

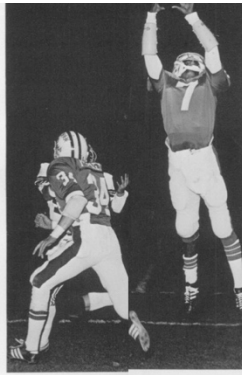
1980 Season review...

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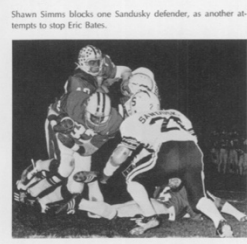
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After defeating traditional rival Sandusky, the team gathers in the locker room to celebrate its undisputed Buckeye Conference Championship.



Safety, Tony Gant, stretches to make his third interception of the night against the Sandusky Blue Streaks.



Shawn Simms blocks one Sandusky defender, as another attempts to stop Eric Bates.

We	They
33	Tiffin Col. 7
41	Tol. Devils 0
6	Tol. Capt. 0
35	Adm. King 12
12	Cleve. Ben. 21
30	Elyria 0
12	Lorain Sr. 6
29	Marion 0
33	Findlay 0
7	Sandusky 0
Record: 9 wins 1 loss	

A struggling Blue Streak is about to be brought down by Eric Gant.

Cantankerous Computer Causes Chaos

"Go Ross! Beat Sandusky!"

That's just what the Ross football team did to gain an undisputed Buckeye Conference Championship Title. The Little Giants defeated Sandusky 7-0, and then the waiting began to find out whether or not Ross had qualified for District play.

Coach Moore was notified on Monday morning that the team had qualified. Someone made a mistake. When the computer ratings came out there was Ross finishing 3rd, one point behind Sandusky who was then given the berth in District play.



Quarterback Mike Eicher successfully evades a Sandusky blitz, long enough to find one of his receivers.





Ross tri-captains

Players on the Fremont Ross Little Giants football team elected tri-captains Thursday, the day before picture day for the Little Giants. The new captains are Mike Eicher (8), Shawn Simms (40) and Eric Gant (59). The trio is pictured with Ross head Coach Pete Moore. The Little Giants and Fremont St. Joe along with the nine other area teams will be

taking part in the first of three preseason scrimmage games today. Ross will host Oregon Cardinal Stritch at the Ross practice fields while St. Joe will be traveling to Springfield Local. St. Joe did not elect captains this season, instead opting to name two captains before each game. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Kennedy)

Scrimmage games

Work to do

Typical first scrimmages is the description in a nutshell for the area high school football teams after Saturday's first performances under fire.

Number of touchdowns were kept but most coaches discount the scoring in favor of performance and execution as the key things to look for in scrimmages.

"We looked pretty good defensively," Ross Coach Pete Moore said after Ross won a 4-0 scrimmage over Cardinal Stritch. "We look pretty steady on defense. The offense had three touchdowns and the defense one."

Ross's "D" intercepted two passes, returning one for a touchdown. "We felt we had good pursuit at this time," Moore added.

"Offensively, we were pretty spotty. Some places looked like we had been working on and others, it did not," he continued, "but it takes time for the offense."

"I'm just glad we have film so we can watch our mistakes," Moore concluded.

Ross will scrimmage at Port Clinton Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

St. Joe defeated Springfield Local 3-1 in regular play and 2-0 in goal line situations.

"We started pretty slow," Rick Wonderly, coach of St. Joe described, "but once we got started, we scored three of the four times we had the ball."

"Our passing and option looked smooth," Wonderly said, "but we need work on the sweep."

"Defensively, we looked good until the final series when we let up a little."

St. Joe will travel to Shelby Wednesday for a 6 p.m. scrimmage.

Woodmore and Northwood tied 1-1.

"It was so-so," Coach Denny Epling said about his Woodmore performance. "On offense we were mediocre. I was not happy with a whole lot of things but we were looking at some new kids and we had a couple out."

"Defensively, it was not bad," he said. "We have a couple of things to clean up but some kids looked good and others didn't."

Woodmore will host Evergreen at Elmore at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the next preseason test.

At Genoa, the Comets and Liberty Center tied 1-1 with the first units while Liberty Center scored once with its second team.

"We had a lot of mistakes," Coach Dave Hitchen said about Genoa. "It was a typical first scrimmage with the first year kids making mistakes. We felt that the kids did better as the scrimmage went on. We were happy that they were able to come around and get into the end zone after we had trouble figuring out blocking schemes on their defense."

"The offensive line looked good — they made large holes," Lakota's Coach Gary Scherger said after his team defeated Wynford 1-0.

"We did not run the option very well," he said.

"Defensively, I was not very happy," he continued, "Especially with our corner play. We let their quarterback get outside too much."

Lakota will be at Fostoria Wednesday for a 7 p.m. scrimmage.

Margaretta's Dana Woodring, beginning his second year as a mentor of the Polar Bears, discovered from a scrimmage with Avon that a lot of work is ahead of his squad if they are to equal last season's effort.

Woodring complained of inconsistency on both the offense and the defense. Line play in particular was a troublesome spot.

"We were taking a long look at the line because that's where we are extremely green," Woodring explained. "The scrimmage allowed us to get a look at everyone on film and see where the most work should be done."

At Port Clinton, the Redskins concentrated on their running game in a scrimmage with Amherst.

The Redskins, who join the Sandusky Bay Conference this season, passed the ball only seven times in the scrimmage. Most of their plays were between the tackles mixed in with a few sweeps.

Port Clinton will tackle Ross in a Tuesday night scrimmage. In that one, the Redskins will concentrate on its passing game, Hemminger said.

Defense dominated a scrimmage between Clyde and Bellevue at Bellevue. The Fliers and the Redmen first units battled to a 0-0 tie.

The Clyde second team did score a touchdown, however.

"Both teams played aggressive defense and faltered on offense," Bellevue head coach Terry Adams said.

Leslie 'Butch' Spaeth, head coach at Clyde, was not available for comment.



STOPPED. A Ross Little Giants defender has a Cardinal Stritch ball carrier in his grasp during the scrimmage game Saturday. Another

Little Giant is set to make sure the runner goes no further. (N-M photos by Terry Overmyer)

Wanted: Scrappers

"Scrappers" are needed by the Ross football team according to Coach Pete Moore.

The "scrappers" he wants are not football players but senior girls who will volunteer to keep a scrapbook for the senior players on the Little Giants.

"They have to be senior girls," Moore said is the only requirement.

Girls interested should be at Harmon Stadium at 3 p.m. Tuesday to meet with Moore.

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Sports

Bob Marker, editor

Brett's a vera

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

Well, it seems the folk who said baseball would never have another .400 hitter were right.

Would you believe .401? Say it slowly and reverently — four-oh-one — because that's what George Brett of the Kansas City Royals is batting today. The season, though, still has seven weeks to go — the last .400 hitter was Boston's Ted Williams, who hit .406 in 1941 — but the way Brett is sizzling these days he might keep going up instead of dropping.

After all, Rod Carew was hitting .384 on Aug. 17, 1977, and finished at .388.

"I think the longer I'm up there, the longer the pressure is going to mount," said Brett, who is on a 29-game hitting tear that included a 4-for-4 performance — two singles, two doubles and five RBI — in Sunday's 8-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays. "And the longer the hitting streak goes on, the more it's going to mount. I'm sure it's going to be tough."

Brett's heroics overshadowed a slugging display by Al Oliver of Texas, who unloaded a double, triple and home run in the opener and slammed three more homers in the nightcap of a doubleheader, driving in seven runs as the Rangers swept the Detroit Tigers 9-3, 12-6.

For devotees of tight pitching, Baltimore's Scott McGregor and New York's Luis Tiant waged a brilliant duel, with McGregor and the Orioles prevailing 1-0 to slice the Yankees' lead in the American League East back to 3½-games.

Elsewhere, the Milwaukee Brewers took two from the Cleveland Indians 4-0 and 11-1, the Seattle Mariners edged the Oakland A's 4-3 and the Minnesota Twins won a pair from the California Angels 8-1 and 6-5. The Boston-Chicago doubleheader was called off because of wet grounds.

Brett singled in the third and fifth innings and rapped a tiebreaking two-run double — all off Jim Clancy — in the seventh and a three-run double off Mike Barlow in the eighth, giving him 88 RBI in 82



MIKE EICHER, quarterback for the Little Giants, cocks his arm to let fly with an aerial against Cardinal Stritch. The Little Giants scored four

times during the Saturday scrimmage game. Ross will be at Port Clinton Tuesday for a 7 p.m. preseason test against the Redskins.

Ross, PC end up 0-0

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The comments of Ross football Coach Pete Moore concerning the Tuesday evening football scrimmage at Port Clinton were inadvertently omitted from Wednesday's edition of The News-Messenger. I apologize for the omission. Bob Marker)

PORT CLINTON — Ross and Port Clinton played to a scoreless deadlock in a "passing" high school football scrimmage here Tuesday evening.

Both teams were required to throw passes seven of every 10 plays.

"Again," Ross Coach Pete Moore began, "our defense was really steady. They completed the two long ones but we played the pass very well.

"We were working hard on our linebackers and the pass rush and it was just a steady performance," Moore said, "and that's what we want to maintain this year."

The two long passes that Port Clinton completed were for around 45 yards each.

Talking about the offense, Moore admitted, "We did not do a very good job of pass blocking and from that point, we probably will run the ball a little more than we anticipated at this point.

"We did look good running the ball even though it was only for three plays out of 10."



THE ROSS DEFENSE SWARMS IN ON MACOMBER'S QUARTERBACK.

Bannister leads Tribe past Royals 4-1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Alan Bannister collected three hits and

was thrown out trying for third and Hargrove went to second on the throw.

After Toby Harrah walked, Bannister grounded to shortstop U.L.

the first and Bannister singled across Hargrove with the fourth run in the

Final tune up for Little Giants

Offensive coordinator Rex Radeloff paced the sidelines like a nervous father awaiting the birth of his first child and muttered, "I'll be disappointed if our defense can't stop them. I just hope we move the ball."

Well, Radeloff's fears were quickly put to rest as the Ross Little Giants, behind a strong offensive performance, whipped Toledo MacComber 3-0 in their final scrimmage game before the Aug. 29th opener against Columbian.

Radeloff's offensive troops moved pretty much at will against the Macmen, running up the gut for big yardage and then riding the arm of Mike Eicher.

"We're getting ready," head coach Pete Moore said after the scrimmage. "We didn't get tested as well as we did last year when we scrimmaged them."

Moore was particularly pleased, to no surprise, with his offense.

"Offense is tough to teach," he said. "There's a lot more timing, discipline and precision. I think at this point, most teams' defense are way ahead of the offense."

"Off all the three scrimmages, our defense has played steady. On offense, we improved. We got the protection today and when you get the protection you can throw."

The Little Giant defense shut down the Macmen on offense.

"I think to be a success you have to be strong defensively," Moore said. "I think they got past the 50 once."

The only portion of the scrimmage that went bad for Ross was the goal line drill. MacComber took that 2-1.

"Overall I'm happy," Moore said, "even though they scored twice on the goal line drill. We haven't worked on that yet and we will this week."

Smile . . . it's the Little Giants 'D'

Ask Joe Siesel about the Ross defensive football team and you will get a big smile.

It could be bigger but Siesel, a former linebacker for the New York Giants and Bowling Green State University star, is well on his way at getting a good laugh if his team keeps improving as it did during the preseason scrimmage games.

Siesel, the Little Giants' defensive coordinator under head Coach Pete Moore, commanded a defense that posted three shutouts while giving up only 80 points a year ago.

"We had a good defense," were the first words that tumbled out of Siesel's mouth when asked about 1979. "The kids played well and they played aggressively."

"And," he smiled, "we have a lot of kids back. A few may be at different positions, though."

One of the biggest switches for Siesel and Ross will be Dennis Murray, a two-year letter winner, being put at the strong outside linebacker. He was a defensive tackle for two years and played a bit of defensive end last season.

"That's the spot (linebacker) where Dale Jennings played," Siesel pointed out. Jennings was an all-Buckeye Conference performer for Ross.

Skipping back to '79, Siesel said the only poor game his defensive unit had was in the mud in Sandusky. That game ended in a 14-14 tie.

The strength of the Little Giants "D" is in the linebacker and secondary corps. Only twice did Ross opponents score on pass plays.

Murray and Shawn Simms, another two-year letterman, are the outside linebackers. Simms is the team's only two-way performer. Murray, 6-3, 185, and Simms, 6-2, 200, are seniors. Mitch Curless and Bob Lotycz are the backups at the positions.

Veterans Jim Casey, senior, 6-0, 190, and Eric Gant, senior, 5-9, 180, are the inside linebackers. These positions, according to the Ross philosophy, are two of the key spots in the defense. Chad Parker and Dave Hicks are the second line players at the positions.

Brent Foos, 6-0, 170, and Tom Pendrey, 6-1, 175, both lettermen, are the halfbacks. Both are seniors. Backing up the pair are Todd Johnson, Dave Eckhardt and Mark Balsizer.

Another letterman, Kevin Widman, senior, 6-1, 175, is the safety. Promising junior Tony Gant is pushing Widman for the starting berth. Matt

Andrews is another safety possible.

The line is where Ross has to come up with the front line players. That is the area where the Little Giants were hardest hit via graduation.

Siesel listed four players as having shots at the starting defensive ends. Troy Barton, 6-4, 200, senior and Tony Michael, 6-0, 175, senior, were getting the starting shots during the preseason scrimmages. Pushing them are Mark Mathias

and Jerry Gillmor, both juniors.

Dave Zyski, senior, 5-10, 220, and Joe Provonsha, senior, 6-0, 220, give Ross a bit of beef at the tackles. Tony Gardner, the biggest player on Ross at nearly 250 and Tom Garaqi, another 220-pounder, are the backups.

Despite the size at the tackles, Siesel claims that his squad is not big enough to "stand in and slug it out."

"We have to be doing a (Continued on page 5)

LITTLE GIANTS returning lettermen backs and linebackers (left to right) Brent Foos, Tom Pendrey, Kevin Widman, Mike Eicher, Jim Casey, Tom Kiser and Shawn Simms.



FOUR ROSS defensive linemen charge. Left to right are Troy Barton, Tracey Wright, Dave Zyski and Tony Michael. The linebackers are Jim Casey, left, and Eric Gant.



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THE SHAPE OF LUXURY

Bates runs wild in Ross win

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ERIC BATES of Ross prepares to cut behind the block of a Ross lineman while rolling up a portion of his 204 yards during

Friday's game against Tiffin Columbian. The Ross junior carried the ball 20 times and scored on a 72-yard run in the Little

Giants' 33-7 victory in the 1980 gridiron opener. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Kennedy)

Foos takes top spot

CLEVELAND — Jim Foos, 12, of Fremont finished ahead of his competitor in the Pitch, Hit and Run competition Friday night before the Chicago White Sox-Cleveland Indian game.

Foos had 470 points to easily outdistance Kevin Bennett of Centertown, Ky.

Foos' score will be compared to 10 other division winners with the top two scorers advancing to the next phase of the competition at Shea Stadium in New York on Sept. 10.

Angels blank Orioles 5-0

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rick Miller rapped a two-run triple and Freddie Martinez fired a six-hitter and outdueled 21-game winner Steve Stone in pitching the California Angels to a 5-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles Friday night.

The loss dropped the Orioles to 1½ games behind New York in the American League East following the Yankees 5-1 victory over Seattle. California's triumph snapped a five-game losing streak and gave the Angels their first decision over the Orioles in 13 regular-season games, dating back to July 1979.

