarter and then had problems in the second and third quarters."

Ross was able to bounce back from its mistakes against the Blue Streaks and log a 63-57 overtime decision. This time, however, the Little Giants couldn't muster a fourth quarter comeback.

"We relaxed after the first quarter," Clark said. "The kids got too cautious. A team can't score five points and give up 22 like we did in the second quarter and expect to win the ball game."

"The kids didn't play aggressive ball, offensively or defensively, in the last three quarters."

It wasn't just the Ross mistakes that sent the Little Giants spinning to their fourth loss in seven starts. Dave Sellers, a 5-11, 141 pound junior guard for the Pioneers did more than his share of the damage.

Sellers ripped the cords for 42 points — 21 in both halves — to set an individual school scoring record for the Pioneers, who evened their overall mark at 4-4 and went to 2-4 in conference play.

Sellers wasn't choosy about how he got his points either. He picked up 24 on field goals, canning 12 of 22 action tries, and mashed another 18 markers at the charity stripe where he missed only one opportunity the entire evening.

"He should have had that many points when you consider that he had 18 free throws and we weren't doing anything to stop him," Clark said. "In the second half it looked like we were giving him shots. He drove on us and there wasn't anyone to stop him."

"Our defense is predicated on the philosophy that you guard

your own man and help out the other guy who's guarding the man with the ball. We weren't doing that."

"Sellers hustled and our fellows didn't. He made us foul him and we knew that he was dangerous when he got to the line."

Ross looked spectacular in rolling to its early lead. The Little Giants dumped nine of 14 field goal attempts in the opening eight minutes and were three-for-three at the stripe.

It wasn't the performance of one individual that put the Purple and White on top. Everyone contributed. Six players dented the scoring column in the frame, including each one of the starters.

In one stretch that lasted slightly more than two minutes, Ross raced from a 6-4 deficit to take a commanding 19-7 lead. The Pioneers cut their gap to 11-11 on buckets by Ron Beckett and 6-7 senior center Dale Griffin, but Chuck Lindsey hit from the side at the quarter ended.

Then the Ross problems began.

Elyria rolled off 14 straight points while Ross was unable to find the net in the second quarter and with 2:58 remaining in the half Ross trailed, 25-21.

Ross' first points of the quarter came at the 2:46 mark when Lindsey cashed in a three point play to bring the Little Giants within one, 25-24.

Then Sellers hit an 18 footer from the right side and added another two points with a jumper from the foul line to make it 29-24. Lindsey got two of the points back when he stole the ball at midcourt with 26 seconds left.

Sellers, however, made a disputed four point play with 20 seconds remaining that sent the Pioneers ahead, 33-26.

First Sellers drove to the

—:-:
Elyria (68)
FG FT RB PF Ttl.
Hawks 1-2 1-2 3 4 8
Sellers 12-22 18-19 1 4 48
Beckett 3-7 1-1 8 3 7
Mongerson 1-3 0-2 8 5 2
Griffin 6-10 0-3 14 4 12
Lindsey 0-4 0-1 0 0 0
Vickens 0-0 0-1 0 0 0
McElroy 0-0 1-2 0 0 0
Oliver 0-1 0-0 0 0 0
Moore 0-1 0-4 1 0 0
Totals 25-50 20-21 40 20 68
Ross (52)
FG FT RB PF Ttl.
Fassel 1-2 1-1 2 5 3
Smith 2-11 4-3 2 4 10
Brudzinski 5-11 4-0 9 2 14
Lindsey 5-10 0-1 2 4 10
Clark 5-11 2-4 0 5 12
Golds 1-2 0-3 0 0 0
Totals 21-57 10-20 26 27 52

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Elyria 11 22 14 21—68
Ross 21 5 7 19—52

bucket and in the process of shooting was fouled by Tom Liggins. The fielder was good and Sellers was awarded a free throw. Liggins protested the call and the officials slapped him with a technical. Sellers, who personally out-scored the Little Giants, 16-5, in the period, made both of the charity tosses.

The Pioneers missed a chance to increase their lead before intermission when they couldn't convert in the final 20 seconds after getting the ball at midcourt following Sellers two free throws.

Ross had four turnovers in the second quarter and the Little Giant problems were compounded by a one for eight showing from the field.

The Little Giants didn't improve much in the third quarter. They hit on three of 18 field goal attempts and were one-for-three at the stripe. The Pioneers continued to build their lead and at the end of the quarter the scoreboard showed Elyria ahead, 47-33.

The victors upped their bulge to 51-33 early in the fourth quarter. At that point, they had out-scored the Little Giants, 40-12, in a span of 18 minutes that began with the start of the second quarter.

Ross did cut the gap to 13, 61-48, but by that time the contest was in the win column for the Pioneers, who bowed twice to the Little Giants last winter and had lost three of their last four meetings with the Purple and White.

Elyria head coach Mike Riley was delighted to escape Sandusky County with a victory.

"I'm pleased that our kids were able to come-from-behind," Riley said. "Once we got over that first quarter we played well at times.

"I thought we did a good job against the Fremont press. They were denying Sellers the ball so we made an adjustment at the half to get the ball to our men underneath."

"We wanted to play power basketball inside with our big people in the second half, but we couldn't seem to get going in the third quarter. We missed a few key baskets."

"We didn't play a consistent game. We lost momentum several times. I'm just satisfied with the win. Ross is dangerous on its floor."



ROSS' BOB BRUDZINSKI (34) BLOCKS SHOT
Elyria's Dave Sellers Netted 42 Points

Ross Reserves Beaten 63-34

Elyria out-scored Ross 34-34 in the first two quarters and went on to capture a 63-34 victory in the reserve game played at Ross last night.

Reserve		FG	FT	TTL
Elyria	Mason	2	1	5
	Weyersmacher	0	1	1
	Bosley	8	3	19
	Aetis	0	1	1
	Teter	2	2	6
	Przyewski	1	0	2
	Stevenson	2	0	2
	Trice	0	1	1
	Abrams	1	0	2
	Gilbert	9	0	18
	Purts	1	0	2
Totals		26	6	63
Fremont		FG	FT	TTL
	Hurless	2	0	4
	Bordges	0	2	2
	Reiter	0	1	1
	Ziemke	1	0	2
	Reardon	2	2	6
	Druckenmiller	2	3	7
	Harris	1	0	2
	Thomas	4	0	8
	Opelt	1	0	2
Totals		13	8	34
SCORE BY QUARTERS		FG	FT	TTL
Elyria		18	15	34-63
Ross		9	7	15 3-34

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At this joyous time of the year, we extend our most sincere wishes to you and your family for the happiest holidays ever. No doubt there's a lot of excitement on your calendar... and probably some driving. As you get behind the wheel, remember that the spirit of good will applies on the highway too. So do your part to make it a safe and happy season for everyone.



Visit Mansfield Friday

Ross Cagers Begin Second Round Of Buckeye Play

Ross cagers have established a lofty goal for themselves during the second round of Buckeye Conference activity which commences with a road game at Mansfield Friday.

"We want to go the rest of the year unbeaten," Little Giant head coach Alex Clark said yesterday.

"The boys and I feel we've improved an awful lot since the start of the season and going undefeated the rest of the way should be our only goal."

"We'll play our two toughest games of the second half — Lorain Admiral King and Findlay — at home. The kids feel they can beat Findlay and Admiral King here. We've come a long way since losing (106-57) down at Findlay."

"There are two keys to accomplishing our goal. First, we need to have consistency on offense. We need more scoring from our inside people. This has probably been the most inconsistent part of our game. If we can get more consistency from those fellows, it's going to take the pressure off the guards and give them better scoring opportunities."

"The second goal concerns the defense. We need to keep playing defense like we did against Admiral King last week when we didn't have a defensive letdown for the entire game."

Mansfield is a team Ross has already beaten. But Clark and the Little Giants can't take the Tygers lightly — especially

when one takes a look at the Ross road record over the last five years in Buckeye Conference activity.

Since the start of the 1965-66 season, Ross has won just four conference games on the road and three of them came during that 65-66 campaign.

The only other road win came last year when the Little Giants stunned the Pioneers on their home floor.

"If we're to have a successful season we have to start winning games on the road," Clark said recently. The Little Giants will play four conference road games in the second half, journeying to Sandusky, Elyria and Lorain in addition to Mansfield.

Ross trimmed the Tygers in their first meeting Dec. 3 by a 59-54 count. Clark knows, however, that the Tygers will be a much tougher foe this time.

"It's always a challenge to play at Mansfield," Clark said. "It's an unusual floor and their fans are very partisan. They don't give the opposition much of a break."

"Mansfield plays much better and a more aggressive brand of ball on its floor. They run at home where they haven't tried to run as much on the road."

The Tygers, who are bundled with Ross in a five-way tie for third place in the league standings, will probably go with a

lineup that will include Terone Butler, Dave Hurley, Jerry Brookins, Joel Weber and Barry Kidwell. Butler scored 15 and Brookins 13 in the first meeting.

Ross will use a lineup that will feature Bob Brudzinski at center, Mike Feasel and Steve Smith at the guards and Tom Liggins and Mike Miller at forward.

Feasel carries the leading scoring average through the first eight games, 10.7. The only other starter hitting in double figures is Brudzinski, who's at 10.1. Miller is at 8.7, Smith checks in at 8.4 and Liggins has a 7.1 log.

Brudzinski leads the club in rebounds with 11.1 per contest. The only other starter pulling down more than eight caroms per contest is Miller, who has an 8.5 average.

Clark does not rely entirely on the starting unit. In recent games, he has been quick to insert senior guard Chuck Lindsey and senior forward-center Chuck Celek into the game.

Celek, who was injured earlier in the season, carries a 4.9 scoring average and is pulling down 6.6 rebounds per contest. Lindsey has a 4.8 average.

The Little Giants have a non-league game at Tiffin Columbian Saturday. For the season, Ross is 3-4 in league competition and 3-5 overall.

Giants At Columbian Tonight

Tygers Drub Ross

MANSFIELD—Ross wasn't able to stop Mansfield's Terone Butler and that spelled a 90-52 defeat for the Little Giants in a Buckeye Conference cage battle played here last night.

Butler tallied 20 points and pulled down a similar number of rebounds in helping the Tygers avenge a 59-54 defeat administered by Ross earlier this season.

Ross was ahead only once — at 2-0. Then Mansfield rolled off 11 consecutive points to make it 11-2 as everyone of the Tyger starters picked up at least two points.

The Little Giants managed to cut their deficit to 11-7 before Mansfield got eight more in a row to go in front, 19-7. Ross narrowed the gap to 19-12 before the quarter ended.

Mansfield continued to build up its lead in the second stanza and went to the dressing room with a 43-25 halftime advantage.

"With about two minutes left in the second quarter we were down by eight," Little Giant head coach Alex Clark explained. "Then Mansfield scored 10 straight and we were down by 18.