Martinez, 4-6, completed his first game in 16 starts this season. He

Little Giants pour it on in 2nd half

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

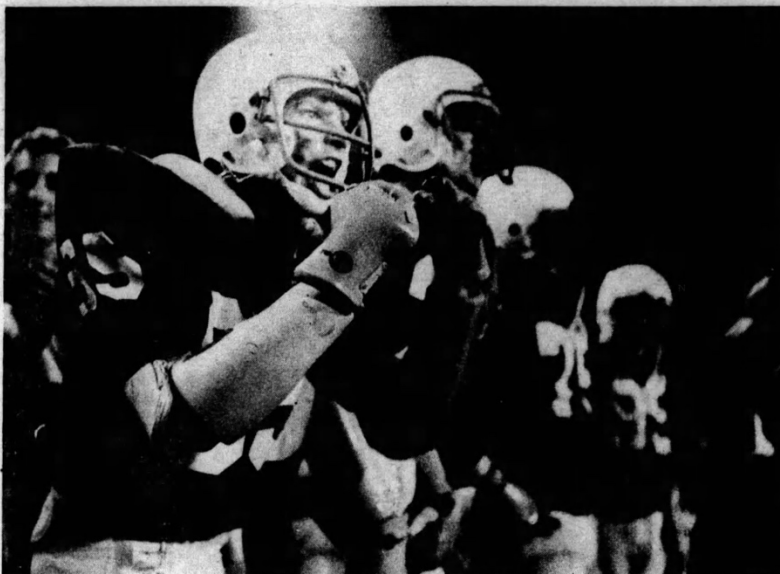
Eric Bates picked up the quick silver award and Brent Foos turned out to be the master thief as Fremont Ross kicked off the 1980 football season with a 33-7 conquest of game, but outgunned Tiffin Columbian.

Bates, whose brother Terry holds the single season Ross rushing mark, lugged the ball 20 times for 204 yards, including a jaunt that took the wind out of the Tornadoes. Bates romped 72 yards just 44 seconds into the second half to raise Ross's lead to 20-0 and for all intents and purposes, that was the game.

"There were three things that really hurt us," Tom Greer, the new head coach at Columbian, pointed out after the game. "First, we fumbled that kickoff, second we had the penalty that took away the touchdown, and third, that long run."

The fumble on the kickoff followed Ross's first TD, a one-yard plunge by fullback Jeff Kiser that capped a four-play, 36-yard drive. Foos came up with the kickoff fumble after Columbian's Tony Colatruglio had been jolted by a gang of Little Giants.

It took Ross eight plays to drive 22 yards for the TD. A 20-yard pass from Ross quarterback Mike Elcher to Scott Logan on a fourth and 16 from the Columbian 28 was the key play. Two plays later, Kiser bulled in from the one for his second six-pointer of the young season.



THATA WAY FELLAS! Dave Hicks of Ross gives some vocal encouragement to his Ross High School Little Giants teammates during a pressure play.

Hicks and the Little Giants got a running start on the season with a 33-7 win over Tiffin Columbian.

Midway through the second period, Greer's charges met with success only to have a yellow flag wipe it off the board. Marching from the Ross 47, Tornado signal caller John Culver lofted a pass into the arms of Larry Peck in the back of the end zone for an apparent touchdown. That, however, was no go as Columbian was called for holding.

Three plays later,

another Culver passed failed and Ross had the ball.

Then it was Bates' run and Columbian was knocked nearly windless.

Bates ran for 91 first half yards on 16 carries and added 113 on just four carries in the second half before being given a rest for the night.

"My brother called me," Bates said as he savored

the win, "and told me that he would be here."

Whether the elder Bates made it or not, the younger Bates, a junior, did not know. He did know that he had a big block from Tony Gardner on the long run.

"Every guy up front did a good job tonight," Bates praised. That was verified by Ross Coach Pete Moore.

"I thought the offensive line fired out very con-

sistently tonight," he said. "Sure, there were some mistakes but they knew what they had to be tonight — consistent."

Ripping the holes for Bates were tackles Scott Manahan and Gardner, guards Bill Hicks and Rob Reardon, center Tom Smith and tight end Shawn Simms and Dan Bowlenbacher.

A facet of the game that Moore liked was the

chance to go as deep as the fourth string.

"I like to play a lot of kids," he said. "As far as I am concerned, it was a shutout for the first team defense."

Defensive coordinator Joe Siesel hastily seconded that observation. "I told my kids that it was a shutout for them. After all, you can't keep the first string in there when you are ahead 33-0."

Foos, in addition to picking up the key fumble recovery on Ross's second kickoff, stepped in front of two Culver passes. Both came in the third period with the last setting up Ross's final score.

After Bates' third period romp, Ross scored on Elcher's reverse direction 21-yard run at the 8:52 mark of the third period and Tony Gant sneaked one-yard with 1:15 to play, also in the third period, after Foos' second theft.

Gant had run 18 yards to the one on the play before he scored.

"It's great to get this first one," Moore smiled while cooling off in the stands. "The first one is always the toughest to get ... you get that first one and it gets you rolling in the right direction."

Defensively, Ross held the Tornadoes to 203 total yards, 100 passing and 103 running. Ross rolled up 379 yards, 333 on the ground. Elcher was four for five passing for 46 yards. Scott Logan had two pass receptions for 32 yards.

The leading rusher for Columbian was Joe Hunter with 62 on 14 carries. Columbian scored with 3:08 to play on a 26-yard pass from Culver to sophomore Chris Belville.

Ross will host Toledo DeVilbiss next Friday while Columbian debuts at home against Bowling Green.

Ross Boosters meet Tuesday

The Ross Boosters will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Ross High School cafeteria.

Movies of the Columbian-Ross football game will be shown and a scouting report of Toledo DeVilbiss will be given.

Women's kegler team needed

A women's team is needed for the Rainbow Keglers.

The league bowls at 9:15 p.m., Tuesdays, at Rainbow Lanes. The regular season begins Sept. 2.

Any team interested should contact Rainbow Lanes, 332-1111, or Jeanne Schoch, 332-9800.

Streak runners stop Old Fort, Bettsville

OLD FORT — Fremont St. Joe was 2-0 and 0-2 in cross country action Friday.

The Crimson Streaks boys team stopped Old Fort and Bettsville but the St. Joe Girls lost both ends of the double dual to the same teams.

St. Joe's boys stopped Old Fort 22-33 and posted a 16-42 win over the Bobcats. Tom Wilhelm, Matt Freeh, George Ehrman and Matt Setzler finished second through fifth for the Streaks. Rob Slater was the fifth St. Joe runner to cross the line, finishing ninth.

Clark Sturgill was the individual winner, running the two and one-half miles in 14:05. Old Fort defeated Bettsville 21-38.

Bettsville's girls defeated Old Fort 21-37 and blanked the Streak girls 15-50. Old Fort stopped the St. Joe girls 15-44.

Mindy Mowery won the race for Bettsville, finishing in 17:51. Deb

Siefert of Old Fort was second in 19:34.

St. Joe will host Huron Wednesday at Thornwood Golf Links.

Following are the results of Friday's meet:

St. Joe 22, Old Fort 33; St. Joe 16, Bettsville 42; Old Fort 21, Bettsville 38.

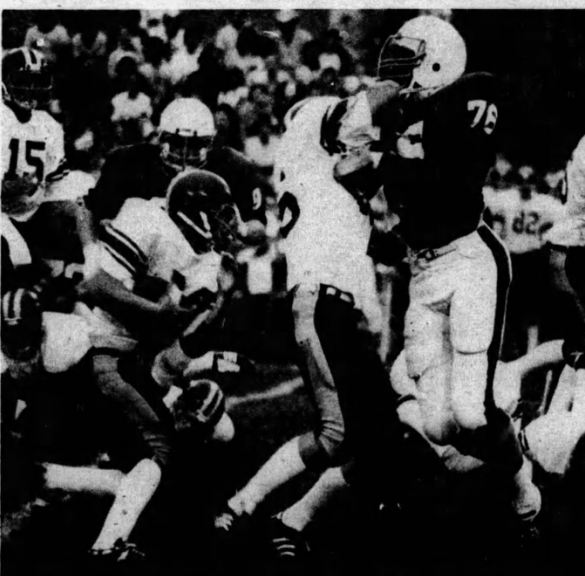
Top 15
1-Clark Sturgill (OF) 12:56; 2-Tom Wilhelm (SJ) 14:05; 3-Matt Freeh (SJ) 14:39; 4-George Ehrman (SJ) 14:45; 5-Matt Setzler (SJ) 14:52; 6-Kim Kissel (B) 14:59; 7-Tom Ortiz (OF) 15:01; 8-Kevin Joseph (OF) 15:02; 9-Rob Slater (SJ) 15:12; 10-John Molyet (OF) 15:13; 11-Mike Murphy (B) 15:28; 12-Joe Hartzel (B) 15:30; 13-Bob Gilmor (OF) 15:36; 14-Dennis Shay (OF) 15:40; 15-Dick Ranson (SJ) 15:44.

Season record: St. Joe 2-0, Old Fort 1-1, Bettsville 0-2.

Girls
Bettsville 21, Old Fort 37; Bettsville 15, St. Joe 50; Old Fort 15, St. Joe 44.

Top 10
1-Mindy Mowery (B) 17:51; 2-Deb Siefert (OF) 19:34; 3-Louise Miller (B) 19:48; 4-Leslie Chapman (B) 19:54; 5-Julie Posas (B) 19:55; 6-Kathy Molyet (OF) 20:01; 7-Tammy Slane (OF) 20:12; 8-Tammy Lanning (B) 21:36; 9-Kim Lynch (B) 21:53; 10-Sandy Philmore (OF) 22:00.

Season records: Bettsville 2-0, Old Fort 1-1, St. Joe 0-2.



DENNIS MURRAY of Ross shrugs off a Columbian blocker as the Tornadoes' Joe Hunter tries to cut inside during early action Friday. Hunter

ended up as Columbian's leading rusher with 62 yards. (N-M photos by Bill Kennedy)

Ross 33, Columbian 7**Scores by quarters**

Columbian	0	0	0	7	—	7
Ross	7	6	20	0	—	33

Statistics

	C	R
FIRST DOWNS	10	14
Rushing	8	12
Passing	2	1
Penalty	0	0
PASSES ATTEMPTED	18	5
Completed	6	4
Intercepted	2	0
NET YARDS GAINED		
(Total) 203		
Rushing	103	333
Passing	100	46
FUMBLES	1	3
Ball Lost	1	1
PENALTIES	6	13
Yards Penalized	47	98
PUNTS	4	4
Average	34.0	38.0

Scoring

Ross: Jeff Kiser, one-yard run (Greg Bobay kick), 3:42, first quarter.

Ross: Kiser, one-yard run (kick failed), 11:56, second quarter.

Ross: Eric Bates, 72-yard run (Bobay kick), 11:16, third quarter.

Ross: Mike Eicher, 21-yard run (kick failed), 8:52, third quarter.

Ross: Tony Gant, one-yard run (Bobay kick), 1:15, third quarter.

Columbian: Chris Belville, 26-yard pass from John Culver (Bill Dotson kick), 3:08, fourth quarter.

'High' DeVilbiss ready for Ross

Ross may be catching a team on a "high" Friday when Toledo DeVilbiss ventures into the open spaces of Harmon Stadium.

Ross, a 33-7 winner in a waltz over Tiffin Columbian last Friday night, will meet a team that is fresh off its first win since the 1978 season. The Tigers stopped Waite 15-6 in their opener.

"There is nothing like a win to keep the old spirits going," Ross Coach Pete Moore said as he talked about Friday's opponent. "I am sure they are coming down feeling that way (high). This is their out-of-town trip and they want to make the most of it."

Moore described DeVilbiss as a big ball club and said that the team has a couple of players that could play for the Little Giants.

Linebacker Kevin Gilmore, 6-3, 215, is a two-way performer for the Tigers and the player that impresses the Ross coach the most. Gilmore will play tight end offensively.

DeVilbiss will average a little over 195 pounds on the offensive line and averages 205 in the interior line defensively.

One of the items that bothered Moore after Ross's opening victory was the team's penalties. The Little Giants were slapped with 98 yards on 13 flags.

"I keep telling them not to do that," Moore managed to grin as he singled out no particular infraction. "I think we had one late hit and three clipping penalties.

"We would like to eliminate the penalties and we are working harder on doing that."

Moore said that he may introduce a few new passing plays Friday which will utilize the straight drop back.

"Last week we ran just sprint outs but we want to become consistent with the drop back. We want to be able to run it when we want to, not when we have to."

The Little Giants got through the Columbian game without any major injuries.

The Ross junior varsity football game slated for Sept. 13 has been switched to Oct. 11.

The Little Giants will host Lorain Senior in a 10 a.m. game on the 11th.

Ross defense scores twice in easy win

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Even though Ross scored 41 points in a shutout over Toledo DeVilbiss Friday night at Harmon Stadium, the game had all the excitement of watching the chrome rust on your car bumper.

It just didn't happen.

Ross's defense tried to fire it up with an incredible performance but offensively, Ross left the crowd waiting. And the officials had just as an exciting evening as the Little Giants' offense.

The Little Giants did gain over 300 yards in offense but there was not too many smiling faces on Ross coaches after the game.

"How can you win a game 41-0," Ross Coach Pete Moore asked, "and still feel bad?"

"I'm just glad," Moore continued, "that the defense showed up tonight. Our best offense tonight was the punt."

Led by linebackers Jim Casey, Eric Gant, Dennis Murray and Shawn Simms, the Little Giants' "D" shackled DeVilbiss' non-existent running attack with a minus-11 yards rushing. When the four linebackers were not in on a play, stubby tackle Dave Zyski was the man in the Tigers' backfield.

DeVilbiss managed 71 yards in the air with 42 of that total being gobbled up on one play.

"It was just a great defensive game," Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siesel said as he wiped a trickle of sweat from his

brow. "We had great defensive practices all week. We got a good linebacker game and I thought our up-front people had a good game."

"The only bad play we had was that pass," Siesel reflected, "and even on that one we had four guys hit him but we knocked ourselves off him."

That 42-yard strike from Tony Tugle to Greg Sargent ended up at Ross's 21. One play later, however, Ross defensive back Brent Foos stepped in front of a Tugle pass for his third interception of the season. He made it all the way back to the DeVilbiss 24 but that was called back because of a Ross penalty.

That penalty was one of 17 against Ross and accounted for 15 of the 176 total yards that the Giants walked backwards. What made matters worse and the game unbearably long was the Tigers were flagged for 63 yards on nine infractions.

"That's the longest game I have ever been in," was all Moore could say. The game ended at 10:40.

Moore then took a look at his offense and vowed, "There will be shuffling this week and we are going to get squared away before the Buckeye Conference comes around."

That leaves Toledo Central Catholic next Friday as another Ross testing pattern.

Defense, though, did come around for Ross. It scored a pair of touchdowns for the Little Giants

and allowed the Tigers into Little Giants territory only once — on that long pass.

Jim Casey recovered two fumbles, the first in the end zone for Ross's initial six-pointer midway through the first period. The 190-pound senior ended up with three knocked down passes in the contest.

Besides Foos' pass theft, Eric Gant swiped his first of the season and helped jar the ball from DeVilbiss

quarterback Darrell Bell for Casey's tally.

The second defensive TD was scored by Troy "Stork" Bartson when he recovered a blocked punt in the end zone. Simms stepped in front of the punt as Ross scored three times in the second period.

Spaced around the defensive heroics were a seven-yard TD run by Eric Bates, a 14-yarder by

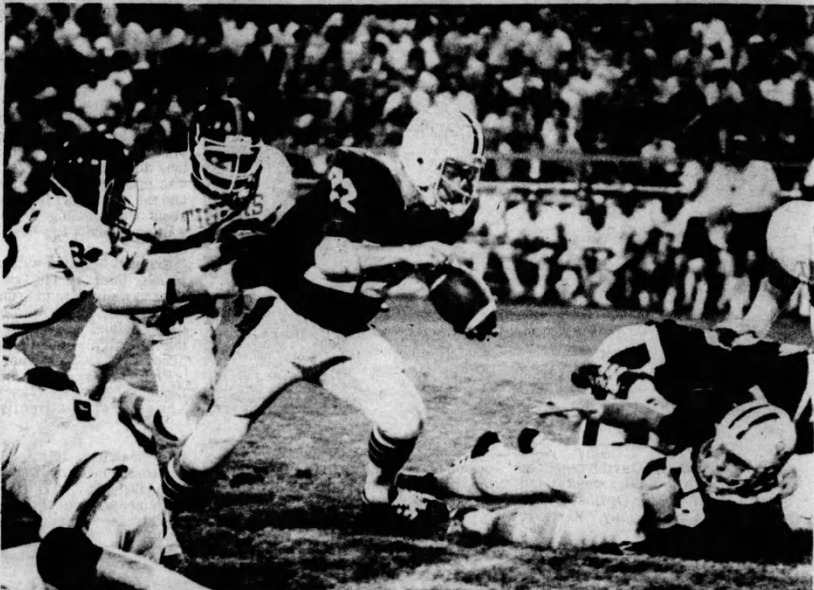
Clay Keim, a 35-yard scoring strike to Scott Logan from Mike Elcher and Tony Gant's one-yard sneak.

Bates, who rolled for 204 yards last week in the win over Columbian, was held to 57 yards on 14 carries by the Tigers. Keim, repeatedly blowing up through big holes in the middle, led the Ross carriers with 89 yards 15 carries. Jeff Kiser had 31

on four carries and Todd Johnson added another 26 with two carries.

Elcher hit only five of 17 passes but had 102 yards in the air. Several of his passes were batted down at the line of scrimmage.

Foos, going along with Moore's "best offense" remark, punted three times for a 33.7 average but his punts put DeVilbiss in poor field position at its own 11, one and five.



GIVE ME MY SHIRT BACK. Clay Keim, with the ball, is being pulled from behind by a DeVilbiss player as he tries to go through the line. Keim ran

for 89 yards and scored one touchdown in the Ross victory. (N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Scores by quarters

DeVilbiss 0 0 0 0—0
 Ross 6 22 0 13—41

Statistics

FIRST DOWNS	R	D
Rushing	14	5
Passing	8	0
Penalty	5	3
PASSES ATTEMPTED	1	2
Completed	17	16
Intercepted	5	5
NET YARDS GAINED	1	2
(Total)	314	60
Rushing	212	-11
Passing	102	71
FUMBLES	2	6
Ball Lost	0	4
PENALTIES	17	9
Yards Penalized	176	63
PUNTS	3	3
Average	33.7	37.0

Scoring

Ross: Jim Casey, fumble recovery in end zone (kick failed), 4:47, first quarter.

Ross: Eric Bates, seven-yard run (run failed), 11:03, second quarter.

Ross: Clay Keim, 14-yard run (Mike Eicher run), 3:35, second quarter.

Ross: Troy Bartson, recovered blocked punt in end zone (Eicher pass to Dan Bollenbacher), 1:21, second quarter.

Ross Scott Logan, 35-yard pass from Eicher (Greg Bobay kick), 5:59, fourth quarter.

Ross: Tony Gant, one-yard run (kick failed), 1:50, fourth quarter.

Moore's verdict: Ross is guilty

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross the was plaintiff and the Officials were the defendants as the Ross coaches held court after last Friday's 41-0 win over outgunned Toledo DeVilbiss.

The jury was out until sometime Saturday when the game films were placed in the hands of "Judge" Pete Moore and his assistant judges.

"We held trial," said "Judge" Moore, who, when not in judicial garb, is the head coach of the Ross football team, "and we were guilty." Guilty? Of what?

Seventeen yellow flags and 176 steps backwards is what. That's otherwise known as 17 penalties and 176 yards carved out of any Ross progress in the Ross-DeVilbiss game. It was a facet that Moore wanted to slice out of the Ross arsenal.

"There were only three questionable calls," the "Judge" pointed out, slapping the gavel to the wood, and that was it.

The sentence was more work for the Little Giants in trying to correct the situation.

"I don't think we will play with any officials next week (this Friday)," Moore laughed as he pulled on his coaching cap. "The game's going to be on the honor system."

Toledo Central Catholic may have other feelings on that matter. The Irish will be in town Friday as Fremont St. Joe grad Mike

Beier makes another attempt to upend the Little Giants. Beier, the coach of the Irish, has not tasted a win against Ross.

It will be Beier's fourth attempt . . . his team lost in 1977 to Ross 14-12 but later that year Beier had the last laugh as the Irish went to the state playoffs. Ross won in 1978 by a 46-14 count and again last year at the Glass Bowl 21-0. These are the only three times that Central and Ross have played.

"They have a big kid at tackle," Moore said as he gave a brief description of Central, "and they have a receiver that does a nice job. The quarterback is lefthanded and the team has good size and nice speed."

Dave Dunham, 6-4, 260, is the "big kid" Moore was talking about. He is a three-year starter and plays offensive and defensive tackle. Chris Seitz, 6-3, 165-pound senior, is the receiver that Moore has great respect for while Bob Zalewski will call the signals for the Irish.

Central Catholic is 1-1 this season.

Moore, while not pointing it out, is still searching hard for a consistent offensive attack. Even though the team generated more than 300 yards against DeVilbiss, costly mistakes such as penalties and misfiring plays hurt the Little Giants.

After last Friday's game, Moore vowed that there would be changes made but he would not

elaborate earlier this week.

"We are going to have it worked out before the Buckeye," he promised last Friday in the locker room. The game with Central will be the final testing phase before Admiral King sails in Sept. 19.

ROSS NOTES: Eric Bates is averaging 7.67 yards per carry with 261 yards on 34 carries. Clay Keim came off the bench to gain 89 yards on 15 carries from the fullback slot against DeVilbiss and has 116 yards for a 5.27 average on 22 carries. Keim is expected to get the starting call at fullback this week based on last Friday's performance.

In all, 11 Little Giants have carried the ball in the first two games. Ten Little Giants have scored at least two points so far with Bates, Jeff Kiser and Tony Gant leading the list with 12 points apiece.

Scott Logan is the leading receiver with four for 84 yards. Quarterback Mike Eicher is nine for 22 for 148 yards and a touchdown.

Brent Foos is averaging 36.14 yards per punt.

As a team, Ross has allowed 90 yards rushing on 56 plays and 171 yards on 11 completed passes. Ninety plays (running or pass plays only) have been run against Ross with the defense giving up an average of only 2.9 yards per play.

Ross is averaging 346.5 yards per game with 272.5 coming on the ground.

Ross, St. Joe ease to victories

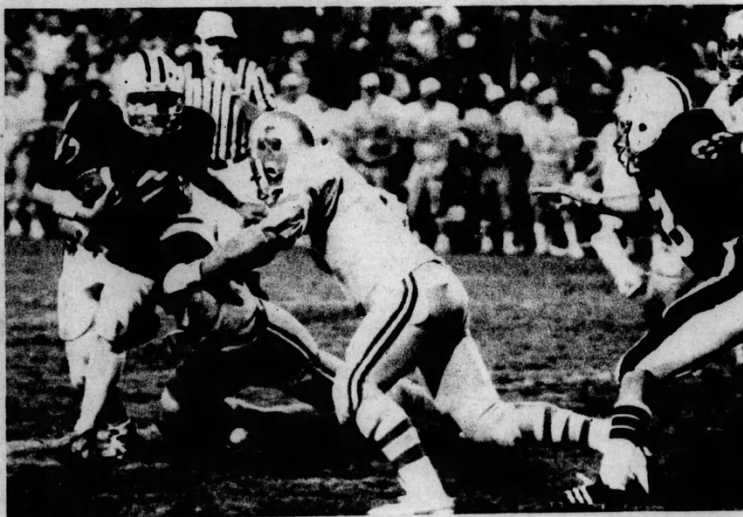
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ROGER DARR of St. Joe cuts behind **Tim Cullen** during first period action at Gibsonburg. Darr rolled up 118 yards rushing as St. Joe scored late

in the contest to defeat the Golden Bears 15-9 and up its season mark to 2-1. Gibsonburg is also 2-1.



CHARLIE HEID of Ross is about to be brought down by a pair of Central Catholic defenders. Heid was carrying the ball on a wingback

reverse during third period play at Harmon Stadium Friday night.



Touchdown!

That's what it was and the signal given by this Ross Little Giants player followed the only score of the night as Ross defeated Toledo Central Catholic 6-0. The Little Giants scored on a 76-yard pass from Mike Eicher to Scott Logan in the third quarter. (N-M photos by Bill Kennedy)

Eicher to Logan bomb stops Irish

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Scott Logan hauled in a pass from Mike Eicher and raced 76 yards as Ross fought off the yellow flag plague while nipping Toledo Central Catholic 6-0 at Harmon Stadium Friday night.

Ross survived a dozen penalties and 145 yards of negative yardage via the yellow flag during the contest. A week ago, Ross was penalized 17 times for 176 yards.

"The question is," Ross Coach Pete Moore tried to explain the penalties, "are we that slow that we have to clip

guys? I don't think we are that slow. I think it is just a lack of mental concentration.

"They know that they are not supposed to clip. They know they have to keep the play clean," he said.

"Anyway," Moore frowned, "we won the game 6-0."

"One pass play for a touchdown beat us last week," Central Coach Mike Beier said quietly after the contest. "And we got beat on a touchdown pass tonight and that was enough to win it."

The Eicher to Logan combo was the

big play for the sputtering, penalty-plagued Little Giants offense. The big play for the Ross defense lasted the whole game.

Shawn Simms was the fifth man in Central's backfield the whole night and defensive end Bob Lotycz came up with a pair of timely quarterback sacks as Central was driving with less than a minute to play in the contest.

Ross defensive halfback Brent Foos came up with his fourth and fifth interceptions of the season and banged a punt dead at the Irish three midway through the final period.

The Little Giants gave up only 47 net yards on the ground and another 61 in the air but still had to stop a pair of final period Central drives.

Simms tossed tailback Joe Simon for a two-yard loss on a fourth and six inches to go at the Ross 39 on the first play of the fourth period.

"That was the critical point," Beier said. "Our quarterback has the power to check off and he did and unfortunately he made a mistake. We felt that if we had made the first down, we were in four down territory and would have used them all."

Beier wanted to send fullback Jim Rose off guard on a crucial play but instead Simms caught Simon trying to sneak around right end on the play.

"That certainly was the turning point," Beier reaffirmed.

Ross won the game on a three-play 80-yard march midway through the third period. On a third and six at the Ross 24, Eicher rolled left, started toward the line enough to pull in the Central

secondary, and got off the pass that hit Logan in stride at midfield. The Ross wide receiver was never touched on his trip to the end zone.

That was the scoring. Ross's passing game was the bright spot of the offense. Eicher hit on seven of 13 for 112 yards. He also was Ross's second leading rusher with 51 on 10 carries. Eric Bates had 64 yards on 20 chances.

The Little Giants let another scoring chance slip away late in the first half. On a double pass play, Eicher hit Logan in back of the line who in turn lofted a pass over the Central secondary toward tight end Dan Bollenbacher who was all alone. The only problem was Bollenbacher had the ball filter through his hands.

Ross also drove to Central's 29, 36, 12 and 18 but each time a penalty would take away the momentum.

The Little Giants' defense took the ball from Central on the final two Ross penetrations but a penalty and a fumble by Bates with 1:26 to play gave Central a last chance.

Starting at the 18, Central reached the Ross 38 on a 21-yard pass from Zalewski to Jerry Matuszynski. The Irish reached the 30 on a face mask penalty on the play after Lotycz had tossed Zalewski for a loss.

With 26 seconds remaining, Lotycz again got Zalewski, this time for an 11-yard sack and the wind was out of Central.

Next week, Ross will host Admiral King in the Buckeye Conference opener. Two weeks from now, the Little Giants will take on powerful Cleveland Benedictine.



SCOTT MANAHAN rubs his eye as he watches the game Friday at Harmon Stadium. Manahan is an offensive tackle for the Little Giants.

Lopez shines in relief

CLEVELAND (AP) — Again, Mark "the Bird" Fidrych commanded most of the attention in the Detroit Tiger lockroom after the game.

And again, a stocky Mexican relief pitcher, Aurelio Lopez, dressed quietly in a corner after doing what he has done so well for the last two seasons — put Detroit in the victory column.

Mark Fidrych started the game for Detroit but was removed when his right shoulder stiffened. Fidrych faced two batters before Roger Weaver, who surrendered all three Cleveland runs in five innings, was summoned to the mound.

The Tigers broke a 3-3 tie in the eighth against Cleveland's Len Barker, 18-9.

Peters reached on an error by second baseman Alan Bannister, stole second and took third on Alan Trammell's single. Then, as Trammell was stealing second, Cleveland catcher Bo Diaz threw wildly attempting to pick Peters off third. Peters scored and Trammell continued to third, from where he scored on a wild pitch by Barker. Champ Summers capped the inning with his 14th home run, a solo shot for Detroit's final margin.

Fidrych started the Tigers' 63 triumph over the Cleveland Indians Friday night, but was removed as his shoulder stiffened after facing two batters. Fidrych, who had pitched excellent baseball in his last two starts while attempting to come back from various arm problems, is now questionable for his next outing.

But no questions surrounding Lopez. He pitched shutout, three-hit ball over the final four innings to raise his record to 12-5.

"I have a lot of wins and saves, but the team plays so well for me," explained the 31-year-old Lopez, who also has 18 saves.

Johnstone's double lifts LA past Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jay Johnstone's two-run double lifted the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds Friday night behind the combined four-hit pitching of Don Sutton and Steve Howe.

Sutton, 11-4, scattered three hits over seven innings while Howe picked up his 16th save, the most ever by a Los Angeles rookie.

Dodgers shortstop Bill Russell left the game in the third with a broken right index finger after he was hit while at bat in the third.

Los Angeles chased starter Mike LaCoss, 8-11, in the third when Derrel Thomas singled and Sutton walked. With two outs, Dusty Baker blooped an RBI single to right, and Steve Garvey followed with a bases-loading single. Sutton scored when LaCoss hit Ron Cey on the shoulder with a pitch.

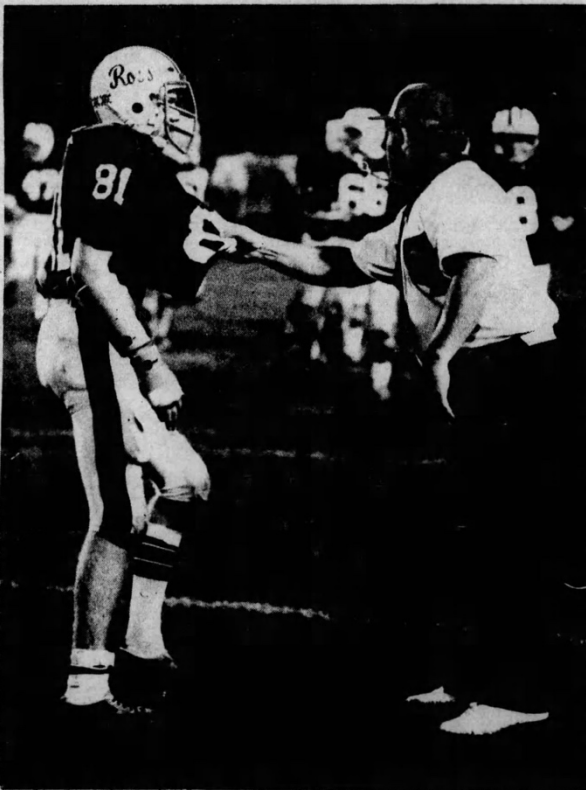
Reliever Joe Price, the second of five Cincinnati pitchers, walked Mike Scioscia and Davey Lopes in the fourth. Johnstone followed with a bases-clearing double.

Phillies fall 2½ behind Montreal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tony Scott's 11th-inning bases-loaded single scored pinch runner Mike Ramsey with the go-ahead run and the St. Louis Cardinals went on to a 5-0 victory over Philadelphia and a sweep of their twin-night doubleheader Friday.

The losses dropped the Phillies two games behind Montreal in the stretch drive for the National League East championship.

Leon Durham's first major-league grand slam home run lifted the Cardinals to a 7-4 victory in the first game.



COME HERE. Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siesel tugs at the shirt of defensive end Troy Barton during the fourth period of the Little

Giants' win over Toledo Central Catholic Friday. The Ross "D" gave up only 108 total yards. (N-M photos by Bill Kennedy)

Ross 6, Central 0**Score by quarters**

Central	0	0	0	0—0
Ross	0	0	6	0—6

Statistics

	R	C
FIRST DOWNS	7	10
Rushing	3	9
Passing	2	1
Penalty	2	0
PASSES ATTEMPTED	19	13
Completed	7	7
Intercepted	2	0
NET YARDS GAINED		
(total)	108	273
Rushing	47	161
Passing	61	112
FUMBLES	0	4
Ball Lost	0	2
PENALTIES	6	12
Yards Penalized	30	145
PUNTS	4	3
Average	37.0	36.3

Scoring

Ross: Scott Logan, 76-yard pass from Mike Eicher (kick failed), 6:13, third quarter.