"Chuck Celek and Bob Brudzinski were both on the bench in foul trouble during that time. We didn't do anything during that two minutes. There was no rebounding. Mansfield just kept shooting until it would get the bucket."

Barry Kidwell scored eight of his 12 points for the game in the second quarter for the Tygers, who are now 3-5 in conference play and 4-6 overall.

The Tygers also had the advantage (16-13) in the third frame before blowing Ross off the floor by a 31-14 count in the final eight minutes.

Butler picked up 10 of his points in that final quarter and Jeff Beard scored all seven of his points over the last eight minutes.

"Over half of their shots came on rebounds or layups," Clark said as he reviewed Mansfield's 35-70 shooting performance from the floor.

"We were letting them drive the lane. That's how our bigger fellows got in foul trouble. They weren't getting any help from any of the other players on defense."

While Mansfield was blistering the nets at a 50 per cent pace, Ross couldn't get its shots to go down. The Little Giants dumped only 16 of 61 action tries (26.2 per cent).

"We were getting the decent shot — the type I want the kids to take — the ball just wasn't falling for us," Clark said. "In the second half the ball was getting underneath to our big men but they either weren't taking the shot or it wasn't going in."

Ross' starting guards — Mike Feasel and Steve Smith — accounted for 23 of the Little Giant points. Feasel, a senior, hit for 14, including nine in the opening two quarters.

Smith tossed in nine more markers. Seven of Smith's total came in the third and fourth quarters.

"With the big men not being able to score we had to rely on the guards to do the scoring," Clark said. "That's something we can't do and expect to win consistently. With our type of offense we need a balanced attack."

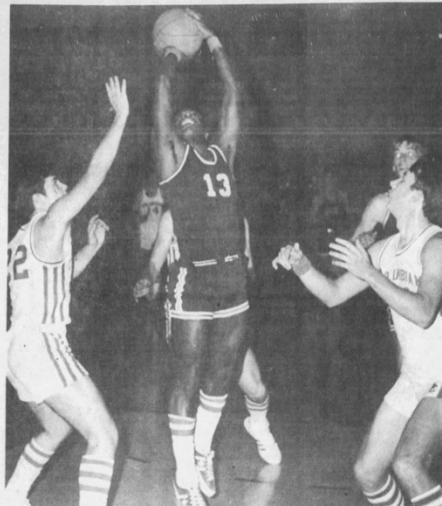
The starting center (Bob Brudzinski) and forwards (Mike Miller and Tom Liggins) combined for only 17 markers.

Mansfield also dominated the board play. The Tygers had 70 rebounds (25 offensive) compared to 40 for the Little Giants, who sustained their third straight defeat.

"Our rebounding was probably the thing that was most upsetting not only to myself but also the kids," Clark said. "We weren't going for the ball at all. I don't know what the kids were trying to do."

Butler was followed in the scoring column by Kidwell and Dave Montgomery (12 apiece) and Jerry Brookins (11). The Tygers started a quintet that included only one senior — Dave Hurley. He finished with eight points — a pair of field goals and four free throws. Four of Hurley's points came in the final quarter.

Ross will attempt to snap its three-game losing streak when it visits Tiffin Columbian for a non-league contest tonight. Columbian lost a 69-65 Northern Ohio League verdict to Galion last night. The reserve contest begins at 7 p.m. with the varsity clash slated for approximately 8:15 p.m.



JUMPER—Columbian players couldn't stop Chuck Lindsey from earning this jump-shot in the second quarter of Saturday's Ross-Columbian non-conference basketball game at Tiffin. Lindsey finished the game with 13

points. Ross returns home Friday for a Buckeye Conference game with Marion Harding. (News-Messenger Photo by Mark Carlson)

At Danbury-Lakeside

Little Giant Cage Record Now 3-7 After 80-74 Loss

By MARK CARLSON

News-Messenger Sports Editor
TIPPIN—A 500 mile road for the Little Giants yesterday and that's where Ross is a long way off today following an 80-74 non-conference loss to Tiffin Columbian here Saturday.

The defeat dropped the Little Giants to 3-7 for the season and 1-6 in the six of eight remaining games to finish the regular campaign at the break-even mark.

Columbian administered the Little Giants their second defeat of the weekend Saturday night but the outcome was not what the Tornadoes didn't annex their fourth victory in 10 starts in the conventional manner.

Instead of beating the Little Giants with a sound floor game and superior rebounding, the Tornadoes relied on a sizzling performance at the free throw stripe with 11 to pull out the win.

Columbian was outscored from the field 56-42 but carried 14 more free throws than Ross and matched 38 of 50 charity tosses, including 22 of 24 in the final eight minutes while Ross was downing 24 of 37 in a contest that found the officials stopping play 56 times for personal fouls.

"...can't win ball games when you're giving the other team 50 foul shots," a bewildered Ross head coach Alex Clark commented. "Most of the foul shots we committed were on the shooter. They didn't have to

make their shots from the floor because we fouled them and they would get two points anyway."

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Smith dumped a jumper from the key to make it 77-72.

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Kirt Stout got the final points

for Ross from the foul line and Bland closed the game by sinking the final two foul shots and one free throw.

After the final two foul shots, the lead was knotted twice.

Columbian went ahead for

the first time with 2:30 still remaining when Bland was tossed in a pair of free throws, giving the Tornadoes a 68-67 edge.

The hosts' lead went to three

with two more free throws by Ed Fatzinger at 2:10.

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Columbian also received 20

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Little Giants, Streaks Win

Ross High Nabs No. 4

By MARK CARLSON

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Alex Clark might revolutionize high school sports.

The Ross head basketball coach pulled a no-no this week when he stopped revolutionizing winning to his club and told his players to go out and play their best basketball.

"I told the kids to go out and play to the best of their ability and that I didn't care what the final score was, whether we won or lost," Clark said.

Evidence of Clark's no-no year pilot knew what he was doing when the Little Giants conquered Marion Harding, 61-57, last night to snap a four game losing streak that began with the Elyria game Dec. 30.

"I emphasized to the kids that I wanted them to go out and play the game of basketball," Clark said. "I told them that all week during practice, before the game and even during haltime.

"I told them that as long as they played to the best of their ability and that we didn't care what the final score was, I didn't have anything to be ashamed of, win or lose."

Clark changed his philosophy for several reasons.

"I think that after we beat Mansfield, Saxon and Lorain the last three games, we were getting a little tired and it was time to do something this season," Clark said. "They began to press in the Elyria game and that's where we began making all our mistakes. We went into the games like it was a do-or-die situation and that attitude hurt us."

Clark made one other change in philosophy last night and that rattled Marion Harding. The Bluffton College grad decided to let his club play a 3-1 zone defense throughout much of the game and the new defensive alignment rattled the Little Giants.

"We used a zone more tonight than we did all last season," Clark cracked. "We would go into the zone after a score. If we didn't score we would play man-to-man."

Clark had to give Elyria as assist for the zone defense, however.

"You might say we borrowed the zone," Clark chuckled.

"We saw Elyria use it against Marion down at Marion earlier this year and when we saw it we knew it was something that worked and it bothered them so I decided to try it."

"I really think it changed my mind about using the zone until right before the game. I think our switching did keep their offense off balance."

By using the zone, Clark was admitting a Little Giant was born.

"With our personnel I didn't think we could stay with Marion the whole game offensively," Clark said. "All five of the Marion starters could easily play guard. They all handle the ball well."

"I also think using the zone helped keep us out of foul trouble. Marion wasn't able to work on our big boys as much because we were protecting them with the zone."

The 1-3-1 zone held the Little Giants in its rebounding department, where Ross (4-4) finished with a 37-27 advantage. Mike Miller, who missed the final 8:16 of the game after fouling out, and Bob Brudzinski each pulled down 10 rebounds for the Little Giants.

"When he was in the game Miller just did a fantastic job," Clark said. "He had two or three offensive rebounds that he put back up for baskets. When you have someone doing that, it makes things happen."

Miller was the only player who received Clark's benediction, however. The Ross pilot used seven players in the contest and each received some sort of mention during the post-game interviews in a steady locker room.

"Lindell (Chuck) Cekel (25) and Mike Miller (22) steals that set up important baskets for us," Clark said. "Liggins (Tom) made several important baskets from underneath that forced Marion to stop concentrating on our fellows underneath the basket."

"Cekel and Brudzinski just did a tremendous job on the boards. Cekel (Mike) did a great many points but he did a fine job as our playmaker and Smith (Steve) played head-up ball that resulted in some important points."

Smith was Ross' second leading scorer, 11 markers, eight rebounds, in the fourth quarter. It was Smith, a smooth 6-6 junior, who put the game on ice for Ross.

Ross was ahead by just two (59-57) with 13 seconds remaining in the contest when Smith was fouled by Bob Buckley. Smith stepped to the line and with both free throws made it 62-57 and gave the Little Giants their final four-point margin.

Smith scored six of the final eight Ross points.

"It was a clutch performance," Clark said. "He helped us out and he deserved him the most."

The Little Giants appeared to have things going their way throughout most of the final stanza and even led by as much as 11 (57-46) with 2:55 showing on the clock following a short jump shot by Liggins.

At that point, however, Marion caught fire. A field goal by Mike Roads and another by Rick Spaulding cut the Ross lead to seven. Smith got it back up to nine with a field goal but Ralph McKinney then scored in a three-point play which made it 59-53.

After Ross had missed two one-and-one opportunities within a span of 10 seconds, Harding got a field goal from Neil Shaffer with 39 seconds remaining.

Ross turnover gave the ball back to Harding and McKinney connected with 21 seconds on the clock to make it 59-57.

The Pioneers couldn't force Ross into a turnover and had to foul Smith in the final ball back. The Pioneers' coach, Tom Cekel, selected a worse place to foul, however. Smith finished the night with a six-for-six showing at the charity stripe.

Ross led from almost the opening whistle. After Harding scored the opening basket, the Little Giants reeled off six consecutive points on three free throws by Smith, one by Pease and a jump shot from inside the key by Miller to go ahead, 6-2.

Ross got a pair of free throws by Spaulding. Ross got four more points on free throws and Miller (field goals) to go ahead, 10-4. The quarter ended with Ross in a 12-7 lead.

Harding attempted to make a move in the second quarter and tied the score at 12 and 12 before going ahead 15-14 on a free throw by Roads at the 4:40 mark.

Miller returned the lead to Ross with a jumper, but Roads got Harding back in front at 3-2 with a free-jumper from the side. Pease led the contest with a free throw before Harding took the lead for the final time on a layup from Dave Wigton.

Wigton's two points came at the 2:33 mark and were Harding's final markers of the half. At 2:11, Ross got the lead with a three-point play and the Little Giants got six points before the half ended and trotted to the dressing room with an 18-16 cushion.

The win was a revenge victory for the Little Giants, who were routed by a 30-54 count at Marion Dec. 10.

Box Score

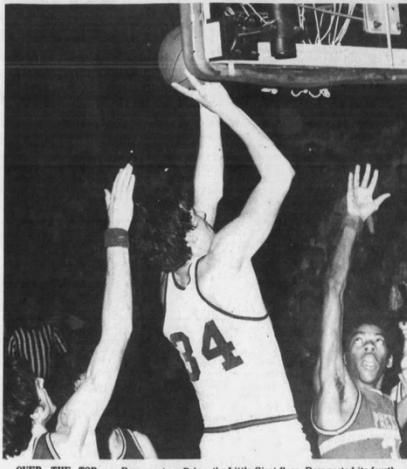
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OVER THE TOP — Ross center Bob Brudzinski jumps over the outstretched arm of a Marion Harding player to score on this offensive rebound during the fourth quarter of last night's Buckeye Conference game on the Little Giant floor. Ross posted its fourth season victory — 61-57 — and moved its conference log to 4-5. The Little Giants are idle tonight. (News-Messenger Photo by Mark Carlson)



MY BALL — Rick Spaulding (25) of Marion Harding takes rebound away from Ross' Chuck Cekel (44) during the early stages of the third quarter at Ross last night. The third quarter at Ross last night.

Ross was one of the few teams to rebound well in its 61-57 defeat to the Little Giants.

Ross had a 30-27 rebounding advantage with Cekel grabbing nine caroms. At extreme right, is Mike Miller (22), who had 10 rebounds for Ross. (News-Messenger Photo)

Ross took scoring honors with 25 while senior forward Tom Arnold had 20. High for Elyria was Dave Southview.

The Trojans, who were outrebounded by three, made 30 of 59 free shots and were 24-40 in the fourth quarter.

A 30-point effort from junior Tom Arnold sparked Admiral King to its win at Mansfield.

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At Lorain Friday

Little Giants Seeking Second Straight Upset

Ross will attempt to spring its second consecutive upset tomorrow when head coach Alex Clark and the Little Giants travel to Lorain Senior for a Buckeye Conference clash.

The contest serves as the first game of a rugged doubleheader weekend for Ross (4-7, 4-5). Clark brings his crew home Saturday to face rugged Findlay (11-1, 8-1), the state's number five ranked team in this week's Associated Press Class AAA balloting.

In the first Ross-Lorain meeting this season, the Little Giants logged a 69-62 victory. But Lorain had three players suspended for that game, including the team's leading scorer—Brad Frank.

"Frank is back and he certainly has to make a difference for them" Clark said. "They can do a lot of different things with him in the lineup. He helps them on the fast break and against the press and can score from the inside."

Clark has plenty of respect for the rest of the Steelers, too.

"They have good size and are quick," Clark said. "And, they always play well at home."

The Little Giant pilot plans to use the same lineup that started in last Friday's 61-57 upset victory over Marion Harding. That means senior Mike Feasel (6-0) and junior Steve Smith (6-0) will be the guards, junior Bob Brudzinski (6-4) will handle the center chores and seniors Mike Miller (6-3) and Chuck Celek (6-5) will be at forward.

Also expected to see considerable action are senior guard Chuck Lindsey (5-10) and senior forward Tom Liggins (5-11).

"We need a solid team effort—all seven must contribute like they did against Marion," Clark said. "We'll again concentrate on good basketball and hope good things happen. I think the kids now realize that if we do play good ball things can go in our favor."

The third-year pilot is still concerned about the Ross scoring power. Feasel is the only player in double figures. He has a 10.1 log in all games. Brudzinski is scoring at a 9.8 clip and is followed by Miller (9.7), Smith (9.2), Liggins (7.8), Lindsey (5.6) and Celek (5.3).

"I'm pleased to see the balance but with those averages it means our starters are averaging under 50 points a game total," Clark said. "I would like to see each fellow averaging three or four more points per game."

The Little Giants have continued to work on their offensive maneuvers in practice this week.

"We need more scoring from our big guys to take the pressure off the guards," Clark said. "If we can make the opponent respect our big men it should open things up outside."

"I want the kids to be patient—to take the type of shot we want to take."

"The way we've been playing offensively has put an awful lot of pressure on the defense and we've only had two or three good defensive games all year."

Ross is out of the Buckeye Conference race for this season but Clark still thinks his club can have its share of fun.

"I'd like to play the role of the spoiler," Clark says. "Admiral King and Findlay still have to come here to play so we can have something to say about who's going to win the title."

"But I don't want the kids looking ahead. We're just going to take the games one at a time. My main concern right now is to get the kids playing good in every game."

After this weekend, the Little Giants will play five games before the start of the sectional tournament. Ross visits Sandusky Feb. 4 and hosts Toledo Whitmer the following night. There are road games at Elyria (Feb. 11) and Toledo Rogers (Feb. 12) before the final regular season game at home Feb. 18 against Admiral King.

Findlay Tonight

Ross Stumbles To 95-60 Loss

LORAIN — Lorain Senior out-rebounded Ross 46-22 and that powered the Steelers to a 95-60 revenge victory over the Little Giants here last night.

Ross, which is 4-8 overall and 4-6 in conference action, must now regroup quickly. The Little Giants entertain powerful Findlay in another Buckeye Conference contest tonight.

Lorain, which bowed 69-62 to Ross earlier this season, opened up a four point bulge (23-19) after eight minutes. The Little Giants ran into trouble in the second quarter, however, and were outscored by a 22-9 count.

The host Steelers also had the scoring advantages in the third (17-15) and fourth (33-17) frames.

"I just can't figure my kids out," Ross head coach Alex Clark said. "I don't know what's wrong with them. I wish someone would tell me.

"Last week we played a fine overall game. Everyone was working well together as a team. We didn't do anything right after the first quarter against Lorain.

"If we play like that against Findlay, I'm sure they (Findlay) will have a new scoring record."

Lorain's Brad Frank, who didn't play when the two teams met in December, fired in 23 points for the victors. He made nine of 15 floor shots and five of six attempts from the foul stripe. Frank also pulled down 14 rebounds to help Lorain to its decided advantage in that department.

"You can't get out-rebounded like we were tonight and expect to stay in the ball game," Clark said. "The first time down the floor we had three offensive rebounds. After that the kids didn't do anything.

"We didn't have movement on either offense or defense. The kids just stood around."

Rick Akins backed Frank with 19 markers while Mike Dvodelich chipped in with 12 and Tony Bastock scored 10.

The Steelers meshed 38 of 65 floor tries and Akins was the big factor in the 58 per cent shooting performance. He made eight of 10 floor tries.

"I bet he's only averaging about seven points a game," Clark said. "But he goes wild against us. He had 17 points in the first game and now 19."

Dvodelich didn't hurt the Steeler percentage either. He missed only one of six tries from the floor.

Ross, which made only 19 of 53 action tries, got 10 points apiece from Mike Feasel and Chuck Celek. Feasel, who is the leading scorer for the Little Giants with a 10.1 average, made three of six floor shots and four of six tries from the foul line. Celek was three of seven from the floor and four of five at the stripe.

Bob Brudzinski just finished joining Celek and Feasel at 10. Brudzinski, a 6-4 junior forward, finished with nine points.

Six of Feasel's points came in the first quarter. Celek and Mike Miller each scored four points apiece in that stanza.

Ross' big trouble area in the second quarter was its field goal shooting. The Little Giants managed just one field goal in the entire period. They picked up the other seven points in 10 trips to the foul line.

Frank accounted for exactly half of Lorain's 22 points in the second quarter. He had four field goals and added another three points from the foul line. Also scoring in that segment for the Steelers were Dvodelich and Ferrier (three apiece) and Grassnig and Johnson (two each).

Bastock, who wasn't even on the Lorain roster when the Steelers visited Fremont in December, did all his scoring in the fourth quarter. Akins collected 13 of his 19 in the second half.

The loss means that Ross is still winless on the road this season. The Little Giants have not won a Buckeye Conference road game since December of 1970.

Little Giant athletic director Dick Sherman urges Ross fans who want to watch tonight's game to arrive at the gym early. He said that there are plenty of tickets available but Findlay fans are expected to arrive early to watch their club, which was ranked fifth in this week's Associated Press AAA rankings.

Box Score

ROSS (60)						LORAIN (95)					
FG	FT	RB	PF	Td.		FG	FT	RB	PF	Td.	
4-12	1-2	8	2	9	Grassnig	4-7	0-0	3	2	8	
1-4	0-1	2	3	3	Johnsing	2-5	2-2	5	2	6	
1-1	2-3	1	0	4	Saladin	4-11	0-0	1	3	8	
3-6	0-1	3	4	6	Dvodelich	5-6	2-3	7	2	12	
1-4	2-2	1	0	3	Lindamood	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	
2-4	1-5	3	2	10	Frank	8-15	0-6	14	3	23	
0-0	0-0	1	0	0	Ferrier	1-2	1-3	1	3	3	
2-6	3-3	0	1	7	Bastock	3-4	4-4	5	3	4	
1-3	2-2	0	0	4	Akins	8-10	3-5	8	0	19	
0-0	1-2	0	0	1	Killen	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	
3-6	4-6	2	2	10	TOTALS	38-65	19-27	46	21	95	
0-3	3-3	1	1	3							
0-1	0-0	0	0	0	SCORE BY QUARTERS						
TOTALS	19-53	22-32	22	17	60	Ross	19	9	15	17-60	
					Lorain	23	22	17	35	95	

Rated Trojans Topple Giants

By MARK CARLSON

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross' up-and-down cage team was 'up' but not enough to upset state-ranked Findlay.

The Trojans, fifth in last week's Associated Press Class AAA balloting, were bothered for a half by the Little Giants before blistering the nets for 34 points in the third quarter and coasting to a 102-74 Buckeye Conference win on the Ross floor Saturday.

Despite the defeat, the ninth in 13 games, the Little Giants earned praise from their own coach, Alex Clark, and John Stoizich, the Findlay pilot.

"I'm pretty well pleased with our effort over the entire game," Clark said. "We had a letdown in the second half, Findlay should never have had as many points (54) as it got, but we did show what type of club we're capable of being."

"I hope the kids realize now that they can play good ball. If we can continue this way the rest of the season we're going to be in business when the tournament begins."

Stoizich, who watched his club humiliate the Little Giants in December by a 106-57 tabulation, also commented about the Ross effort.

"That was a fine ball club we played tonight," Stoizich said. "They were awful rough, especially in the first half. But this was one of our better games here in a long time, especially the third quarter."

Findlay was clinging to a 48-36 lead at intermission after scoring 22 points in the first quarter and 26 more in the second while Ross was getting 16 and 20.

"The first half was awful physical," Stoizich said. "It bothered our kids and they let it effect their play. I told them at the half not to let the physicalness of the game effect how they were playing."

Stoizich also indicated that he reviewed defensive strategy with the Trojans during the intermission. And, whatever was said, the players must have listened.