Ross penalties bugging Moore

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross has been socked with 419 yards in penalties and each time a yellow flag falls lately, it has had a tendency to leave a little egg on the Little Giants' coaches faces.

One ardent Ross fan took it upon himself to ask Ross head coach Pete Moore a question after the Little Giants had walked off the field with a 6-0 victory over Toledo Central Catholic last Friday but also with 145 yards in penalties.

"Whatsa matta," the boisterous fan asked, "don't you teach the kids the rules?" That irked Moore to no end.

"Sure," he admitted, "you question yourself. You feel that if they execute, why all the penalties . . . I get a little red-necked about it."

"The next guy that comes out of the stands and asks if we teach the kids the rules," Moore said as his mouth went into a thin line and his voice tailed off while realizing the fans' gullability, "we spent eight hours in the classroom studying the rules."

Another thorn in Moore's side is the way the Little Giants are getting penalized.

"They are (most of them) non-aggressive penalties," he insisted. "It might be different if they were going out and knocking 'em up the nickle bleachers but most of them have just been love pats."

Most of the penalties have been stuck on the Ross offense, that surprisingly, take away the penalties, has been pretty consistent.

"We had series of 15, 13 and 11 plays," Moore recalled, "there were no points but we maintained the football. I feel that if we eliminated those penalties, we would look pretty good."

Continuing, the Ross coach said, "I hear everyone mumbling about the offense. They say we don't have any and it does not look like it but we do when you take away the penalties."

Moore is backed up by the Buckeye Conference stats. The Little Giants are first in total offense, averaging nearly 324 yards a game while scoring 80

points, also tops in the BC.

Conjecturing, take away half of the penalties and Ross could be averaging 394 yards a game and that's a bushful of yardage for high school teams.

Defensively, however, Ross has been flying high. The Little Giants' "D" is ranked third in the BC, allowing 125 yards a game. Ross is permitting only 1.75 yards per rushing play, second to Lorain's 1.65 per running effort.

Friday's opponent, Admiral King, is a study in futility. The Admirals are 0-3 and have scored only seven points in that span while giving up 81. The team ranks last in offense with 110 per game and gives up 287 yards defensively.

"They are young," Moore pointed out, "and he (Coach Fred Churchill) is going with the young kids to get them experience for next year."

Ross may have another problem that Moore has not witnessed surfacing yet. That is looking ahead a week to the game with the state's top ranked Class AA team, Cleveland Benedictine.

"I don't feel they are," Moore offered.

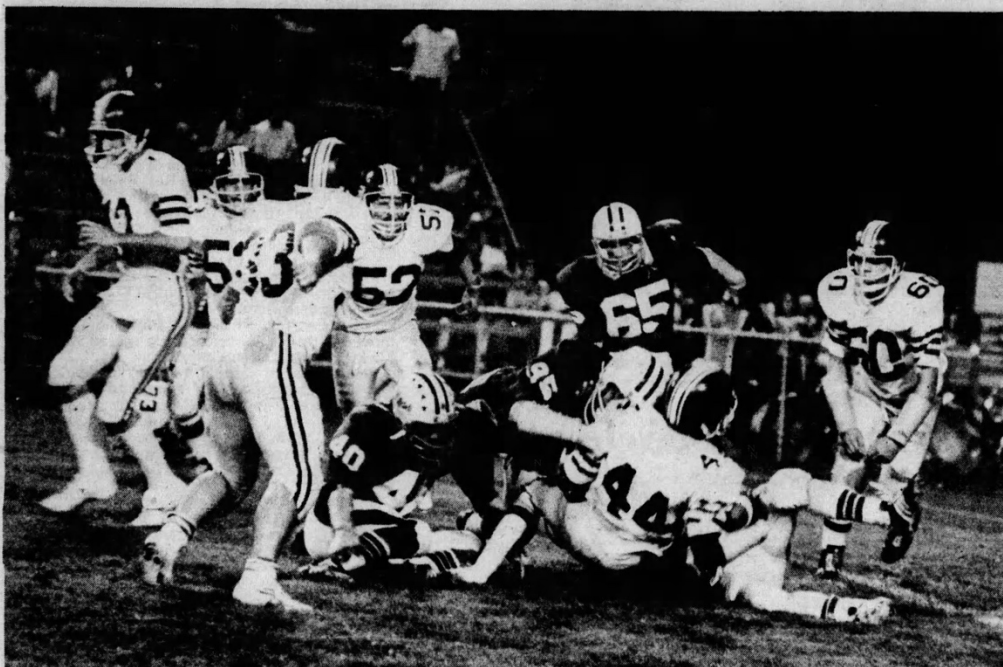
The game with Admiral King will be the 18th in the series. Last year's game was wiped out because of the Lorain teachers strike. Ross defeated the Admirals 23-6 in 1978. AK lead 8-6-3.

ROSS INJURY REPORT: The Little Giants had several bumps and bruises after the Central game. Linebacker Dennis Murray missed that game and will likely miss the game against AK. Brent Foos, the leading pass interceptor in the BC with five, wingback Gary Paxson and wide receiver Scott Logan are also questionable for Friday's game.

Ticket policy for Ross

A reminder of the ticket policy at Ross football games at Harmon Stadium: to sit in the stadium, only Ross High students and reserve ticket holders will be allowed in the west side gates. The east side

Giants step over Admirals 35-12



DOWN YOU GO FELLA. Larry Ross (44) of Lorain Admiral King is on his way to the earth after Ross's Craig Forgatsch (96) and Shawn Simms (40) during the Buckeye

Conference football opener for both teams. The Little Giants' Dave Hicks (65) gets a good view of the play as several Admirals dismally watch their teammate being

brought down. The Admirals' runner did have a measure of revenge, scoring one of the TDs on a 54-yard run late in the first half. (N-M photo by Scott Maynard)

Ross faces its meanest opponent

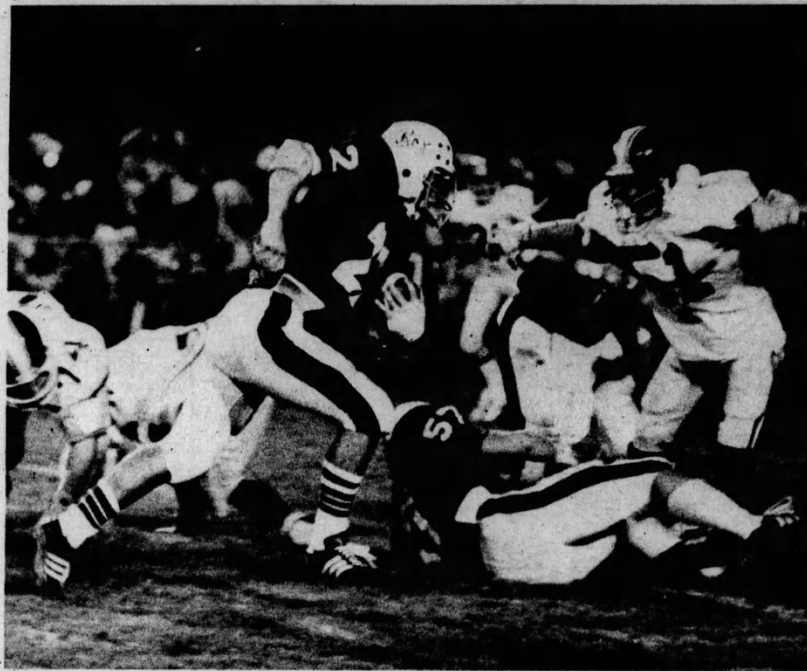
Ross's football team is battling a new opponent and it's one that it cannot see but one that is more dangerous than 11 people wearing football garb.

Infectious hepatitis has reared its head in the Ross ranks and as a result, approximately 105 football players plus coaches, trainers and managers were to be given shots to combat the disease this morning at 7 o'clock.

Hepatitis was detected in Ross defensive halfback Brent Foos Friday and that set off the alarm. Several other ill Ross players were taken to Fremont Memorial Hospital for blood tests Friday afternoon. As of game time Friday, no other Ross player had been officially confirmed as having hepatitis.

Foos, who had intercepted five passes in Ross's first three games, will likely miss the rest of the season. He is a senior.

Early miscues help Ross sink Admirals



CLAY KEIM of Ross heads for the hole during first half action Friday in the game against Admiral King. Keim was one of 11 Ross players to carry the

football Friday. He gained 30 yards on seven carries from the fullback slot. (N-M photos by Scott Maynard)

Detroit hangs on to top Cleveland 4-3

DETROIT (AP) — Al Cowens doubled home John Wockenfuss with the go-ahead run in the fifth inning to back the nine-hit pitching of Dan Schatzeder and Aurelio Lopez as the

DeCinces pulls O's past Jays

BALTIMORE (AP) — Doug DeCinces hit a two-run homer with one out in the 12th inning to give the Baltimore Orioles an 8-6 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays Friday night.

The opposite-field homer into the right field bleachers, his 13th, came off reliever Mike Willis, 1-1, who had not allowed an earned run in his previous 12 appearances. The blow scored Rick Demsew, who

Detroit Tigers defeated the Cleveland Indians 4-3 Friday night.

With Detroit trailing 3-0 in the fourth, Tom Brookens belted a two-run homer, his eighth of the season. Lou Whitaker then doubled and raced home from second with the tying run when Cleveland shortstop Jerry Dybzinski threw wide at first for an error on Rick Peters' grounder.

In the Detroit fifth, Wockenfuss doubled and came home when Cowens drilled his one-out liner to center.

Alan Bannister led off

the Cleveland fourth with a double, Mike Hargrove reached first when he was hit by a Schatzeder pitch and both scored on Gary Alexander's triple. Alexander came home on Toby Harrah's sacrifice fly to give the Indians the lead.

Shatzeder, 10-11, walked two and struck out two in equaling his career high for victories. He was relieved with one out in the ninth by Lopez, who earned his 19th save despite allowing a double to Ron Hassey to put runners on second and third.

But left fielder Steve Kemp caught Dave Rosello's fly ball for the second out and threw out Toby Harrah at the plate for the final out of the game.

Cleveland starter Bob Owchinko, 2-7, gave up 10 hits and struck out six in six innings.

**High school
football scores
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By **BOB MARKER**

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Fremont Ross turned four Admiral King give-aways into first half touchdowns while easing to a 35-12 Buckeye Conference opening victory at Harmon Stadium Friday night.

The Little Giants rolled up 382 yards in total offense and survived their fourth straight week of "yellow flagitis." Ross was whistled for 115 yards on 13 flags but the penalties were offset by the number of players the Little Giants got into action.

Ross, beset with sickness, had its entire front defensive four wiped out and went against the Admirals with four new bodies up front but that change did not help the Admirals gain a foothold.

"I felt that the kids we put in there, did a very good job," Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siesel said after the game. "We played well defensively until we got up 29-0."

"Then," Siesel explained, "we lost our intensity. We got a big lead and then had a letdown."

The Little Giants gave up 184 total yards, 102 on the ground and 82 via the air route, but 54 came on one running play and 46 on a pass, both going for the Admirals' touchdowns.

Larry Ross bolted 54 yards for AK's first TD with 72 seconds left in the first half. The second Admiral six-pointer came on a fluke reception. Quarterback Drew Minda fired a deep pass toward a speeding Cheval Breggins but the pass came up short and right into the hands of Ross defender Tom Pendrey. The ball, however, squirted through the Ross defender's hands and into Breggins' grasp who went all alone into the end zone midway through the final period.

"You can't say anything about that play," Siesel smiled, "he (Pendrey) had a good position on the play ... it just went through his hands."

Earlier in the contest, Pendrey had returned an interception 50 yards to the Admiral King 22 to set up Ross's fourth scoring march.

Eric Bates romped for 141 yards on 19 carries through a porous AK defense. He scored two plays after Pendrey's theft on a 20-yard run.

Ross scored first when Leon Rainey fumbled Ross's kickoff and the Little Giants' Tony Gant recovered at the Admiral 29. Eleven plays later, quarterback Mike Elcher sneaked in from the one to put Ross on the scoreboard at the 7:26 mark of the first period. The Little Giants survived a 15-yard clipping penalty which came in the end zone after Bates had seemingly scored.

In the second period, Tony Gardner recovered a Rainey fumble at the Admiral 19. On the second play, Elcher hit tight end Shawn Simms on a 24-yard pass for the TD.

Three minutes later, Gary Paxson ran 11 yards to paydirt on a wingback counter play. The TD was set up when Doug Winans recovered an Admiral Fumble on the kickoff. That made it 22-0 and Pendrey's interception set up the fourth Ross first half six-pointer.

Tony Gant's 46-yard run capped off the Little Giants scoring in the final period.

"We played a lot of kids out there tonight," head Coach Pete Moore agreed when he was told that the Little Giants had used five quarterbacks in the contest.

"I felt that the kids who stepped in tonight played very well," Moore explained while savoring the Little Giants' fourth win against no losses.

Next Friday, the Little Giants will host the Associated Press top Class AA state ranked team Cleveland Benedictine.

In other Buckeye Conference openers Friday, Sandusky edged Findlay 20-15, Elyria slipped past Marion Harding 7-0 and Lorain squeezed past Mansfield 6-0.

Ross 35, Admiral King 12**Score by quarters**

Admiral King	0	6	0	6—12
Ross	8	21	0	6—35

Statistics

	AK	R
FIRST DOWNS	6	18
Rushing	3	16
Passing	1	2
Penalty	2	0
PASSES ATTEMPTED	11	9
Completed	4	4
Intercepted	1	2
NET YARDS GAINED		
(total)	184	382
Rushing	102	328
Passing	82	54
FUMBLES	3	1
Ball Lost	3	0
PENALTIES	4	13
Yards Penalized	21	115
PUNTS	5	1
Average	28.6	45.0

Scoring

Ross: Mike Elcher, one-yard run (Eric Bates run), 7:26, first quarter.

Ross: Shawn Simms, 24-yard pass from Elcher (Greg Bobay kick) 11:23, second quarter.

Ross: Gary Paxson, 11-yard run (Bobay kick), 8:51, second quarter.

Ross: Bates, 20-yard run (Bobay kick), 5:49, second quarter.

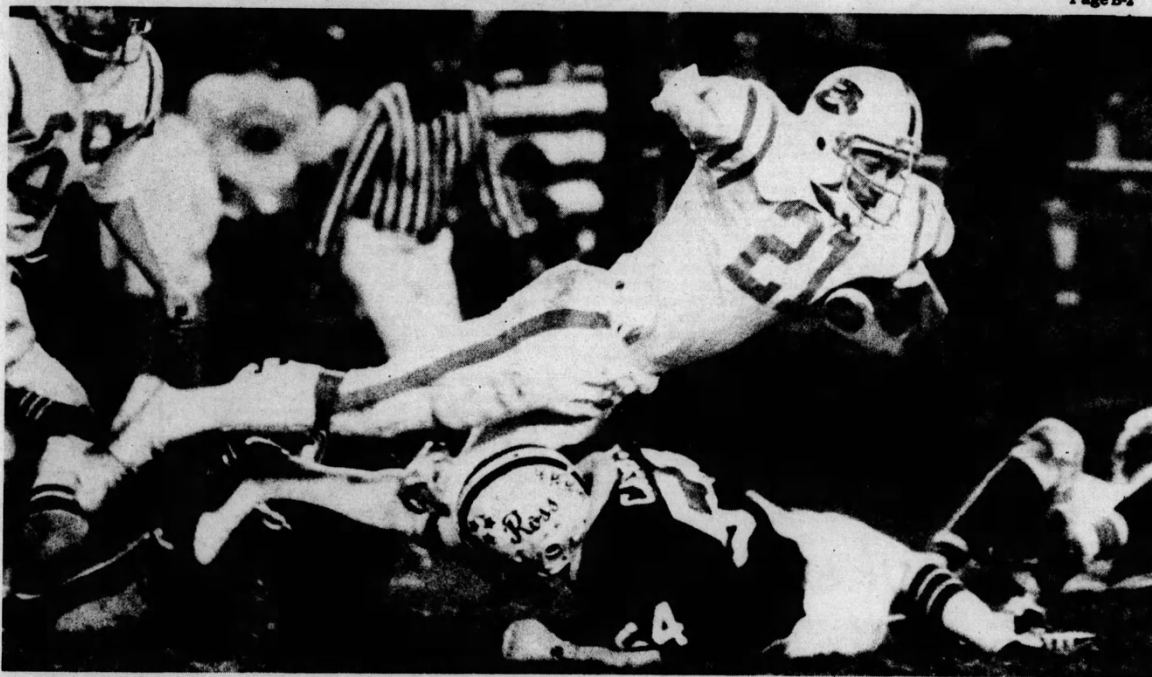
Admiral King: Larry Ross, 54-yard run (run failed), 1:12, second quarter.