The Trojans' full court press bothered Ross from the start of the second half, forcing the Little Giants into numerous ball handling mistakes, allowing Findlay to steal the ball and score on a number of uncontested layups.

"Our press was what hurt them," Stoizich commented. "They made a lot of mistakes and we were able to take advantage of them."

In the eight minutes of the third period, the Trojans could do very little wrong. They made 15 of 18 floor attempts and were perfect at the foul line—four of four. The lead rocketed from the 12 point halftime advantage to 29 (82-53) at the end of three quarters.

Chuck Rogers, a 6-6 senior forward, and Jeff Hochstettler did most of the damage. Rogers, who missed only three of 16 floor shots during the entire game, tallied five field goals and Hochstettler had three fielders and three more free throws.

"We let Rogers have a couple of shots that he could have worked a little hard for," Clark said. "But it's hard to stop a guy that is as big as that fellow and can move as well as he can. A couple of times our defense just didn't back in time to stop him on their fast break."

Rogers finished with 29 points while John Arnold completed the night with 19. Hochstettler had 18 and Bruce Stevens and Ted Hipsher nabbed 10 each.

"I've said all along that Arnold is one of

the kids who makes them go," Clark said. "He always comes up with the points when they're needed most."

Arnold, like Rogers, missed only three floor shots. Arnold canned eight of 11 attempts.

Overall, the Trojans singed the nets at a clip that was slightly better than 60 per cent, downing 42 of 69 attempts. They were just as accurate at the foul line where 18 of 24 (75 per cent) of the tries fell through the nets.

Ross had one more field goal try than the Trojans but made only 29 of its attempts. The Little Giants had a 16-22 showing at the foul stripe.

One area where Ross did hold the edge was rebounding. The Little Giants picked off 41 caroms compared to 39 for the taller Trojans.

"That doesn't really surprise me," Stoizich said when told of the rebounding statistics. "That (Bob) Brudzinski and (Chuck) Celek did a great job out there for them tonight. They got Ross a number of extra shots."

Brudzinski, who probably had the best game of his career, hauled down 19 rebounds to go with a career high of 29 points.

"Bob went to the basket hard and it paid off," Clark said in commenting on Brudzinski's point total. "I'm very pleased with those rebounding totals."

"When Brudzinski and Celek work the boards we're a much better ball club. We can run with the ball if they can get the ball and throw it out to our guards. If they rebound we can change our game around."

The Little Giants, who scored 74 points on only one other occasion this season, also penetrated the Trojans inside.

"That's what we've been trying to do all season," Clark said. "We never did it as well as we did tonight, though. The kids made up their minds tonight to do things. I think they realize now that if they get mentally prepared to play every game and go out and play hard we can get our share of wins the rest of the way."

Ross' effort was a complete turn around from Friday when the Little Giants were drubbed 95-60 by Lorain Senior.

"These kids are completely unpredictable," Clark said. "We didn't talk about Findlay all week except to say that we had to be physically ready to play two tough games."

"I thought we had a fine chance of beating Lorain and that's what we prepared for. I was just hoping for the best effort possible under the conditions against Findlay."

"Now, I can see that some of the kids must have been looking ahead. There's not much I can do. These fellows have to get themselves prepared mentally."

Brudzinski and Celek were joined in double figures by Mike Feasel (11).

"All the kids that played did a good job," Clark said. "Steve Smith held Ken Brooks to eight points and there isn't another guard around who can say that this year."

"Chuck Lindsey and Tom Liggins came off the bench to make things happen."

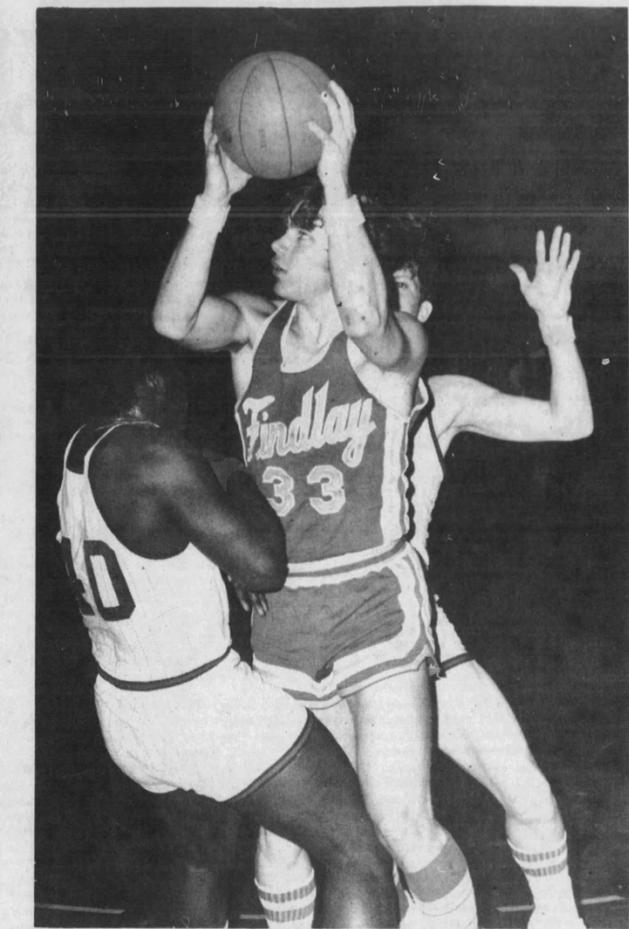
"Findlay just has too many people. They keep sending people into the game and it seems that everyone of them can hit that basket if they're open."

Lindsey also drew a special word of praise from Stoizich.

"I thought Lindsey played a tremendous game," Stoizich said. "I think he's a helluva athlete. When Ross did break our press it was because he penetrated and then fed off to one of the big men underneath."

ROSS (40)		FINDLAY (102)	
		FG	FT
		RB	PF
		Totals	Totals
Brudzinski	12-18	3-5	19 2 27
Garner	0-1	0-0	0 1 0
Miller	2-6	2-2	6 4 6
Liggins	1-3	0-0	3 1 2
Clark	6-11	2-2	5 1 13
S. Smith	3-12	2-2	1 1 8
Feasel	4-10	3-4	1 4 11
Lindsey	1-9	5-5	1 1 7
Team	29-70	16-22	41 15 74
Totals	82-99	18-64	33 16 102
SCORE BY QUARTERS			
Ross	16	20	17 20 74
Findlay	22	26	34 20-102
Officials:	Bill Whetsel and Charles		
Rogers	13-16	3-4	4 1 29
Seim	1-4	2-2	2 1 4

Hipsher
Schellin
Arnold
Inbody
Spiller
Stevens
Coleman
Brooks
Hochstettler
Team
Totals



OFFENSIVE FOUL—Roger Seim (33) of Findlay was charged with an offensive foul after he hit Ross' Tom Liggins during this fourth quarter action of Buckeye Conference cage contest at Ross Saturday. Player behind

Seim is Mike Feasel of the Little Giants. Seim and his Findlay teammates logged a 102-74 victory — their second of the season against Ross and 13th in 14 starts. (News-Messenger Photo By Mark Carlson)

News-Messenger SPORTS

Against St. Wendelin

Bettsville Battles Back In Final Three Minutes

FOSTORIA — Bettsville overcame a seven-point deficit in the final 3:31 of the contest to nip Fostoria St. Wendelin, 78-76, in a non-conference cage struggle played here Saturday.

"I called a time out with about five minutes remaining and told the kids it was up to them," Bettsville head coach Dave Suman said. "We played our best ball of the game in that last couple of minutes."

A change in defense also benefited the Bobcats.

"We went from a zone to man-to-man and it seemed to bother them," Suman said. "We also started to press and it forced St. Wendelin into a number of turnovers."

"I was surprised our man

following the Bobcat two-pointer, and then the Saturday comeback.

"We were flat for a long time against St. Wendelin. The win over Old Fort took a lot out of the kids physically and mentally. For a long time we were just going through the motions."

"St. Wendelin wanted to get us real bad. They were fired up and came with everything they had. The wins did a lot for us. Our fellows really feel good about getting these two."

Steffanni, Goodman, Ward and Hartsel accounted for the bulk of Bettsville's scoring. Steffanni's 23 took game scoring laurels while Goodman finished with 19, Ward had 13 and Hartsel 12.

High for St. Wendelin was Gene Frankart with 22, Lininger (16), Tim Karg (15) and Jeff Faeth (10) also crashed double figures.

Following the Bobcat two-pointer,

St. Wendelin's Jack Lininger sunk a field goal with eight seconds remaining and a free throw by Steffanni with two seconds on the clock closed the scoring.

"For some reason St. Wendelin

decided it wanted to run with us in that last couple of minutes,"

Ross Hosts Whitmer Saturday

Little Giants Play At Sandusky

Concentration will be the key for the Ross cage squad when it invades Sandusky tomorrow for a match with the Blue Streaks and a session with the number one scorer in the Buckeye Conference, Scott May.

"We have to concentrate on everything we have to do and do those things well," Little Giant head coach Alex Clark said yesterday in explaining the Ross plans for the 14th game of the season.

"We have to forget about where and who we're playing and just go out and do the best we can. We must concentrate for the entire game."

Ross is coming off what many believe was its top per-

formance of the season, a 102-74 loss to league-leading Findlay last Saturday.

"We played a fine game and my hope is that the kids now realize we're capable of playing real good ball," Clark said. "If Bob Brudzinski and Chuck Celek can control the boards we can go against almost anyone."

Brudzinski (6-4) and Celek (6-5) both had their best efforts of the season against Findlay. Brudzinski, a junior, had a career high of 27 points and picked off 19 rebounds while Celek posted 13 points and helped keep the Trojans off the boards.

They will have their work cut out against the Blue Streaks, however. May, a 6-5 senior, who's being boomed for All-State laurels, dominates the boards and also scores at will when he's on the court. He's currently averaging 29.5 points per contest.

"We can't allow Sandusky to run," Clark says. "When that happens, May gets down the floor and begins to work one-and-one and that's when he's most dangerous."

"We have to get back on their fast break and hope we can draw the charging foul against May. Also, if we can stop their running game it might force May to shoot from the outside. If he gets the ball inside the lane he usually either gets the bucket or draws a foul and goes to the line."

"The first time we played (Ross won 63-58 in overtime) we were able to do a fine job of keeping May outside and that was one of the reasons for our success."

May had only 15 points — his lowest output this season — in that first meeting.

Clark expects to see the Blue Streaks come out in a zone defense.

"Most times we've seen a zone this year it hasn't bothered us," Clark said. "The kids must realize though they must be patient, work the ball inside and also take the open shot. We'll need to have a lot of movement."

Besides Brudzinski and Celek, Clark will probably start Mike Feasel and Steve Smith at the guard with Mike Miller joining Celek at a forward slot. Brudzinski will jump center.

Clark also relies on Tom Liggins and Chuck Lindsey.