Ross: Tony Gant, 46-yard run (kick failed), 8:34, fourth quarter.

Admiral King: Cheval Breggins, 46-yard pass from Drew Minda (run failed), 5:36, fourth quarter.

Bengals upend Ross 21-12

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KEVIN RICHARDSON of Cleveland Benedictine is on his way down but not before sailing off Ross linebacker Jim Casey for a few more yards Friday in the game at Harmon Stadium. The

Bengals handed Ross its first loss in four games while winning their fifth in a 21-12 thriller. Richardson ended up with 172 yards on 31 carries.

MIKE ELCHER of Ross rolls to his right while trying to find a receiver during early action Friday. Elcher completed five of 15 passes in the game but Ross absorbed its first loss 21-12.



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Cleveland Indians throw hurdle in front of Baltimore Orioles' hopes.

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Cavaliers top scorer ends holdout.

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Lakota stops Elmwood 14-0 while Clyde nudges Port Clinton by three.

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Oak Harbor Rockets pick up second straight football victory.

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Houston takes over first in NL West with 2-0 win over Cincinnati.

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'Typical' was the word for Bengals' Richardson

By BOB MARKER

N-M Sports Editor

News-Messenger Sports Editor

It was a typical game for Kevin Richardson but not so typical for the Fremont Ross Little Giants.

Ross tasted defeat for the first time this season 21-12 at the hands of the state's top rated Class AA team Cleveland Benedictine at Harmon Stadium Friday. Richardson was the show for the Bengals but the sideshows of the Benedictine circus washed out the Little Giants.

"Yeah," graying Augie Bossu, a veteran of Bengal football for more than two decades, smiled while talking about Richardson, his highly touted tailback. "That was a typical game for him."

"Typical" was 172 yards on 31 carries and a touchdown. He broke several long runs that got the Bengals out of trouble and proved an age old coaches' axiom: you can't arm tackle.

"He's a good kid," Ross Coach Pete Moore said as he sorted out the loss. "He broke some tackles on us."

Richardson outgained the entire Ross team 172-99. It was the first time in more than a decade that the Little Giants had failed to gain at least 100 yards. Tailback Eric Bates was held to 26 yards on 17 carries and fullback Clay Keim had 25 on nine.

That shutdown was not typical for the Little Giants.

"It was a hell of a good football game," Moore assessed. "They are a good 'AA' football team and the way they looked tonight, it's not hard to see why they have been able to play with Massillon and others."

Ross started out hot with Benedictine needing three minutes to heat up. Bates returned the opening kickoff 64 yards to the Bengal 26. Four plays later, Bates lofted a wounded duck pass into the end zone.

Charlie Heid caught the ball while falling down with the 11-yard strike giving Ross the lead at the 9:59 mark of the opening frame. A fumbled snap snuffed out Ross's PAT kick attempt.

Benedictine took the Ross kickoff and marched 70 yards on 15 plays to take the lead. Richardson ran for 68 of the yards, scoring on a two-yard run with 4:25 to play in the opening stanza. Alex Szocs hit the first of his three conversion kicks to give the Bengals the lead.

The Little Giants had several opportunities in the game, marching to the Bengals six midway through the second period before giving up the ball on downs.

Ross, shrugging off a field goal attempt, failed to get the yardage on a fourth and three play.

With the score 14-12, Ross drove to the Bengals 18 twice and the eight in the final half but failed to score. On the last possession, Greg Bobay's 26-yard field goal attempt was short with more than 11 minutes to play.

"No," Moore said, when asked if he was second guessing himself about not going for the field goal in the first half. "I even had doubts about trying it that last time."

"We have been inconsistent with our place kicking and we had never kicked one in a game before," Moore said, "and I felt that it was still early to try one (in the first half)."

Benedictine's defense was the "group" star along with Richardson. Linebacker Frank Goode scored two touchdowns, one on a 40-yard return of a Mike Eicher pass with 2:57 to play in the first half and the other with no time left in the game on a 32-yard return of a fumble on a play that a "flea-flicker" backfired on the Little Giants.

Ross pulled to within two midway through the third period. An interception by Shawn Simms put Ross in business at the Bengal 22. Five plays later, Kiem rode a block off guard Bill Hicks' tail from three yards out for the TD. Eicher's pass was knocked down by the Bengals' Carlos Coffield.

Ross's defense, while being pierced by Richardson's running in the first half, did not allow the Bengals into Little Giants territory until the final series in the second half.

"They had a nice line," Joe Siesel, Ross defensive coordinator smiled. "They were blocking our defense in a way that we had never seen before. We made some adjustments at the half."

"I still enjoy a game like this . . . it was just super. It's just too bad, I'd like to be the winner but it still was a super game."

Ross's last shot at pulling out the game was keyed by a 33-yard pass from Eicher to Scott Logan to the Bengal seven. Four plays later, Bobay's kick came up short.

The Little Giants came even closer in the third period. Eicher's fourth and five pass from the Bengal 18 fell just off the fingertips of tight end Shawn Simms. He had the ball in the end zone after diving for it but could not control it.



THAT'S HOW the game went. Ross Coach Pete Moore's face says it all as he watches the proceedings on the field. The Little Giants were stopped by Benedictine 21-12.

Tribe shocks Orioles 5-4

Benedictine 21, Ross 12**Score by quarters**

Benedictine	7	7	0	7-21
Ross	6	0	6	0-12

Statistics

	B	R
FIRST DOWNS	11	8
Rushing	7	2
Passing	2	4
Penalty	2	2
PASSES ATTEMPTED	8	16
Completed	3	6
Intercepted	2	2
NET YARDS GAINED		
(Total)	201	99
Rushing	180	48
Passing	21	51
FUMBLES	4	2
Ball Lost	2	1
PENALTIES	11	3
Yards Penalized	96	34
PUNTS	4	3
Average	18.5	35.0

Scoring

Ross: Charlie Heid, 11-yard pass from Eric Bates (kick failed), 9:59, first quarter.

Benedictine: Kevin Richardson, two-yard run (Alex Szocs kick), 4:25, first quarter.

Benedictine: Frank Goode, 40-yard interception (Szocs kick) 2:57, second quarter.

Ross: Clay Keim, three-yard run (pass failed), 7:55, third quarter.

Benedictine: Goode, 32-yard fumble return (Szocs kick), 0:00, fourth quarter.

New experience. . . Ross is on the road

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor
Ross will hit the road for the first time this season while returning to Buckeye Conference play Friday at Elyria.

The Little Giants, fresh off a 21-12 loss to Cleveland Benedictine, are 4-1 and will be attempting to break a four-game losing streak



at the hands of the Pioneers. Last season, Elyria made the Little Giants its sixth straight shutout victim 3-0 while chalking up the BC title and a 10-0 record.

Coach Terry Doan is in his third year at the reigns of Elyria and has put together two conference championships. This season the Pioneers are 3-2 and 1-1 in conference play. After losing to Warren Western Reserve 14-7 in the second game of the season which ended a 14-game win streak, Elyria was upset by Admiral King

last week 15-7.

The Little Giants are in a "bounce back" game according to Coach Pete Moore after the loss to Benedictine. "It (attitude) has been good so far this week. The kids have not lost any enthusiasm and that's the key factor this week. They did take the loss hard, though."

Moore explained that the Little Giants lost the second of two preseason games with the loss to the state's top rated Class AA team. "Our first goal was to be Buckeye Conference champs and our second

was to be undefeated. We are very much in reach of the number one goal."

Benedictine's defense controlled Ross at the line of scrimmage, Moore pointed out, and that has prompted the coaching staff to take a look at a few new faces in Ross's offensive front during this week's practice.

Tony Gardner, Ross's 250-pound junior tackle, will be pulled back off the defense to the offensive side. He had started the season on offense but was moved over to defense two games ago to shore up a hole. There may be other changes along the line but Gardner was the only one mentioned as being looked at right now.

As for Elyria, the Pioneers are a reversal of last season. A year ago,

Elyria's experience was on defense while the offense was inexperienced. This season it is the opposite. The Pioneers have given up 29 points this season, more than all off last season.

"The defense they play has not changed," Moore observed. "The only thing that has changed is the players — they don't have any Carpenter twins. They also had a very good defensive backfield last season and the defensive ends were good."

"As a matter of fact, I'd say that Elyria's defense last year was probably the best that the Buckeye has seen in the last 10-15 years. We had a good one in 1974 (Ross gave up 33 points that season) but Elyria's defense was bigger and more physical."

Elyria presents what appears to be a seven-man front.

"They force you to throw the ball," Moore said. "They just dare you to throw it and then they try to shut down the running game."

"We will be trying to execute what we have and try to do it better than we did last week," Moore said as he talked about his plan against the Elyria defense.

Offensively, while Elyria does have its experienced people there, the Pioneers have generated only 61 points, 34 coming in the first game of the season. Elyria is averaging only 140 yards a game.

ROSS NOTES: The Little Giants are still the top offensive team in the BC, averaging 291 yards overall and 383 in the lone BC game. Defensively, the Little Giants rank third overall, giving up 152 yards a contest overall and second in the BC games with 182 yards yield.

Eric Bates, Ross tailback, is second in BC scoring with 26 points. He is second in total rushing yardage with 490, trailing Bill Canada of Harding by 102 yards.

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Ross breaks Elyria's four-game hold

By BILL STEWART
News-Messenger Staff Writer
ELYRIA — It was a long time coming for Pete Moore and he was enjoying every minute of it.

There is one Buckeye Conference team which Moore had never beaten in this his fifth year as head coach of the Ross football team, but that changed with a bang Friday night as the Little Giants manhandled the Elyria Pioneers 30-0. It ended a four-game losing streak Ross had against the defending Buckeye Conference champions, and placed the Fremonters on top in the conference.

"It's been a long time," Moore smiled after the game. "We've had some really super football games (with Elyria) in the past." Unfortunately for Moore and the Little Giants, they were on the short end of those usual defensive struggles with the Pioneers.

Ross took control of the game immediately and did something it has had difficulty doing in the past against Pioneer teams — run with the football.

"We wanted to run the football," Moore stated. "Our offensive line did a tremendous job."

Moore credited a switch the Giants

threw at the Pioneers for helping them run the ball. He flip-flopped the Ross guards and tackles so tackles Tony Gardner and Scott Manahan would match up against the bigger Pioneer tackles.

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Although Ross tailback Eric Bates finished with 109 yards in 19 carries, the Little Giants got a lot of mileage out of their fullbacks Clay Keim and Jeff Kiser on dives and trap plays. The two had 64 and 56 yards respectively.

The Little Giant defense, led by tackle Dave Zyski, and Bob Lotycz and inside linebackers Jim Casey and Eric Gant, swarmed all over the Pioneer ground game and held the losers to 15 total yards.

"Our defense did a heck of a job," Moore said. "They gave our offense good field position."

Ross used the big play to break out on top 14-0 at the end of the first period.

On the first series of the game, Bates capped a seven-play 71-yard drive by marching 32 yards for a score on a pitch

he carried off right tackle and cut back, running down the left sidelines for the score.

Ross scored again in the period after recovering a fumbled Elyria pitch near midfield. Quarterback Mike Eicher faked a pitch to Bates and scampered 49 yards to score on the second play after the fumble.

"They had Bates shut off on that pitch," Moore said about Eicher's run, which completely fooled the Elyria defense.

The Little Giants may have piled up more points in the first half, had it not been for two pass interceptions in the second quarter.

Elyria's Brent Binkley picked off an Eicher pass at the Elyria 12 early in the quarter and safety Paul Atkinson nabbed a pass later in the period on a deflection off of Binkley in the end zone.

Ross had complete control of the trenches in the third quarter as the Pioneers were limited to eight plays on offense.

Ross scored its third touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter when Eicher sneaked in from the one-foot line. It climaxed a 14-play drive.

The fourth Ross score was set up by a fumble recovery at the Elyria six with about four minutes left in the game. Bates took the ball from Eicher and floated it three yards to Gary Faxson for his second touchdown pass in as many games.

Elyria's deepest penetration came in the fourth quarter when it was stopped on downs at the Ross 39. Elyria got its initial first down since the first quarter in that drive.

The Little Giants, now 5-1 and alone at first place in the Buckeye at 2-0, travel to Lorain next Friday in a key matchup. The Steelmen lost their first game of the season Friday at Findlay 17-10.

"It's going to be a great one next week," Moore observed. Ross will be out to break a three-game losing streak against Lorain, which was unscored upon until Friday.

Ross JVs host Sandusky

The Ross junior varsity football team will host Sandusky in a Buckeye Conference game today. The game will begin at 10 a.m. at Harmon Stadium.

Ross 30, Elyria 0

Score by quarters

Ross	14	0	0	16—30
Elyria	0	0	0	0—0

Statistics

	R	E
FIRST DOWNS	14	3
Rushing	14	2
Passing	0	0
Penalty	0	1
PASSES ATTEMPTED	5	5
Completed	3	0
Intercepted	2	0
NET YARDS GAINED		
(Total)	301	15
Rushing	303	15
Passing	-2	0
FUMBLES	2	5
Ball Lost	1	2
PENALTIES	5	3
Yards Penalized	45	15
PUNTS	2	8
Average	40.0	35.4

Scoring

Ross: Eric Bates, 32-yard run (kick failed), 8:33, first quarter.

Ross: Mike Eicher, 49-yard run (Shawn Simms pass from Eicher), 2:41, first quarter.

Ross: Eicher, one-yard run (Eicher run), 11:53, fourth quarter.

Ross: Gary Paxson, three-yard pass from Bates (Bates run), 3:39, fourth quarter.

Ross plunges into the fire against Lorain Senior

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Ross is hopping into the fire after crawling out of the frying pan against Elyria last Friday night.

The Little Giants, after having Cleveland Benedictine smear grease in the pan the previous Friday, jumped back into hot pan of Buckeye Conference competition with a sizzling 30-0 win over the Pioneers. It had historians

thumbing the pages to find out the last time Ross had dumped Elyria into the gutters like that.

Anything close to that thumping was way back in 1950 when Mal Mackey's first team crushed the Pioneers 46-13.

But now Ross will be faced with the Gary Risdon led Lorain Senior Steelmen, fresh off a stunning 17-16 loss to Findlay.

"That game could have gone either way," Ross Coach Pete Moore said as he assessed the Trojan win over Lorain. "Our scouts, however, still felt that Lorain controlled the line of scrimmage."

And if you believe in Earl Bruce and his UCLA

theory, that was supposed to win it for Lorain. Only this game was the exception.

The Little Giants, for the most part, in 1979 did not have many problems stopping opponent's running game, but Risdon was the exception. He scored all three Steelmen TDs in an 18-16 victory while picking up nearly 130 yards, the best effort of the year by a running back against Ross.

That win by Lorain ended on a bizarre note: Ross split end Mark Johnson had snagged a 40-yard Tom Woelzel pass while lying on his back in the end zone. The clock showed 0:00 to play in the contest. Ross, however,

running a play that Moore said his team had worked on all week against the Lorain goal line defense, couldn't crack the block wall and had to settle for the two-point loss.

Risdon's back with the very adequate Lorain offense but the Steelmen will host the Little Giants with a defense that racked up five straight shutouts before Findlay cracked the ice.

Up to that time, Lorain, 1-1 in the BC and 5-1 while being ranked eighth in the state, had been the top defensive team in the BC both in conference games and overall. Now it's Ross leading both offensively and defensively for BC games and overall.

Risdon, the leading ground gainer in the BC in 1979, has company this time around.

"They have a couple of good backs," Moore pointed out. "There is that Rush (Barry) kid and Risdon. They are even using Risdon at wingback a little this year. He runs

from that and they throw to him plus he is a heck of a blocker."

Rush has a 6.9 average per carry while Risdon has gained 346 yards on 83 carries for a 4.3 yard average.

"He's (Risdon) still going to get you four, five or six yards everytime he carries," Moore praised. "What they try to do most wherever Risdon is, is get him the ball where he can use that 9.8 speed of his."