Brudzinski is the only player currently averaging in double figures. He carries an 11.4 log while Miller checks in at 9.2, Smith and feasel are at 8.7 and Celek has a 6.1 log. Liggins is averaging 7.2 points per contest while Lindsey is scoring at the rate of 5.4 points per contest.

Brudzinski also leads in the rebounding department with 146. He missed the season opener against Fostoria and has played in only 12 games. Miller has pulled off 110 caroms while Celek has grabbed 87.

Ross, which is 4-9 overall and 4-7 in Buckeye action, returns home Saturday for a non-conference game against Toledo Whitmer. After the Saturday contest, there will be only three more games on the regular season slate — at Elyria (Feb. 11) and Toledo Rogers (Feb. 12) and a home date with Lorain Admiral King (Feb. 17).

Pick Mel Long

Browns Go Heavily For Defensive Help

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — Head coach Nick Skorich of the Cleveland Browns says he thinks the Browns "picked at least a half dozen players able to help us this year" in the annual National Football League draft.

"Considering the caliber of the material in this draft, I'm satisfied with what we have come up with," Skorich said after the windup of the draft Wednesday night.

Asked about the possibility of trades growing out of the new acquisitions through the draft, the coach said he expects to "talk to a number of teams" after "going over our draft and the drafts of all the other NFL teams."

Among the players taken in the second day of the draft Wednesday were Mel Long, an outstanding defensive lineman at the University of Toledo, and San Diego State quarterback Brian Snipe.

Skorich noted the Browns list-

over 6 feet tall and weighs about 230 pounds. We understand that he has 4.7 speed for the 40 yards in full gear. It's possible that he could play in the middle.

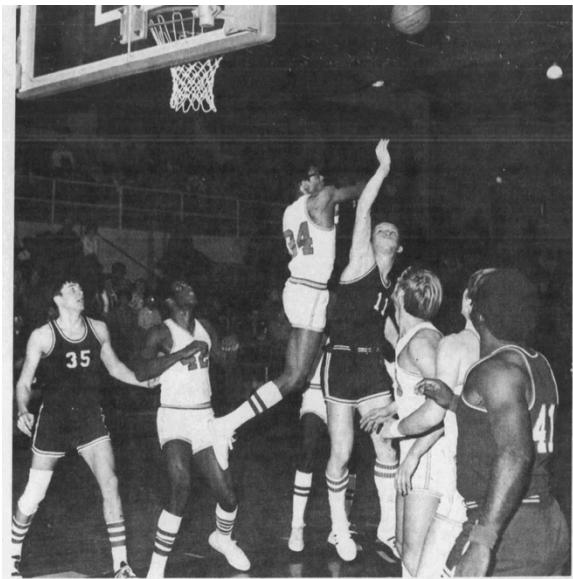
"This is the kind of athlete who should be a big help on the specialty teams. And he seems to be the type of young man you'd like to have on the squad."

Long was tapped in the 11th round and Snipe in the 13th. Skorich said Snipe "played at a school that used a pro type of offense and liked to throw the football. So he comes to us pass-oriented..."

"We'll bring him along behind the others and see what he can do."

The "others" would be quarterbacks Bill Nelsen, Mike Phipps and Don Gault.

The Browns went heavily for defensive players in the early rounds of the draft Tuesday, but wound up with ten players for the offense and eight for defense.



RATTED AWAY — Mike Pease (11) of Ross had his second quarter layup blocked by Sandusky's Willie Jordan (34) during Buckeye Conference game at Sandusky last night. Bob Brudzinski (35) and Scott May (42) were camped under the

basket waiting for a rebound before Jordan went into action. Tori Liggins (41) is at extreme right. (News-Messenger Photo by Mark Carlson)

Turnovers Against Streak Press Fatal For Little Giants, 73-61

By MARK CARLSON

News-Messenger Sports Editor
SANDUSKY — Ross expected to see a 10-point press from Sandusky last night.

But Little Giant coach Alex Clark wasn't expecting the Blue Streaks pressure to bother his club.

The added pressure did confuse the Little Giants, however, especially in the second quarter, and the Blue Streaks from pocketing its first Buckeye Conference road victory of the season. Sandusky captured a 41-40 decision over Ross, 61-57, overtime defeat administered earlier this year by its guests.

Ross led 14-11 at the quarter but fell into a 10-point hole in the second frame when the Blue Streaks dropped out of their normal zone into the press.

"We tried to get them to pressure us and worked against it in practice this week," Clark said. "But our kids made a couple of bad passes that resulted in turnovers and easy layups for Sandusky."

"And, Willie Jordan (Sandusky's 6-4 junior forward) got a

couple of offensive rebounds and put them back up for buckets which also hurt."

The Blue Streaks had a 20-10 advantage in that second frame which gave them a 31-34 lead at intermission.

Jordan, who did not start, and Scott May, the leading scorer in the conference, did most of the damage in the stanza. They had six points apiece while crafty Mike Pease, a 6-4 senior forward and Pat Kelly and Chuck May had two each.

Sandusky continued to build its lead in the third quarter thanks to a 10-point run by Pease and Clark, who made six of eight action tries and mashed both of his two free-throws. Swope, who finished with 15 points, had the other four.

Mike Pease's bucket cut the Ross deficit to 30, 54-34, just before the quarter ended.

In the fourth quarter, Sandusky managed to keep its lead near the 10-point mark. The Blue Streaks did lead by 22, 60-38, with 8:00 remaining in the game.

Brudzinski banked 34 points, only three short of his Findlay total and also picked off 13 rebounds. Cekel had 10 points and rebounded 10 while Ceplek had 10 points and grabbed eight caroms.

Brudzinski was solely responsible for Ross' first quarter lead. He had 12 of the 14 points in that first eight minutes.

He had 10 points in the second and both of his free throw attempts.

"Brudzinski was great in the first quarter," Clark said.

"He came off some in the second quarter but came back to play a good second half. I'm very pleased with the improvement he's made."

Clark wasn't as enthusiastic about his outside shooters, however.

"If you check the stat I think you'll find that our inside men made 17 of 28 shots," Clark said.

"But our outside shooters didn't have a good night. The four of us outside shooters made only four of 20. We can't have that kind of shooting and win."

Senior guard Mike Pease, who was Ross' best shooter, had 11 points, finished with 13 points. He was the only other Giant besides Brudzinski and Ceplek and double figure.

"Mike Miller missed a number of awful good shots," Clark said. "He admitted after the game that he was tight. But if I had to pick Mike up man-to-man I'd be awful tight, too."

May finished with 34 points, five above his season average. He had 10 points at intermission and added 14 in the final stanza and eight more over the final stanza. May had only 13 in the first game between the two clubs, his season low.

ROSS 40

	FG	FT	RB	PF	Tu.
Brudzinski	10-14	4-6	3	2	14
Liggins	6-10	0-0	3	1	8
Pease	12-18	0-0	6	4	12
Cekel	2-6	4-6	6	4	10
Burns	0-1	0-0	2	1	0
Garrett	0-1	0-2	2	1	0
Smith	2-5	0-0	1	0	0
Feeser	2-8	9-9	2	1	12
May	1-3	0-0	1	0	0
Shaw	1-2	0-0	1	0	0
S. Smith	1-5	2-4	1	3	40
Lagomarsino	2-6	0-0	1	0	0
TOTALS	21-56	19-27	36	19	41

SANDUSKY 61

	FG	FT	RB	PF	Tu.
Keller	1-5	3-6	9	3	5
Gentry	1-5	0-0	1	1	1
Swopes	7-12	2-9	2	1	16
Stratman	1-2	0-0	1	1	2
Shaw	1-2	0-0	1	1	2
May	12-20	10-12	13	4	34
Lagomarsino	1-4	0-0	3	2	1
Chambers	2-9	0-0	3	2	0
TOTALS	25-56	20-30	38	17	73

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross 11-18-13-17 41

Sandusky 11 20 22 19-73

Officials: Levy Wood and Fred Miller.

Susan Corrock Wins First Medal For U.S.

SAPPORO, Japan (AP) — Susan Corrock put the United States on the 11th Winter Olympic Games' medal board Saturday with a bronze in the women's 10-kilometer race after Sweden's high-flying team knocked the Americans out of the chase for the gold in ice hockey.

Corrock, a 22-year-old from Ketchum, Idaho, who has been skiing in international competition for just two years, had raised the hopes of the team for a medal when she flashed down the 11/4-mile course in the fastest time during practice runs.

And for a few moments on Saturday, it looked as if she just might capture it as she whizzed through the 2,108 meters in 1 minute, 37.68 seconds to take the lead.

But right behind her was Marie Nadig of Switzerland, a 17-year-old student and the eventual winner of the gold medal.

Corrock, however, had moved Corrock into second place by finishing the downhill just one second faster, in 1:38.68.

And the next day, after the race was over, Anne Marie Proell of Austria, the leader in women's World Cup competition, grabbed the silver medal with a 1:37.10 check.

Nevertheless, Miss Corrock's bronze was the first won by an American here and the first in Olympic Alpine skiing since 1964.

"I can't believe it!" Miss Corrock said, laughing and crying of Alpine skiing when he fractured his left arm and torn his knee ligaments in a spill during practice, apparently after being hit.

The United States suffered another setback Saturday as Eric Poulsen was knocked out of Alpine skiing when he fractured his left arm and torn his knee ligaments in a spill during

practice, apparently after being hit.

Scores

Buckeye Conference

Sandusky 73, Ross 61

Findlay 65, Adm. Harding 57

Lorain St. 68, Marshall 67

St. Joe 88, St. Paul 69

Elmwood 69, Bay Conference 58

Ottawa Hills 93, Osceola 49

Danbury 79, Northwood 63

Locust County League

Hopewell-London 70, Bettsville 67

Old Fort 102, New Riegel 92

Lakeshore Conference

Woodmere 73, North

Baltimore 69

Great Lakes League

Clay 58, Port Clinton 55

Sylvania 80, Bedford 59

Bethel Green 54, Postoria 53

Great Lakes League

Eastwood 79, Anthony Wayne

Elmwood 65, Springfield 64

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Brudzinski, Celek Help Lead Ross Past Whitmer

By DON FOGLESON
News-Messenger Staff Writer

Bob Brudzinski has come back. Chuck Celek has come back. The entire Ross high basketball team has come back to what head coach Alex Clark describes as "our kind of basketball."

The Little Giants showed their kind of basketball on their home court Saturday night in belting Toledo Whitmer, 75-68, in a non-conference tilt.

"This was our most gratifying win of the season," Clark said after the impressive victory, the fifth in 15 outings for his corps. "I was very pleased with the way the kids hustled and got the ball in to Burd (Brudzinski) and Chuck (Celek)."

Brudzinski finished the night with a game-high 25 points while Celek added 16. Two other Little Giants also hit the double figure mark. Mike Feasel had 14 and Tom Liggins netted 11.