Looking back at Elyria, Moore called the effort by his team's offensive line probably the best of the season. The Little Giants ran for 301 yards and did not have to put the ball in the air against the Pioneers that much.

"The front line did a heck of a job," Moore said about his team's most consistent effort offensively, "and the defense just did another great job."

Ross permitted the Pioneers only 15 yards for the game. The Little Giants are now averaging 288 yards offensively while giving up 129 per contest.

ROSS NOTES: Eric Bates trails Bill Canada of Marion Harding 601-598 in rushing. Canada has nine more carries with 119. Bates is fourth in the BC in per average carry.

Mike Eicher is fourth in passing with 26 of 61 for 347 yards and three TDs but also leads with six interceptions. Kelly Applegate of Findlay is the

leader with 43 of 85 for 543 yards. Scott Logan is third in receptions with 12 for 223 yards.

Brent Foos, who was struck down with hepatitis before Ross's fourth game, is the leader in interceptions. Foos, incidentally may be able to return to the Ross lineup before the season is out. Logan and Foos rank two-three in punting with 38 and 36.5 averages, respectively.

Bates is the kickoff return leader, averaging 31 on four returns.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Added Gene Petralli, catcher, to their 40-man roster. Assigned the contracts of Jack Kucek and Jay Robertson, pitchers; J.J. Cannon, outfielder, and Doug Ault, first baseman, to Syracuse of the International League.

National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Signed Tom Lasorda, manager, and to a one-year contract. Red Adams, pitching coach, retired. Signed Monty Basgall, Mark Creese, Manny Mota and Danny Ozark, coaches, to one-year contracts.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Signed Kurt Bevacqua, infielder. Asked waivers on Bernie Carbo, outfielder.

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Ross outduels Lorain



DAVE YETTER, left, of Margaretta is a trifle late in his attempt to sack Clyde quarterback Ted Baker. The pressure that the Margaretta defense

kept on the Fliers did not permit a completed pass during the game. (N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Astros take 2-1 lead in NL play

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By TOM STOREY
N-M Sports Writer

LORAIN — The Ross football team huddled in its locker room after defeating Lorain Friday night 12-6 and shouted "We are Giants."

Their fists were raised toward the sky. They were on top of the Buckeye Conference and it felt good.

"That was a great win for us," head coach Pete Moore said in the jubilant locker room. "We've had two tough wins on the road and you've got to be happy."

Not since 1976, Moore's first year as head man at Ross, have the Little Giants been able to defeat Lorain. That made the triumph even more satisfying not to mention the Steelman's number 7 ranking in the AP state high school poll.

After the victory, the Little Giants sit on top of the Buckeye with a clean 3-0 slate. Sandusky is right behind with a 3-1 mark by virtue of its 14-13 win over Elyria. Following Sandusky is Findlay at 2-1, and Lorain and Admiral King at 1-2.

Ross built up a 12-0 lead in the first half and then had to survive a wild final two periods filled with yellow flags, confusion and Lorain's Barry Rush.

The Little Giant's first half was superb, the offense racking up 153 yards and two touchdowns and the defense holding the Steelmen to 35 net yards.

Ross took the opening kickoff and marched 60 yards in 10 plays to jump out to a 6-0 lead. During the drive, the offense performed flawlessly.

The highlight of the drive was a perfectly executed screen play from quarterback Mike Elcher to Clay Keim. The play covered 21 yards and gave the Little Giants a first and goal at Lorain's four. Two plays later it was Keim going over the right side for the TD.

In the second quarter, the Little Giants increased their lead to 12-0. Elcher

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Little Giants vault to top of BC

(Continued from Page B-1) and Eric Bates made this drive go as Bates ran through the Lorain defense for 46 yards during the drive and Eicher connected on two passes, the final one for the touchdown to Shawn Simms.

Not even a 15-yard holding penalty could wipe out the Little Giant momentum. They were rolling.

Lorain's first half offense was wiped out on its sixth play when Gary Risden was helped off the field after sustaining a knee injury on a wicked hit by Bob Lotycz. He had

gained 32 yards before his injury and when he left, so did the Steelmen offense, until the second half.

Barry Rush moved into Risden's spot for the final two quarters and gave Ross fans ulcers with his exciting running.

He gained 128 yards and several times was close to breaking away. He scored Lorain's only touchdown in the third quarter on a four-yard run, capping a five-play, 62-yard drive.

"You take one out and put the other in and there's not much difference," Moore said. "In fact they're faster with Rush in there. Risden runs better

in the open field, though."

The Steelmen defense turned into just that in the second half as Ross could only get 13 yards. Their only first down came in the fourth quarter on a roughing the kicker penalty.

"They did a good job at shutting us down in the second half," Moore had to admit. "They have a very quick and physical defense. We got a little stymied and couldn't convert on third downs."

"They made some defensive adjustments in the second half. They slide down their outside linebacker and fired their

inside backer which created some problems for us. They did a lot of stunting."

Seventeen flags were dropped in the second half and the two teams were penalized a total of 151 yards. On one play three penalties occurred and on another, there were two. Not only did it confuse the fans but the coaches were wondering what was going on too.

The biggest penalty came with 37 seconds left on a fourth and 21. Ross was preparing to punt and Lorain crashed into punter Scott Logan which gave the Little Giants a first

down and allowed them to run out the clock.

"Our offense went to sleep in the second half," Rex Radeloff, offensive coordinator, said. Radeloff added that he felt that if the Little Giants could have completed a pass on their second play from scrimmage in the third quarter, the offense would have regained the momentum it possessed in the opening periods.

On that play, Eicher dropped back and had Logan in the clear but he was unable to hold on. That let the air out of Ross' offensive wheels.

"We didn't have as much

fire in the second half," Moore said. "They had a little more."

"Our defense, overall, was steady. We had some penalties and it created opportunities but we held them in the key situations. That shows a lot of class. We played with enough composure to win."

"They were running the same thing on offense in the second half. They were caving in our interior line and trying to get off tackle. Overall, the defense held together."

Rush finished the game with 140 yards while Ross's Bates had an even 100, 87 in the first half.

Ross 12, Lorain 6

Scores by quarters

Ross	6	6	0	0-12
Lorain	0	0	6	0-6

Statistics

FIRST DOWNS	R	L
Rushing	9	16
Passing	6	11
Penalty	1	1
PASSES ATTEMPTED	2	4
Completed	6	6
Intercepted	3	1
NET YARDS GAINED	0	1
(Total)	166	193
Rushing	126	183
Passing	40	10
FUMBLES	1	3
Ball Lost	0	2
PENALTIES	12	10
Yards Penalized	98	102
PUNTS	6	2
Average	29.5	43

Scoring

Ross: Clay Keim, two-yard run, (pass failed), 6:32 first quarter.

Ross: Shawn Simms, seven-yard pass from Mike Eicher, (run failed), 3:24 second quarter.

Lorain: Barry Rush, four-yard run, (kick failed), 6:42 third quarter.

The Big Game:

Ross needs win over Marion to keep BC lead . . .

By **BOB MARKER**
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross will host Marion Harding, a team that has given the Little Giants fits the past three years, in the school's homecoming contest Friday at Harmon Stadium.

The Prexies, winners of their first three games this season, have been up and down this season. After those three opening victories, Harding lost the next three before slapping down Admiral King 29-6 a week ago.

Ross, 6-1 and the top team in the Buckeye Conference, has beaten the Prexies in 26 of 35 meetings including last year's hard fought 37-18 win. In 1977 and '78, Harding stopped the Little Giants 14-12 and 27-0, scoring all of its points in the second half of the 1978 contest.

Included in Harding's victories is a 76-6 lacing over Ross in 1959.

The Prexies may be a sleeping giant according to Ross Coach Pete Moore. "Because of injuries and health problems," he began, "they have had to play a

lot of kids. We can almost give you their two-deep lineup just by looking at the scouting film."

Continuing, Moore added, "They are a good 4-3 football team. Harding had the opportunity to beat Elyria (a 6-0 loss) and they could be 5-2 right now.

"Of course, the Ross coach pointed out, "they got pretty well handled by Findlay (31-6) and Sandusky (32-6).

The Prexies possess the BC's second leading rusher in lightweight Bill Canada. The 150-pound senior has gained 682 yards on 129 carries. That ranks behind Ross tailback Eric Bates' 697 on 134 totes.

"We had trouble with them last year," Joe Siesel, Ross defensive coordinator recalled. "They have two big bulls this year and they run that scatback behind them and he's (Canada) a pretty good scatback.

"Those big guys have a homing device — they just run and hit somebody."

The "bulls" as Siesel lovingly calls them, are Sam Bracy (225) and Jon Crawford (222). Canada complements them beautifully according to the Ross coaches.

The Little Giants are coming off a strong effort both offensively and defensively in a 12-6 win over Lorain.

We had an exceptionally good first half offensively," Moore smiled. "It was probably our best half of the season. The second half was a catch away from being a good half."

Moore explained that last statement by saying that in three third down pass plays, the Little Giants misfired. In that second half, Ross had only one first down, that coming on a roughing the kicker penalty with under a minute to play in the game.

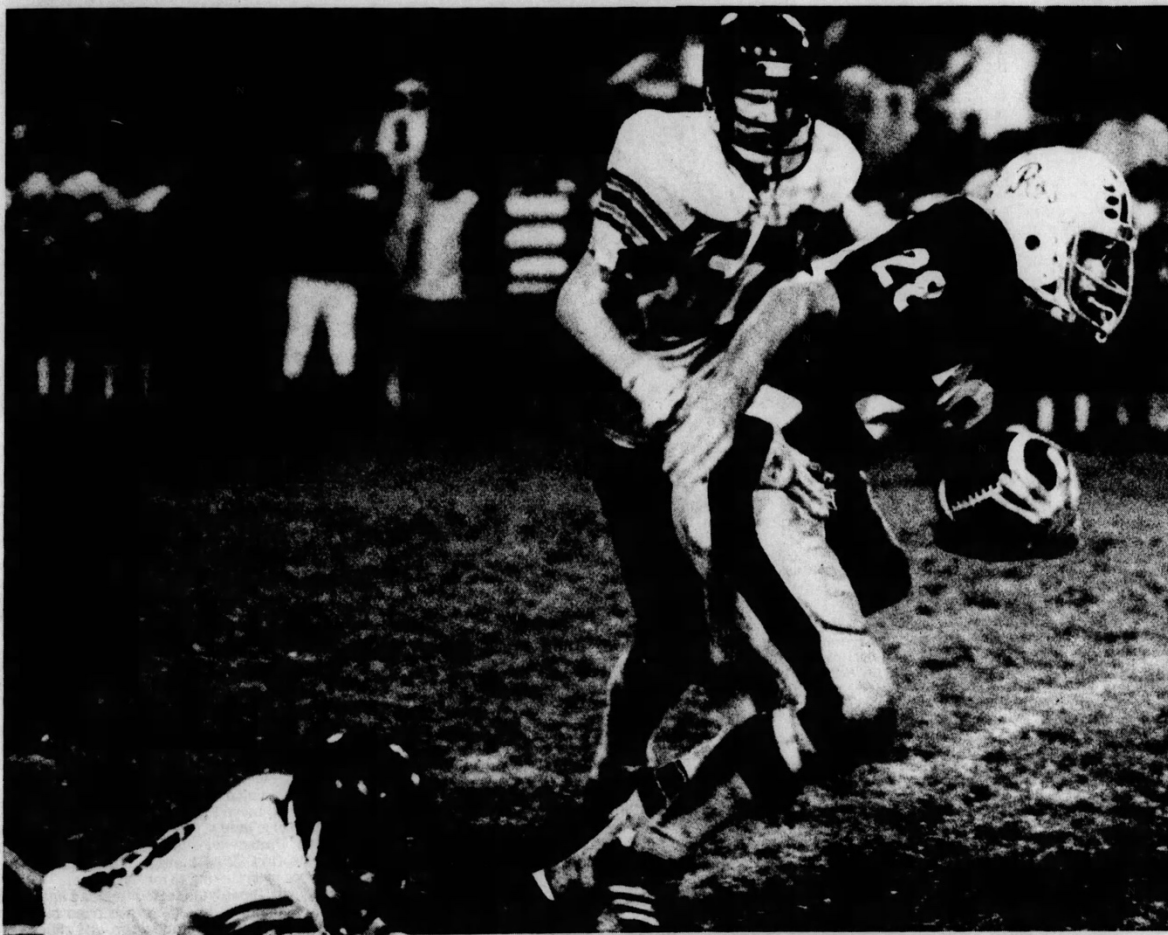
"We finally controlled the ball in the second half (after the first down penalty) with two quarterback drops," Moore chuckled about Ross's game ending two plays.

Offensively coordinator Rex Radeloff pointed out the line's improved play as the key to the Little Giants offensive surge in the past two weeks.

"We have eliminated a lot of mistakes and penalties," he explained. "We have stopped hesitating on the line of scrimmage and that has helped the running game become more consistent."

Ross flattens Harding 29-0

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JEFF KISER of Ross is on his way to a big gain during first half action Friday at Harmon Stadium. Kiser picked up 27 yards on this play

but it was called back because of an illegal procedure penalty on the Little Giants. Kiser gained 64 yards on 14 carries while playing only

the first 24 minutes of the game. (N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Crunch . . . Harding falls to Ross 29-0

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor
Eric Gant threw an early knockout punch and Ross ramblod to a decisive 29-0 thumping of Marion Harding during intermittent downpours at Harmon Stadium Friday night.

The Little Giants, now 7-1 overall and sitting on top of the Buckeye Conference with a 4-0 mark, tossed up a block wall against the Prexies' running game while limiting Harding to 56 total yards. Harding had a minus-23 on the ground.

With Ross's defensive front knocking down anything that Harding tried, the same front on the offensive side of the game opened up huge holes for Ross's running backs. Eric Bates carved out 109 yards on 26 carries while fullbacks Jeff Kiser and Clay Keim used separate halves to gain 64 yards on 14 carries and 42 on nine, respectively.

The Little Giants' ground pounders had 282 yards and six more in the air. The Ross control game ran off 70 plays to Harding's 40.

"It was the offensive line," Ross offensive coordinator Rex Radeloff summed up the convincing victory. "We trapped the heck out of them and the fullback did a good job of running."

About the Ross fullbacks — Kiser played the first half and Keim the second — Radeloff said, "There was no rhyme or reason for it. We just decided to start Kiser because he had a good week of practice."

Radeloff praised his offensive line of tackles Scott Manahan and Tony

Gardner, guards Bill Kicks and Rob Reardon and center Tom Smith for the wide open running game.

"Really," Radeloff concluded, "I think we just wore them down."

Gant wrapped his arms around Bill Canada of Harding two yards deep in the end zone to give Ross a 2-0 lead four minutes into the contest. Shawn Simms' fumble recovery on Harding's first play of the game set up the safety.

Ross was stopped on downs at the six but three plays later Bates put the clamps on Canada, who had entered the game as the second leading rusher in the conference.

"They turned the ball over on the first play and then we got that safety and that was the whole shooting match," Ross head Coach Pete Moore said afterwards.

After the safety, Bates scored on a 12-yard run in the second period and had a 9-0 halftime lead. That lead grew to 15-0 on the first of two sneaks by quarterback Mike Eicher. That was with 5:03 left in the third frame.

Ross iced the game with a one-yard sneak by Eicher and a four-yard burst by Keim in the final quarter.

"Eicher had a very good second half," Radeloff pointed out. "A couple of times he checked off and ran the sneaks and they were good calls."

Eicher had 27 yards on six carries.

Ross's defensive interior of tackles Dave Zyski and Joe Provonsha ruined any running game Harding attempted to mount.

"They came off the ball

and did a great job," Little Giants' defensive coordinator Joe Siesel beamed. "They controlled the inside and freed up our linebackers."

Jim Casey and Gant, the inside linebackers for Ross, sealed off any Harding penetration while outside linebackers Shawn

Simms and Orlando Carter along with ends Dennis Murray and Bob Lotycz sealed off any outside running game.

"We played well up front and our secondary played well in the second half after we made an adjustment at halftime," Siesel said.

Harding completed two passes for 48 yards in the first half and ended up with 79 for the game.