"Our guards (Feasel, Steve Smith and Chuck Lindsey) were confident in getting the ball in to Brudzinski and Celek," the Ross mentor said. "With our two big boys in there, our whole team was confident and alert."

The presence of Brudzinski and Celek showed particularly at the start of the second half. The Little Giant cagers came back onto the court (leading by 31-30) after the intermission with added spark and enthusiasm that seemed to take hold of everyone in the gymnasium.

"Our attitude in the second half was great," Clark recalled. "The guys were concentrating and waiting for the good shot."

"What's more, they were working together as a team." Clark indicated that with Brudzinski and Celek playing, the Little Giants were able to play their type of game, which consists of getting the ball in to Brudzinski and Celek underneath.

"This was the best I've ever seen Celek play," the coach smiled. "He's almost at full strength now and I feel that we'll get excellent games out of him in the remaining few we do have."

"Our inside game has finally

clicked. I hope it stays this way for the rest of our regular games and especially for the tourneys," Clark eagerly stated.

"I've got confidence that if our game goes as well as it did tonight we'll surprise a lot of people in the tourneys," he added.

Ross, which finished the night with a relatively good 44 per cent completion average from the field, started slowly. The Little Giants trailed by a 15-11 count after the first quarter and showed little, if any, team work.

It was during the second stanza, though, that signs of their blossoming began to appear.

"It was kind of mixed up there in the first quarter," Clark pointed out. "We weren't working together."

"Things started looking good in the second quarter, though," he added.

Baskets by Celek and Brudzinski put the Little Giants in front for the first time, 21-19, at 5:21 of that period and they were never to trail again.

After the halftime rest, Ross stormed onto the court and quickly pumped in three field goals and two free throws before the visiting Panthers could dent their side of the scoreboard. It was 39-32 with just one and a half minutes elapsed on the clock.

The teams exchanged baskets throughout the rest of the

Box Score

ROSS (75)

	FG	FT	PF	Ttl.
Brudzinski	10	5	1	25
Miller	0	2	5	2
Liggins	3	5	1	11
Celek	5	6	4	16
Feasel	4	6	3	14
Lindsey	1	1	1	3
Smith	2	0	2	4
TOTALS	25	25	17	75

WHITMER (68)

	FG	FT	PF	Ttl.
Huebner	8	3	5	19
Dermer	2	2	3	6
Lewis	2	4	4	8
Spaulding	2	2	3	6
Inman	3	4	2	10
Puckett	2	2	1	6
Davis	1	0	2	2
Levine	3	5	4	11
TOTALS	23	22	29	68

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	11	20	18	26-75
Whitmer	15	15	11	27-68
Officials:	Larry Hoffman	and	Al Wefle	

quarter and Ross took a comfortable 49-41 lead into the final eight minutes.

The towering Brudzinski made it a 10 point Ross lead with a layup at 7:42 of the final quarter. Whitmer sank two buckets to Ross's one in the next two minutes.

Ross jumped its lead to 10 again, though, at 4:56 with two key free throws by Feasel and a layup by Brudzinski.

Whitmer began to utilize its full-court press shortly after but it affected the Ross cagers very little. Tempers became heated at that point in the game and a technical foul was called against one of the Panther guards for unnecessary roughness.

That incident only seemed to fire up the Toledoans more, however, especially little Rich Levine, who stole the ball and streaked in for a layup before pumping in a 12-foot jump shot to put the Panthers back by just four points, 62-58, with 3:38 remaining.

Feasel then dropped the first of a one-and-one situation at the charity stripe. He missed the second one, though, giving Whitmer the ball. The Panthers worked around for the good shot before Rich Puckett was fouled trying to sink a layup. He calmly meshed two free throws, allowing the visitors to come within three, 63-60, with 3:23 left.

That's as close as they got, however, as Feasel countered with a layup, Steve Smith stole the ball twice in a row and made both layups, and Feasel scored on a tip-in.

"Smith's and Feasel's work there when Whitmer got close was very commendable," Clark said.

Clark, who had to speak above the noise of the Ross locker room where the players were celebrating as if they had won a much more important game, kept repeating that his ball club has finally clicked.

"If only we could start now," he said. "It's just too bad our boys couldn't have played this well earlier."

Road Block Faces Giant Cage Squad

Another 'road block' faces the Ross basketball team when it visits Elyria tomorrow for the Little Giants final Buckeye Conference road game of the 1971-72 campaign.

It will be the final conference road test for the Little Giants, who haven't won on the road this season, and have only one away from home win in conference play since 1966.

That win came last season at Elyria when the Little Giants surprised the Pioneers by a 79-54 count.

Ross has enjoyed more success with the Pioneers than any other Buckeye opponent in the last three years. The Little Giants have three victories in the last five meetings but one of the defeats came in December when Elyria logged a 68-52 victory.

In that game, Elyria's Dave Sellers scored 42 points, which established a Pioneer record.

"We had a break down in defense," Little Giant head coach Alex Clark explained yesterday. "We gave Sellers five or six uncontested layups in that game and we fouled him about four other times when he drove the lane."

Defense will be a key for the Little Giants tomorrow.

"We need to keep our composure," Clark said. "If we can play good defense and hustle so our big boys don't get in foul trouble we'll have a good effort.

"We can't afford to get our big fellows in foul trouble. In the last Elyria game we had 27 fouls. We just can't play that way and expect to win."

The Little Giants have played their best ball of the season in the last three games although they've been beaten in two of those outings.

"We've played our most consistent ball of the season," Clark said. "We're getting more of the things done that we set out to do earlier in the season."

One of the key factors in the winning effort against Toledo Whitmer last Saturday was the ability of Ross to control the boards.

"In the last three games we've been able to control the boards—I think our kids have finally realized that if we hustle and

rebound we can stay with anyone in the league."

Clark made one change in the starting lineup against Whitmer but is not sure whether he'll continue to start Chuck Lindsey ahead of Steve Smith at one of the guard slots.

"I'll wait until Friday before I decide," the third-year mentor explained.

The rest of the lineup will have Bob Brudzinski at center with Mike Miller and Chuck Celek at forward and Mike Feasel at the second guard slot.

Brudzinski and Feasel are the only starters averaging in double figures. Brudzinski, who has scored 27, 24 and 25 points in the last three games, is at 13.1 and Feasel checks in at 10.5 through the first 15 games.

"I'm sure the other teams are going to think about defending Brudzinski a little more," Clark said. "That should open things up for our guards. But the outside shooters can't go four-for-29 like they did last Friday and still expect us to win."

Clark also has started to establish goals for each of the players to achieve in every game.

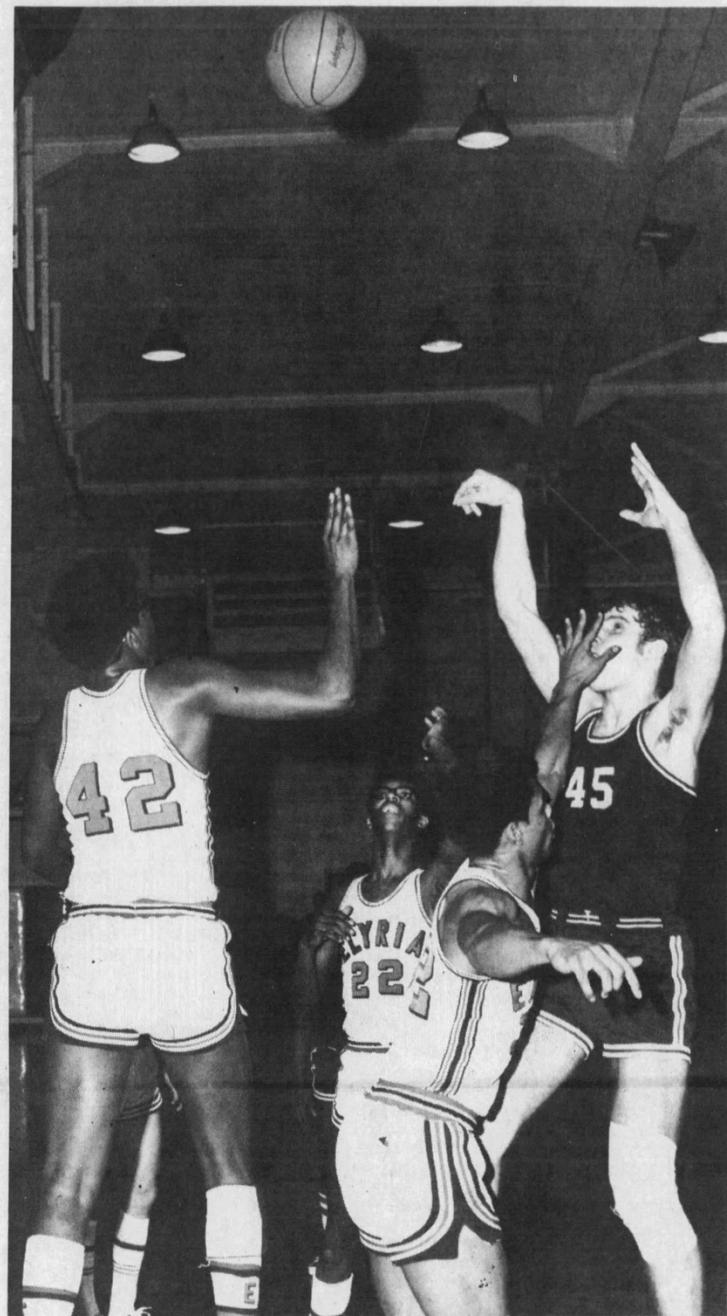
"In the Sandusky game three of the players achieved their goals and we almost won," Clark explained. "Then against Whitmer all the players accomplished the goals we set for them and we won."

Ross begins the weekend with a 5-10 overall chart and 4-8 mark in Buckeye competition. Elyria is 8-7 in all games and 5-7 in loop action.

Definite starters for the Pioneers will be Ron Beckett, Dale Griffin, John Mongerson and Sellers. First-year head coach Mike Riley will select his fifth man from either Ira Perkins, Jeff Smith or Bruce McElroy.

Sellers is the leading scorer with a 14.1 average. Griffin checks in at 13.2 while Beckett and Mongerson are at 8.5. Perkins is scoring at a 10.8 rate even though he plays only about half the game.

Ross is also on the road Saturday. The Little Giants will visit Toledo Rogers for a non-league contest.



SHOOTING IN A CROWD—Chuck Celek (45) of Ross gets off a shot during the second period despite the efforts of Elyria's Sam Vickets (42), Ron Beckett (22) and Ira Perkins (32). Celek had 12 points in the Little

Giants' 73-54 loss at Elyria. Ross is now 5-11 for the season and plays a non-conference game at Toledo Rogers tonight. (News-Messenger Photo By Mark Carlson)



Elyria Handles Ross On Boards

By MARK CARLSON

News-Messenger Sports Editor

ELYRIA — It's no secret — to win Ross needs to control the boards.

But the Little Giants couldn't do that against the taller Elyria Pioneers last night and their season record dipped to 5-11 with a 73-54 Buckeye Conference loss on the victors' floor.

Elyria had a 46-38 rebounding bulge with John Mongerson, Ron Beckett and Dale Griffin pulling down nine caroms apiece. The Ross rebounding chores fell to two players — junior center Bob Brudzinski and senior forward Chuck Celek. Brudzinski grabbed 17 caroms while Celek latched nine.

"It wasn't so much our offense that got us in trouble," Ross head coach Alex Clark said. "It was our defense that didn't do much in the last three minutes of the first half and the start of the third quarter.

"At the end of the half we gave them four close-in jump shots and three other buckets on offensive rebounds. Our kids were just standing. As a result, our offense stopped moving also."

Ross had trailed the Pioneers by five (16-11) at the first rest stop but pulled within two markers (19-17) at the midway point of the third quarter.

Elyria, however, got four straight points on free throws by Ira Perkins and Dave Sellers.

After a bucket by Little Giant guard Chuck Lindsey, Elyria had a six-point spurt that powered the Pioneers to a 29-19 cushion. Perkins started the spree with a long jumper from the outside. Then Beckett connected on a drive and lanky Sam Vickers hit from in close.

Brudzinski then had four straight buckets but Elyria was scoring at the same time. With less than a minute remaining, Elyria was ahead, 35-27. A fielder in the closing seconds by Chuck Lindsey following a Pioneer turnover made it 35-29 as the clubs headed to the dressing room.

"We started out by giving up nine points in the first 12 minutes on offensive rebounds," Clark said. Then we missed six foul shots in the first quarter and gave up two baseline drives in the second quarter.

"That is an 18 or 20 point difference. We can't give up that many easy points and hope to make them up."

After intermission, the Pioneers came back strong on the shooting of Mongerson and Beckett. The hosts made 10 of 20 action tries in the third stanza with Mongerson and Beckett accounting for eight of the field goals and Jay Underman picking up the other two.

Beckett missed just two shots in the quarter and Mongerson three. Underman was perfect during the two minute stretch he played.

"The kid that surprised me was Mongerson," Clark said. "But I don't think we made him work for any of his outside shots and we gave him too many easy inside shots."

"The thing that surprised me about Beckett is that he hasn't been doing that all year. I think he played better last year than he has this season."

Beckett captured game scoring honors with eight field goals and two free throws for 18 points. The Pioneers also had 10-point efforts from Sellers, Mongerson and Griffin.

Brudzinski's 16 markers, including nine in the second half, topped the Little Giant scoring column. Lindsey, who started at guard for the second straight game, and Celek had 12 apiece.

The scoring effort by Sellers was far short of his 42-point output in the first meeting between the two schools when the Pioneers left Fremont with a 68-52 decision.

"We didn't do anything special for Sellers," Clark said. "In fact, we only talked about him one day in practice."

"It was the cheap baskets we shouldn't have given up that hurt us. We practice against stopping the baseline drive two nights a week in practice and we gave up two in the first half.

reMARKS(s): Ross visits Toledo Rogers in a non-conference game tonight . . . Elyria plays at Ashland tonight in another out-of-league game . . . The Pioneers will play their arch-rival, Lorain Senior, in the first round of the Lorain Admiral King Class AAA sectional tournament . . . Prior to last night's contest, Ross was scoring at a 60.3 clip but yielding 75.0 points per contest.

Final Regular Season Tilt

Ross Entertains King

Ross completes the regular portion of its basketball schedule with a home game against Lorain Admiral King Friday.

The Little Giants, who begin tournament play at Ashland College Tuesday against Mansfield Senior, will be trying to avenge a 65-50 defeat administered by Admiral King earlier this season.

"Admiral King presents a pretty big problem," Ross head coach Alex Clark said Wednesday. "They've got a lot of kids that can play well."

"Doug Taylor and Tom Harris do quite a few things for them. They are good shooters, fine jumpers and also hustle well. We'll have to contain them for use to stay with King."

Taylor led the Admirals with 18 points in the first meeting. Harris added 14 and Kent Arthrell, the King center, also had 14 points.

Clark believes the outcome of the contest could be determined by the play of the Ross forwards.

"This game will be a challenge for our forwards," Clark said. "They must play good defense and also score well for us to stay in the game."

"We need to have movement from our forwards on offense and they also must rebound. They haven't done that in the last two games and we've been beaten."

"Our rebounding has really been down the last two games. We rebounded well with Findlay, Sandusky and Toledo Whitmer and stayed in the game. Then we had very few rebounds against Elyria and Toledo Rogers and lost when I think we should have won. Our rebounding keeps us in the game."

Ross also needs to avoid fouling the Admirals. In the last meeting, the Little Giants were charged with 27 personals and Admiral King had 16. King went to the foul line 39 times and sank the penalty shot on 23 occasions. Ross had 20 attempts and sank only 10. Admiral King had only one more field goal than Ross in that contest.

"We need to avoid the stupid fouls," Clark said. "If we can at least even up the fouls and control the boards I think we've got a real good chance of beating them."

The Little Giants didn't work out Monday and had only a brief outing on the practice floor Tuesday before going full tilt Wednesday.

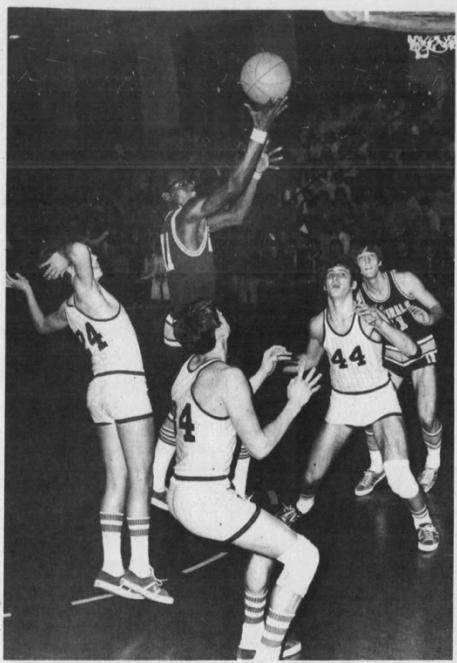
"Monday the team and I had a long meeting and discussed a lot of things," Clark said. "We've decided we need to play defense more as a team. A couple of the kids have been doing a fine job but some of the other fellows have been letting them down. We need to start doing things together and not as individuals."

Ross does have one goal. If they win it would give them six victories during the regular season and only five teams in the last 16 years have been able to accomplish that distinction.

"It would give the boys something to remember other than the poor games we've played this season," Clark said.

The reserve tilt will begin at 6:45 p.m. with the varsity contest slated for 8:15 p.m.

Tickets for the sectional contest at Ashland are now on sale at Tremper's. They will be sold until Sunday evening according to faculty manager Gary Nossaman. Student tickets are 75 cents and adult ducats \$1.50. No student tickets will be sold at Ashland the night of the game.



DRIVING FOR A LAYUP during Friday night's Ross-Admiral King contest is King's Don Adams (11). Ross players readying for a possible rebound are Chuck Celek (44), Bob

Brudzinski (34) and Steve Smith (24). The other King player is Kent Arthrell. Ross was defeated, 59-55, in the closing stage of the game. (News-Messenger Photo)

St. Joe Thumps Panthers

By ROY WILHELM

St. Joe's Crimson Streaks shook off their own doldrums and a third quarter St. Mary's comeback to roll to a 62-53 nonconference basketball victory Friday night. The victory, the 14th in 17 outings for the Streaks, came in spite of 30 turnovers and a rather listless performance on defense.

The Streaks turned on the steam when they needed it most, however, breaking open a close game in the second half of the third quarter.

The invading Panthers, hustling on defense and putting the fastbreak to good use, cut the St. Joe half-time lead from ten points to three in the first three minutes of the second half.

A driving layup by Neal Ebert sliced the St. Joe margin to 47-44 with 1:17 remaining in the third quarter, but that was as close as the Panthers were able to get.

Junior Jerry Yeager caused a jump shot just from outside the foul line to give the Streaks a five-point margin and senior Mark 'Ollie' Mosser scored on a drive to stretch the lead to seven. After Belak hit from the outside, John Barrington scored in close and then Yeager counted a pair of St. Mary's foul shots with another jumper from the foul line. Rich Hotz and Belak hit from the foul line to give the Streaks a 57-44 lead. Hotz scored underneath and was fouled. He missed the free throw, but Barrington grabbed the rebound and scored. Yeager, who was the Streaks' high point man then scored after stealing the ball and the Streaks led by 13.

"It was a (Yeager) night," said St. Joe head coach John Wilke said after the contest. "He hit a couple big ones from the top of the key against the zone."

The Streaks outscored St. Mary's 22-8 in a four minute and 59 second stretch of the third quarter, moving from a 47-44 lead to a 69-52 margin at the break.

St. Joe never trailed in the game, but the Streaks were unable to pull away from the Panthers until that third quarter stretch.

"We just were not mentally ready to play," Kahl said after the game. "I know it, the kids know it, everyone who was here knows it. But, it's nice to play badly and still be able to win."

The Streaks, who dominated the backboards throughout the game, worked over the offensive boards and moved the ball underneath. St. Mary's three-two zone defense to take the ten point half time lead.

Mosser, who finished the game with 20 points in spite of the fact that he sat out most of the second half with four personal

'Havlicek' trophy as the player who contributed the most to the victory.

Walker hit eight of 12 from the field and added four free throws. He also hauled down a dozen rebounds.

Yeager led the St. Joe scorers with 21 points, while Barrington, Hotz and Tim Shetzer also were in double figures.

Shetzer, who had an injured leg scored 12 points in little over half the game. Hotz had 13 although he did not start. Hotz and Yeager also joined Mosser and Bill Halm to give the Streaks control of the backboards. St. Joe hauled down 57 rebounds to 31 for St. Mary's.

Even with the domination of the boards, however, St. Joe had to struggle to pull away from the outmanned Panthers.

"Those turnovers really hurt," Kahl said, referring to the 14 that cost the Streaks 13 points.

Kahl also expressed disappointment in the defensive effort, but felt the overall listless performance was due to St. Joe's not being ready mentally. "It's not good, but it's to be expected," Kahl said, referring to the fact that the Streaks had already beaten St. Mary's once and might easily have been looking ahead to Mansfield St. Peter and the sectional tournament.

The Streaks' Shetzer, who had 12 points, was the star of the night, but just how long he will play remains a questionmark.

Injuries were a factor on the other side of the fence Friday night. St. Mary's junior center Paul Stanley sat out of the contest with an injured hand. St. Mary's also was hurt by foul trouble. Kim Faber, who was the game's high scorer with 24 points, fouled out and manager, Jim Halm, at the 1:10 mark eventually fouled out of the game with 5:08 remaining and at that time Brady, Heminger and Belak each had four fouls. None of those three fouled out.