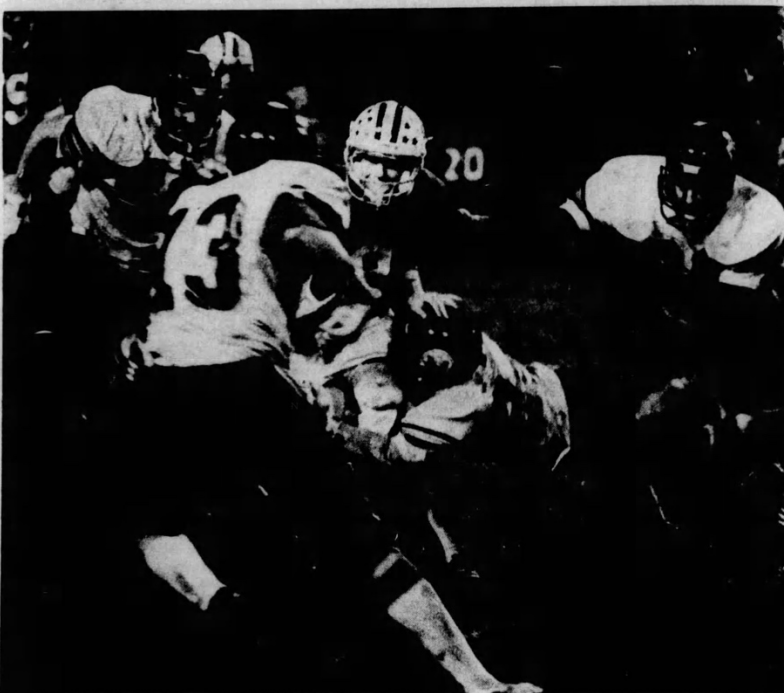
The Ross "D" continually gave the offense the ball in good field position. The Little Giants had a pass interception from Tony Gant and fumble recoveries by

Simms and Lotycz.

"We got the ball practically everytime in four-down territory," Radeloff said while thanking the defensive unit.

Although it rained practically the whole game, the wetness did not become a factor.

Next week, Ross will travel to Findlay.



A HOST OF HARDING DEFENDERS CLOSE IN ON MIKE EICHER OF ROSS.

Ross 29, Harding 0

Scores by quarters

Harding	0	0	0	0	— 0
Ross	9	0	6	14	— 29

Statistics

	R	H
FIRST DOWNS		
Rushing	20	5
Passing	19	2
Penalty	1	3
PASSES ATTEMPTED	0	0
Completed	7	15
Intercepted	1	5
NET YARDS GAINED	0	1
(Total)	288	56
Rushing	282	-23
Passing	6	79
FUMBLES	2	4
Ball Lost	0	2
PENALTIES	6	5
Yards Penalized	40	22
PUNTS	3	3
Average	24.7	37.0

Scoring

Ross: Safety, Eric Bates tackle Bill Canada in end zone, 8:35, first quarter.

Ross: Eric Bates, 12-yard run (Greg Bobay kick), 1:41, first quarter.

Ross: Mike Eicher, seven-yard run (kick failed), 5:03, third quarter.

Ross: Eicher, one-yard run (Bobay kick), 7:55, fourth quarter.

Ross: Clay Keim, four-yard run (Bobay kick), 4:08, fourth quarter.

Findlay coach hopes 1980 is better

Bill Jones remembers last year's disaster with Ross

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Bill Jones would just as soon erase Nov. 2, 1979, from his mind. That day leaves a bad taste in his mouth; it was a pox on Findlay football.

"They handled us, that's for sure," the coach of the Findlay High School football team recalled during a phone conversation Tuesday. "That was the first team to do that to us last year."

Ross dominated the Trojans 28-0 in that game. Findlay had entered the game with the Buckeye Conference's best offense but also with the conference's worst defense.

The Trojans will host the Little Giants Friday in a key BC encounter. Ross is sitting pretty atop the conference with a 4-0 mark while Findlay is waiting in the wings with a 3-1 mark.

Ross held Findlay to 30 yards rushing and 89 passing in the last meeting of the teams but that was on Ross's friendly soil; this time it's at Findlay.

Jones, the master of the trick play — one is called "snake in the grass" — has one hope for this Friday's game: "We hope not to play like we did last year."

Findlay, 6-2, is coming off a squeaker against Elyria — a team that Ross drubbed 30-0 —, winning 12-9 with a touchdown pass in the final 13 seconds of play. Kelly Applegate, the BC's top passer, tossed the ball to the conference's leading receiver, Jamie Houdeschell, on a fourth and seven play for the game winner. It was the first time that Findlay has ever won a game in Elyria.

Findlay's lone conference loss, 20-15 to Sandusky, came after the Trojans had taken a 15-14 lead.

"We gave them (Sandusky) too much time to score," Jones was able to laugh, "now we are waiting

till there is 13 seconds to go before we win it."

Citing the rivalry between Ross and Findlay, Jones uttered a carbon copy statement of many coaches. "I expect a good game from both teams," he said.

Jones went along with the feeling that getting his team prepared for Ross, or for a big rivalry for that matter, is a bit easier than in other weeks.

"I think the kids concentrate better; they are really interested in the game and usually, make fewer mistakes. I think both teams look forward to a game like this.

Bonfire at Ross tonight

To get everyone in the right frame of mind for the Findlay encounter, a bonfire and pep rally have been scheduled for tonight at 7 p.m. at Ross High School.

Also, nickel tickets will be sold for chances to throw a pie in head coach Pete Moore's face. The event is being sponsored by the Key Club.

"We both have a shot at the conference and it's really exciting for the kids."

Jones is not soothed by the recent lack of activity by Ross in the airways.

"I think the reason Ross's passing game is not up is because they have not had to use it," the Findlay coach said. "They have a balanced attack."

Findlay is a young team. Jones said that he will start 14-15 underclassmen on the offensive and defensive units. The Trojans use five different running backs with the starting tailback a sophomore.

Looking at Ross, Jones said he is impressed with the Little Giants offensive line. "They're getting the job done up front," he said and then switched to the Little Giants' defense, the tops in the conference.

"They just swarm all over people; it's very similar to the way they played defense last year."

And last year, is not a year that Jones wants to remember.

ROSS NOTES: As a team, Ross is the leader in both offense and defense for conference only and all games. The Little Giants offense produces 289 yards overall and 286 in the conference while allowing 127 overall and a measly 110 in BC games.

Findlay ranks second in both offensive categories while holding down four defensively. The Trojans average 268 and 275 yards overall and in the conference, respectively, while giving opponents 147 and 206 yards on defense.

Eric Bates is the conference leader in rushing with 810 yards on 171 carries; first in kickoff returns with a 31 yard norm on four chances and is eighth in scoring with 4.3 points per game.

Scott Logan is fourth in punt returns with a 10.8 average on six chances; fourth in punting with a 34.6 and fourth in receiving with 13 for 17.7 average.

Brent Foos is sixth in punting with a 33.8 and leads in interceptions with five.

Clay Keim is 11th in scoring with a 3.0 average and ranks 14th in average per rushing play with 314 yards on 74 carries for a 4.2.

Quarterback Mike Eicher is fourth in passing with 30 of 74 for 494 yards and four TDs along with six interceptions. This week's opposing quarterback, Kelly Applegate, is the leader with 56 of 113 for 751 yards, three TDs and an interception.

Findlay no match for Little Giants

By BOB MARKER
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FINDLAY — It took Ross just 44 seconds to knock the water out of Findlay and clinch at least a tie for the Buckeye Conference football championship Friday at a rain soaked Donnell Field.

With the offense and defense sharing equal billing, the Little Giants swamped the Trojans 33-0 in a game that the Little Giants made look easy.

"Nothing is ever easy," Ross Coach Pete Moore contradicted. "Things just went our way but you still have to execute and nobody spots you 33 points."

Well, coach, maybe seven.

That seven came in two plays. Eric Bates (14 carries, 124 yards) bolted 64 yards up the middle on a trap play that tackle Scott Manahan personally opened on the first play of the game. That play carried to the Findlay eight where an encroachment penalty moved the ball to the four.

Clay Keim rolled off the block of center Tom Smith for the final four and Greg Bobay's placement gave Ross a quick 7-0 lead and stunned the Trojans into submission.

Bobay's kick was into the wind and the rain that fell heavily all through the game. Bobay's placements and the toe of punter Brent Foos kept Ross in business all night.

"How about that, eh," Moore smiled. "We had a kicking game tonight. I'm

happy for the kids."

Bobay gave Ross a 10-0 lead two minutes into the second period with a 22-yard field goal and four minutes later, Ross had a 12-0 lead when a muffed punt by Findlay's Bruce Porter rolled 26 yards into the Findlay end zone. Porter fumbled the snap and had the punt blocked by Eric Gant. Several Little Giants had shots at the touchdown but Findlay's Steve Smith fell on the ball in the end zone for a safety.

That's the way the first half ended.

Ross's offense kept plugging away but the Little Giants' defense held the Trojans to a minus-18 yards rushing in the first half and four total yards. For the game, Findlay was held to a minus-two yards running and 78 in the air.

"Everytime I looked up, someone was coming up with the big play or hitting their quarterback," Ross offensive coordinator Joe Siesel laughed after the game. "I think everybody had a hand in it."

The Little Giants' baby bulls, defensive tackles Dave Zyski and Joe Provonsha continually blew up through the middle of the Findlay offensive line. Findlay quarterback Kelly Applegate, the BC's leading passer, was sacked six times for 38 yards in losses.

Along with Zyski and Provonsha, linebackers Shawn Simms, Jim Casey, Gant and Orlando Carter plus defensive ends Dennis Murray and Bob Lotycz, kept pressure on Applegate.

"The best defense is pressure on the passer and I think we had it all night," Moore explained.

While the defense was basking in the sunshine of its fifth shutout, Ross offensive coordinator and field general Eicher hooked up in a nearly perfect called offensive game.

Radeloff disclosed that Findlay played right into Ross's hands.

"We wanted to go inside all along," he said. "They were stunting on the outside trying to force us inside and that is what we wanted to do."

A switch that caused confusion for Findlay was the use of a double tight end offense and the "power-I" by the Little Giants. "I don't think they expected that," Radeloff beamed.

With Manahan and Troy Gardner at the tackles, guard Rob Reardon and Bill Hicks, Smith at center, Simms and Scott Logan, normally the split end, at tight ends, Radeloff could not say who had the better game, electing to praise all of them.

The Little Giants ran up 239 yards of muddy turf and hit on its only pass of the night for 12 yards. That aerial was from Eicher to Simms for Ross's third TD and put the icing on the cake at the 3:10 mark of the third period.

Ross took a 19-0 lead midway through the third on Eicher's one-yard sneak. Another Porter muffed punt put Ross in business at the Findlay 34. Bates bolted

21 yards up the middle on the first play and three plays later Eicher scored.

Lotycz set up the next Ross TD, returning a Steve Smith fumble six yards to the Trojan's 25. Five plays later, Eicher lofted the soft pass over the Findlay defense for the six-pointer.

Ross added a candle to the cake in the final period. Todd Johnson's 39-yard run to the one set up second string quarterback Barry Watts one-yard sneak with 3:19 to play in the game.

Findlay came close to scoring twice, at the end of the first half and at the end of the game. In the latter case, Applegate's pass sailed out of the end zone to end the threat. In the first half, Findlay wasted 17 plays in a drive from their own 19 to the Ross 13. An interference and two holding penalties on Ross aided the drive.

In that long series, Applegate was sacked three times, 32 yards in losses.

Kevin Widman of Ross ended the threat with an interception at the goal line as time expired in the first half.

Ross, now 5-0 in the conference, must get past Sandusky next Friday to gain the outright conference title plus a possible shot at the state playoffs. Entering the game with Findlay, Ross was fifth, Findlay fourth and Sandusky second in the regional computer ratings.

Sandusky defeated Admiral King 27-8 Friday and will match Ross's 8-1 mark going into next Friday's game at Harmon Stadium.

Ross 33, Findlay 0

Scores by quarters

Ross	7	5	14	7-33
Findlay	0	0	0	0-0

Statistics

FIRST DOWNS	R	F
Rushing	14	11
Passing	13	3
Penalty	1	4
PASSES ATTEMPTED	0	4
Completed	1	16
Intercepted	1	5
NET YARDS GAINED	0	1
(Total)	251	76
Rushing	239	-2
Passing	12	78
FUMBLES	2	7
Ball Lost	0	2
PENALTIES	7	4
Yards Penalized	73	16
PUNTS	4	6
Average	35.5	24.8

Scoring

Ross: Clay Keim, four-yard run (Greg Bobay kick), 11:16, first quarter.

Ross: Bobay, 22-yard field goal, 10:39, second quarter.

Ross: Safety, Steve Smith, Findlay was tackled in end zone after recovering fumble, 8:14, second quarter.

Ross: Mike Eicher, one-yard run (Bobay kick), 6:41, third quarter.

Ross: Shawn Simms, 12-yard pass from Eicher (Bobay kick), 3:10, third quarter.

Ross: Barry Watts, one-yard run (Bobay kick), 3:19, fourth quarter.

BC title and more on the line at Harmon

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

"Forget it," Pete Moore said quietly Wednesday afternoon before a Ross football practice, "there are no other goals. This is the most important thing."

What's important to Moore, the head football coach at Ross and what isn't? First, winning the Buckeye Conference football title outright Friday in a game at Harmon Stadium against Sandusky, and second, the state playoffs... for the moment.

Ross is gunning for its first outright title since 1976 and ironically, one of Moore's bigger disappointments happened at the end of that championship season. He, and most of Fremont for that matter, thought the Little Giants had made the state playoffs but that was not to be. He admitted that he had been high on the possible playoff bid and not going was a disappointment.

This year, he has different priorities. "Right now," he shrugged off any playoff questions, "we want to win this football game. Getting the Buckeye Conference crown was one of our preseason goals."

Sandusky, like Ross, is 8-1 but Sandusky's lone loss came at the hands of Lorain 6-0. Ross is 5-0 in the BC and the Blue Streaks 4-1. Sandusky has a shot at tying for the conference crown and, like it or not, the playoffs are staring Moore right in the face when he

looks over the Sandusky scouting report.

The Blue Streaks are second in the AAA computer region with 127.09 points. Ross, despite the big win over Findlay last Friday, is fourth, up a notch from a week ago, but only a quarter of a point behind third place Westerville North. Upper Arlington is first and is a sure bet for the playoffs with 137 points.

Sandusky can cement a playoff bid with a win over

Stadium information

Gates to Harmon Stadium will open for Friday night's game at 6:30 p.m.

Persons with general admission tickets or student tickets are advised to get there early to avoid the rush. A big crowd is expected and late arrivals will probably have to stand.

Also, all workers should be to the stadium no later than 6 p.m.

Ross while a loss may or may not put the Blue Streaks on the sidelines. Because of non-conference opponents, the Blue Streaks have an edge in computer points over Ross. Sandusky's four beaten non-conference foes have a 22-8 record while Ross's three non-conference victims are a poor 8-19.

So for Moore and the Little Giants, getting an

outright conference crown is the primary objective with a playoff berth, a hoped for but decidedly luxurious possibility.

Heading into the final game of the season, Moore began to nix a possible Ross problem just moments after his team wiped out Findlay 33-0 a week ago.

"Hey fellas," he said while pointing at his hat during his post-game talk, "this hat is six and seven-eighths, it's not going to get any bigger just like yours shouldn't."

Wednesday, Moore explained that remark. "I don't think we have that problem, big heads," he said. "We have had good practices this week and I have not recognized any big heads. I just mentioned it last Friday because I wanted to eliminate a possible problem before it happened. We have no place for it."

Moore did touch briefly again on the playoff bit. "It would be exciting," he admitted, "but this game Friday is going to be one heck of a game."

In light of Ross's performance in the rain the past two Fridays -- a 29-0 win over Marion and last week's demolition of Findlay -- Moore laughs that he has no plans for a communal rain dance by his staff.

"I don't consider this team really mudders," he said. "Sure we have played well in the rain and that has surprised me but I think this team can play well on any kind of field."

Moore has a common feeling about Ross and San-

dusky.

"Both have improved as the season has progressed," he explained. "Sandusky's offense has really been coming on while I feel that we are peaking at the right time -- right at the time of a championship game."