ST. MARY'S (72)

	FG	FT	RE	PF	Ttl		FG	FT	RE	PF	Ttl	
Ebert	4-10	4-5	4	4	12	Wagner	5-7	1-1	1	1	11	
Belak	4-10	4-5	4	4	12	Schneider	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	
Windsor	9-17	0-0	4	4	12	Shetzer	4-4	1-1	2	2	11	
Hartman	4-17	0-0	4	4	12		5-11	2-3	3	2	12	
Theberet	1-4	0-1	0	0	2	Yeager	6-10	9-12	3	3	21	
Faber	10-14	0-0	3	2	5		5-6	0-0	0	0	11	
Brady	1-4	0-0	3	4	2	Dunn	1-3	0-0	6	2	11	
Kamus	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	Barrington	4-9	3-5	11	3	11	
Heminger	0-1	0-0	0	0	0		5-6	0-0	11	3	11	
B. May	1-3	0-1	1	0	2	Hotz	6-10	1-1	0	0	12	
							56-82	23-28	31	20	132	
							TOTALS	28-49	10-28	11	27	132

SCORE BY QUARTERS

St. Mary's 16 17 26 21-73

St. Joe 21 22 26 23-72

ST. JOE (86)

FG FT RE PF Ttl

Wicks 6-11 1-3 5 5 0 0 13

Arthrell 1-2 2 3 2 4 1

Miller 0-2 0 0 0 0 2

Solomon 2-3 2-2 0 0 6 6

Harris 6-9 2-2 1 1 16

Lindsey 2-10 0-2 3 1 4

Walker 3-5 1-1 2 2 12

Smith 2-5 0-0 0 1 4

TOTALS 23-56 9-18 14 14 55

ROSS (55)

FG FT RE PF Ttl

Admiral King 13 14 18 14-59

Ross 13 12 17 8 55

Officials: Gene Marzel and LeRoy

Wood

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Open Tournament At Ashland Tuesday Little Giants Bow By Four

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Lorain Admiral King enjoyed a

luxury Ross can't afford.

Their opponents had one of their poorest offensive showings of the season but still managed to pull out a surprisingly difficult 59-55 victory over the battling Little Giants.

King bagged the win — its 13th in 17 games — despite a rather poor performance. Ross played one of its best games of the season but still was charged with its 13th loss in 18 outings.

"I think my kids played exceptionally well in the entire game," said Little Giant head coach Alex Clark said. "I think the kids played a great game. They did everything I asked them."

"We knew it was a must game. They went out and gave everything they had. I never going to complain about that."

Ross had Admiral King down throughout most the contest.

After the two sides ended in a 49-49 deadlock, the two teams traded buckets for the first 3:30 of the second frame. King was up by one, 21-20, following a bucket by Doug Taylor. Ross then picked up four straight on free throws by Smith and straight on free throws by Celek.

The Little Giants kept that lead until King tied the game at 49 when Taylor converted a Ross turnover with 3:38 remaining. From there, Mike Fesel and Chuck Celek made it 51-50 with 3:12 showing.

King got the lead, however, on a three-point play by Tom Harris. Harris, a junior, drove

the lane for the bucket and was fouled in the process.

Then King received a jumper

from the key by Jeff Solomay to

end the first half.

Both teams then got the ball to a unit the best has all year," Clark said. "The kids were

helping each other out there tonight instead of just worrying about them own game. When the ball got to the first out our fellow began to help out against him and then later on when Taylor got hot we made the necessary adjustments."

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Brudzinski Picked For Second Team Conference Honors

Five Buckeye Conference seniors with a combined scoring average of better than 20 points per game were named to the 1971-72 all-star basketball team today and John Stozich, coach of the league champion Findlay Trojans was named coach of the year.

Named to the first team was Scott May of Sandusky, Ken Brooks of Findlay, Mike Roads of Marion, Doug Taylor of Lorain Admiral King and Brad Franks of Lorain Senior.

The only Fremont Ross player receiving a berth on either of the first three units was Bob Brudzinski. He was selected for a second team position.

Brudzinski is joined on the second unit by Tom Harris (Admiral King), Dave Hurley (Mansfield), John Arnold (Findlay) and Dale Griffin (Elyria).

Brudzinski and Harris are the only underclassmen on the second unit.

Third team selections include Chad Saladin (Lorain Sr.), Dave Sellers (Elyria), Chuck Rogers (Findlay), Willie Jordan (Sandusky) and Neil Shaffer (Marion). Saladin, Sellers and Jordan are juniors.

May, Brooks and Taylor were unanimous selections. May, a starter for the last three years for the Blue Streaks, had the leading scoring average in the conference this season—30.2.

Brooks, who has started for three seasons at Findlay, was the second leading scorer in the conference with a 24.5 average while Brooks finished the conference campaign at 17.9.

Brudzinski has the lowest scoring average of the second team members—13.1. But he was the leading rebounder in the conference this season, pulling down an average of 12.1 caroms per contest.

Other second team scoring averages include: Harris (18.9), Hurley (16.8), Arnold (16.7) and Griffin (13.6).

"I'm fairly well satisfied with the selections," Ross head coach Alex Clark said. "Those first two teams have 10 pretty decent ball players.

"I was real pleased to get Bob on the second team considering the type of season we had. He had a couple of strong scoring games against league teams and also rebounded well."

Stozich was named conference coach of the year for the second straight season. His team has won the league title the last two seasons. The Trojans had a 16-2 regular season mark this year and were 13-1 in conference play. Last winter, Findlay went 18-0 overall and 14-0 in league action.

FIRST TEAM

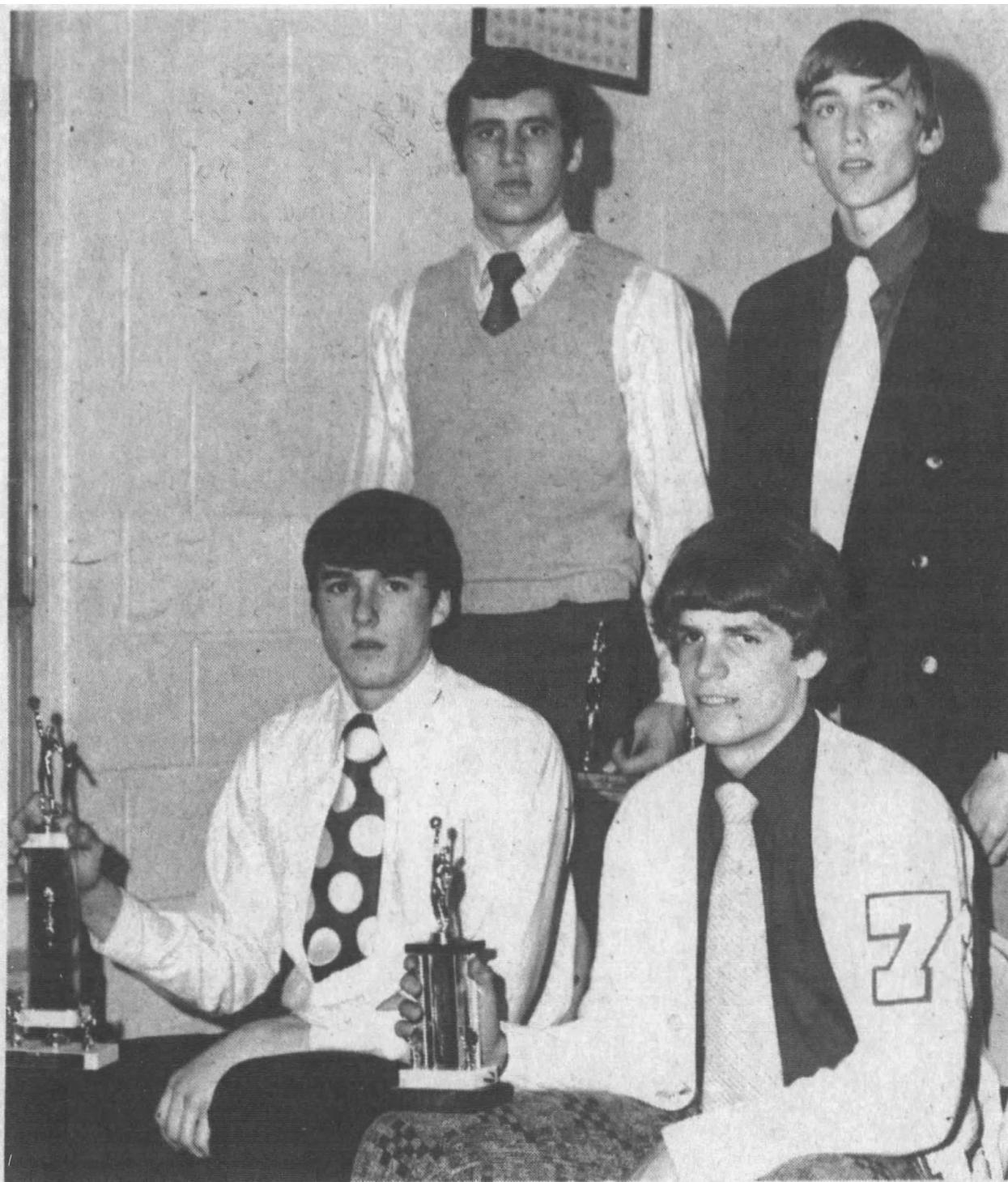
PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLASS	SIZE	AVG.
Scott May	Sandusky	12	6-5	30.2
Ken Brooks	Findlay	12	6-2	24.5
Mike Roads	Marion	12	6-3	16.5
Doug Taylor	Adm. King	12	6-1	17.9
Brad Franks	Lorain Sr.	12	6-5	21.6

SECOND TEAM

Bob Brudzinski	Ross	11	6-4	13.1
Tom Harris	Adm. King	11	6-2	18.9
Dave Hurley	Mansfield	12	6-6	16.8
John Arnold	Findlay	12	6-5	16.7
Dale Griffin	Elyria	12	6-7	13.6

THIRD TEAM

Chad Saladin	Lorain Sr.	11	5-8	13.6
Dave Sellers	Elyria	11	5-11	14.0
Chuck Rogers	Findlay	12	6-6	15.2
Willie Jordan	Sandusky	11	6-3	10.0
Neil Shaffer	Marion	12	5-10	13.4



BASKETBALL AWARD WINNERS during the Fremont Ross Winter Sports Awards Night program included: seated—Bob Brudzinski (left) and Steve Smith and Chuck Celek (standing at left) and Mike Miller. Brudzinski, a junior, was voted the Most

Valuable Player on the 1971-72 squad by his teammates while Smith, who's also a junior, was the top foul shooter. Celek and Miller along with Mike Feasel, who was not present, were named honorary captains. (News-Messenger Photo by Mark Carlson)