The Ross coach pointed out that his team's main concern is containing Sandusky's speed, especially wide receiver Lynn Lewis who has caught only seven passes but four for TDs and a 25-yard per catch average.

"And that Brown kid is really starting to develop into a good tailback," Moore added, "plus they have a good fullback."

Mel Brown is averaging 5.6 yards per carry with 565 yards on 101 carries and eight touchdowns. Roy Gant, the fullback, has 408 yards on 90 carries for the Blue Streaks.

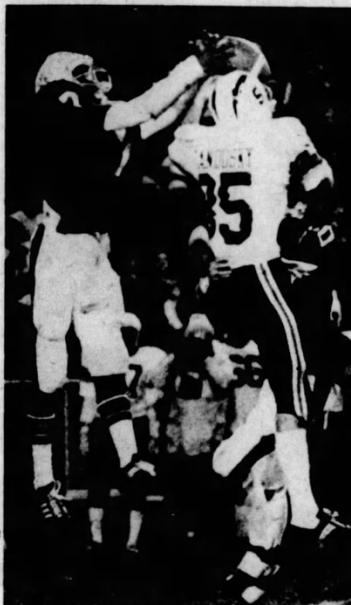
ROSS NOTES: Eric Bates needs 66 yards to reach 1,000 yards rushing. He tops the Buckeye in that department.

Ross is the team leader in overall and conference offensive and defensive stats. The Little Giants generate 274 yards of offense and hold opponents to 122 defensively overall.

Sandusky ranks third all the way through in the two departments. The Blue Streaks average 236 yards a game while allowing 139.

Ross blanks Sandusky 7-0

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STEALING A PASS. Little Giants' Tony Gant, to the left, jumps and reaches over Sandusky's Rich Fantozz during action Friday night at Harmon Stadium. Gant picked this pass off and two others as Ross won 7-0.

Guess which team won

You would not have to guess too much if you looked at Ross quarterback Mike Elcher's face seconds after time ran out Friday night at Harmon Stadium. Elcher had two key runs on the Little Giants' only scoring drive in the 7-0 victory over the Blue Streaks of Sandusky.



SCOTT LOGAN, number 11, is about to be brought down by a Sandusky player after receiving a punt. Behind Logan is Dave

Eckhardt, 27. (News-Messenger photos by Bill Kennedy)

Little Giants playing waiting game

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor
Now the waiting game begins for Ross.

The bedlam came first Friday night beneath the cavernous expanses of Harmon Stadium after Ross blanked archrival Sandusky 7-0 to lay claim to an outright Buckeye Conference championship.

It was the Little Giants' first crown since 1976, the first year for Coach Pete Moore, and the eighth in conference history.

"I don't know whether it's the biggest win for me," Moore said, "but it ranks right up there. We have had some big ones this year — I had never beaten Elyria before."

The win over Sandusky ranks "right up there" with Ross's big victories but it could grow to its biggest if the Little Giants reach the state playoffs, a first for Ross.

"Slim and none," Moore shrugged about the playoff picture and his feelings about Ross's chances making the state scene. "We have laid out nine tables (trying to figure out Ross's chances), but who knows."

Heading into the game, Sandusky was second in the race for one of two playoff berths with 127.09 points while Ross was fourth with 106.

But while Moore was mulling lightly over the playoff possibilities, the sweet noise of the conference title celebration was echoing in everyone's ears.

"I'm so happy for these kids," Moore said as a smile encased his face. "This is a close knit group of seniors and they deserve to win it."

The only sad thing about the victory for Moore was his parents from Englewood did not arrive until a little over four minutes remained in the game.

The Ross coach's parents missed most of the game but Ross's defense

was there for the entire game. It has been Ross's bread and butter all season and it was in top form for the Blue Streaks.

Ross's "D" permitted the Sand Towners only 72 yards, all on the ground during the contest. It held off minor charges early in the game when a bad snap on a punt attempt put Ross in trouble and on the second series of plays in the second half.

"That's a full 48 minutes on that clock," Moore sighed as he relived the game, "but our defense played another steady game."

"Sure," he admitted, "I thought we would shut them out but I also thought that we would score a few more points. Only their defense came to play just like us!"

Ross scored on its fourth series. Eric Bates, who went over a 1,000 yards with 91 yards on 27 carries in the contest, rode the blocks of tight end Shawn Simms, tackle Scott Manahan and Bill Hicks over Ross's left side for a six-yard touchdown run midway through the second stanza. Greg Bobay's placement was the final point of the game.

The 47-yard Ross scoring drive was keyed by quarterback Mike Elcher's 23-yard run on a first and 22 at the Ross 48. Elcher skirted left end on an option play to the nine to give Ross a first and goal. In two plays, Bates' run capped the drive.

The Little Giants' defense had tossed up a wall on Sandusky's first possession of the game. Ken Rankin recovered a fumble when Charlie Heid's low snap skipped through Ross punter Brent Foos' hand. The 29-yard loss put the Blue Streaks in business at the Ross 29. Three plays later, the Blue Streaks were facing a fourth and 20. Little Giants' defensive end Dennis Murray came up with a pair of tackles for

eight yards in losses in the series.

Foos, although having trouble with his first punt attempt, nailed Sandusky to its one early in the fourth period with a 38-yarder and then got off a 42-yard punt from the Little Giants end zone to the Sandusky 48 with 1:40 to play. That iced the contest for Ross.

Sandusky could do nothing in the air as seven passes from quarterback Craig Cliff found little except for the three picked

off by Little Giants junior safety Tony Gant. Gant's final theft came at the Ross 40 with 21 seconds to play.

Earlier in the game, Gant had stolen Sandusky passes at the Ross nine and the 23. He had two other passes slip through his hands.

Sandusky's only second half threat was on its second series when sophomore Richard Twine's 30 yards in two carries took the Blue Streaks to the Ross 40. But

that drive faltered as Murray threw Twine for a four-yard loss and then Twine was stopped for only a yard on a fourth and four at the Ross 34.

For Moore and his team, the waiting must continue for a couple of days.

"I tell you it would be a shame if the season didn't go on for another week," Moore said. "It would be too bad if these people did not get to see a good, aggressive football team like this again."

Ross ended the regular

season at 9-1, the best record since a 9-0-1 mark in 1974. Sandusky finished at 8-2.

ROSS NOTES: Bates finished with 1,025 yards rushing for the season.

The Little Giants allowed Sandusky only three first downs. Gant's three interceptions gave him four for the season.

Ross got strong play from senior inside linebackers Eric Gant and Jim Casey. Both were credited with several tackles during the contest.



MELVIN BROWN OF SANDUSKY IS TACKLED BY THREE ROSS DEFENDERS.

Brian Sipe versus Bears' defense

CLEVELAND (AP) — The upcoming National Football League clash between the Chicago Bears and Cleveland Browns should provide an interesting study

"It should be an interesting challenge for us."

The clubs met during the preseason this year, and Cleveland came away with a 33-31 victory.

Ross 7, Sandusky 0

Scores by quarters

Sandusky	0	0	0	0-0
Ross	0	7	0	0-7

Statistics

	S	R
FIRST DOWNS	3	10
Rushing	3	8
Passing	0	1
Penalty	0	1
PASSES ATTEMPTED	7	5
Completed	0	2
Intercepted	3	1
NET YARDS GAINED		
(Total)	72	180
Rushing	72	140
Passing	0	40
FUMBLES	1	1
Ball Lost	0	1
PENALTIES	4	8
Yards Penalized	36	80
PUNTS	7	6
Average	34.6	32.7

Scoring

Ross: Eric Bates, six-yard run

(Greg Bobay kick), 5:45, second quarter.

Port Clinton 14, Perkins 13

Scores by quarters

Perkins	7	0	0	6-13
Port Clinton	7	0	7	0-14

Statistics

	PC	P
FIRST DOWNS	10	8
Rushing	8	2
Passing	1	5
Penalty	1	1
PASSES ATTEMPTED	16	11
Completed	6	3
Intercepted	0	0
Rushing	119	97
Passing	79	85
FUMBLES	1	3
Ball Lost	0	2
PENALTIES	9	8
Yards Penalized	90	105
PUNTS	7	5
Average	35.5	40.5

Ross just misses

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Pete Moore never really reached the pinnacle emotionally that he could have this morning but for 20 minutes the bubble he was on was quickly floating skyward. Then it burst.

The Ross football coach can thank a verbal slip at the Associated Press in Columbus for temporarily reporting Ross in the state high school football playoffs. Instead, it's really Sandusky, the team the Little Giants defeated Friday 7-0, headed into the chase for the state championship.

Despite the loss to Ross on the final weekend of the regular season, Sandusky earned its playoff berth because its nonconference opponents scored more victories, and therefore more points, than the nonconference teams Ross defeated early in the year.

For awhile, however, there was some excitement at Ross.

When informed by The News-Messenger early this morning that the Associated Press had



Sign of the season

A resident of Rosewood Avenue in Fremont creates a smoke screen while burning leaves in his back yard.
(News-Messenger photo by Bill Kennedy)

reported the state playoff pairings with Ross included, Moore uttered, "Huh?"

Yes, that's what the wire read: Fremont Ross, 9-1, at Upper Arlington, 8-1-1.

That announcement was followed by an informal meeting in the Ross athletic office with Moore, Ross Principal Richard Butdorf and Athletic Director Dick Sherman

and the common thought was "How?"

How could the Little Giants be in the playoffs?

"All weekend long I was preparing myself to accept the fact that we were not

going," Moore said and then added, "I don't think that there is any easy way of accepting it (not making the playoffs.)"

A few phone calls trying (Continued on page 2)

It's Sandusky, not Ross, in playoffs

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Cincinnati Moeller, the Ohio Class AAA playoff champion four of the last five years, earned a playoff berth today in the expanded 40-team, 5-division state prep football postseason eliminations this season.

Moeller, top-ranked statewide by The Associated Press, will carry a 10-0-0 record in a rematch with Cincinnati Princeton. The Crusaders rallied to hand Princeton

its only loss 14-13 in a regular season finale Friday night.

Princeton is the only team to break Moeller's stranglehold on the Class AAA playoff crown the last five years.

Under the new format in 1980, they will be meeting in a Division I playoff quarterfinal Friday night in Nippert Stadium on the University of Cincinnati campus.

In the other Division I pairings Friday night,

Cleveland St. Joseph 7-0-3 plays at Willoughby South 10-0-0 in Region 1, Sandusky 8-2-0 will visit Upper Arlington 8-1-1 and Canton McKinley 9-1-0 are rematched in Fawcett Stadium in Canton.

McKinley beat Massillon 16-7 in the last game of the regular season Saturday at Massillon.

Orrville and Mogadore, the AP's other No. 1 ranked teams, also will participate in the playoffs.

Orrville, the statewide Class AA leader, will risk its 10-0-0 record at Fostoria 10-0-0 in Division III.

Mogadore, the 1979 Class A playoff king and the small school poll leader this season, also is 10-0-0 at Lorain Clearview 8-1-1 in Division V.

In Division II games Friday night, Richfield Revere 8-0-2 plays at Solon 9-1-0, Toledo St. Francis 8-2-0 takes on Columbus Watterson 9-1-0 at Columbus Whetstone, Dover 8-1-1 plays Youngstown Mooney 9-0-0 in the Akron Rubber Bowl and Dayton Roth 10-0-0 faces host Lebanon 10-0-0.

In other Division III contests Friday night, Warren Kennedy 8-2-0 plays Cleveland Benedictine 8-1-1 at Parma, New Concord John Glenn 10-0-0 goes to Ironton

9-0-1, the 1979 Class AA playoff champion, and Carlisle 9-1-0 takes on Hamilton Badin 10-0-0 at Middletown's Barnitz Field.

The Division IV and Division V games will be played Saturday night.

In Division IV, it will be Burton Berkshire 9-0-1 vs. Garfield Heights Trinity 9-1-0 at Ripp Field, Bucyrus Wynford 9-1-0 at Archbold 10-0-0, Tiltonsville Buckeye South 8-1-1 at Crooksville 8-

1-1 and Cincinnati Mariemont 8-2-0 at West Jefferson 8-2-0.

In other Division V games, Liberty Center 9-1-0 plays at Tiffin Calvert 8-2-0, Glouster Trimble 10-0-0 at Newark Catholic 9-1-0 on Newark High School's field and Covington 90-1 at Williamsburg 9-1-0.

The opponents and sites for the second round of playoff games Nov. 14-15 will be determined Sunday by the OHSAA.

State pairings

Friday Night's Games
Division I
Cleveland St. Joseph 7-0-3 at Willoughby South 10-0-0
Sandusky 8-2-0 at Upper Arlington 8-1-1
Massillon 8-1-1 vs. Canton McKinley 9-1 at Canton Fawcett Stadium
Cln. Princeton 9-1-0 vs. Cln. Moeller 10-0 at Nippert Stadium

Division III
Warren Kennedy 8-2-0 vs. Cleveland Benedictine 8-1-1 at Kent Roosevelt
Orrville 9-0-0 at Fostoria 10-0-0
New Concord John Glenn 10-0-0 at Ironton 9-1
Carlisle 9-1-0 vs. Hamilton Badin 10-0-0, site to be announced.

Saturday Night's Games
Division IV

Clearview 8-1-1
Liberty Center 9-1-0 at Tiffin
Calvert 9-0-0 at Tiffin
Glouster Trimble 10-0-0 vs. Newark Catholic 9-1-0 at Newark High School
Covington 9-0-1 at Williamsburg 9-1-0
(Second round opponents and sites to be determined Sunday)

Transactions

BASEBALL

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Added Eric Show, Steve Fireovid, Tim Hamm and Andy Hawkins, pitchers, and Doug Gwosdz

and Ron Tingley, catchers. Reassigned Fred Kuhaulua, pitcher, Rick Sweet, catcher and Brian Greer and Don Reynolds, outfielders, to Hawaii of the Pacific Coast League.

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Simms, Moore top Buckeye selections



SHAWN SIMMS
Buckeye "lineman of the year"

News-Messenger

Sports

Bob Marker, editor

Shawn Simms led a host of Fremont Ross players named to the top two teams of the Buckeye All-Conference football teams as selected by the coaches.

Little Giants Coach Pete Moore was tabbed as the loop's "coach of the year" while Simms is the conference's "lineman of the year."

Simms, who helped lead Ross to an undisputed conference title and a 9-1 season, was named on both the first offensive and defensive teams. He was the tight end on offense and a linebacker for the defense.

The 6-2, 196-pounder, helped Ross's defense limit opponents to 98 yards in conference games and 117 overall per game. He was credited with 47 tackles, 33 assists, one caused fumble, three fumble recoveries, one interception and

a blocked punt that went for a touch-down. On offense, Simms graded out at 79 percent blocking efficiency while catching a pair of TD passes.

Moore, completed his fifth year as Ross's head coach and now holds a 33-14-3 record. It was the second BC champ that Moore has coached.

Moore and his staff helped coach the Little Giants to the top spot in both offensive and defensive categories for conference and all games. In the conference, the offense averaged 283 yards and overall 265. Ross scored 238 points while holding opponents to 46.

Barry Rush, senior, 5-8, 165, of Lorain Senior was named the "back of the year." Cited for his consistent performances, Ross picked up 886 yards on

158 carries for a 5.8 per carry average. He scored seven TDs.

Other Ross players named to the first team offense included tackle Scott Manahan and guard Bill Hicks. Manahan is 6-4, 225, while Hicks is 5-11, 185. Both are seniors.

Eric Bates, the lone 1,000-yard rusher in the BC, was one of the backs honored. Bates and Findlay split end Jamie Houdeschell were the only juniors named to the first offensive team.

Ross quarterback Mike Elcher was named to the second team while center Tom Smith shared honors at the position on the second unit with John Scowden of Marion Harding.

Besides Simms on the first team defense, Ross linebackers Jim Casey and Eric Gant received first team

honors although Bates was listed as a tackle.

Senior Dennis Murray of Ross is one of the defensive ends while junior Tony Gant is one of the all-conference defensive backs.

Taking second defensive team honors for Ross was tackle Dave Zyski and defensive back Kevin Widman.

In other Buckeye awards, Tony Gant and Murray were honored as players of the week for play in Ross's 7-0 win over Sandusky.

Gant intercepted three passes and was named "back of the week" and Murray was the "lineman of the week." The Ross defensive end had six tackles, four assists and two tackles for minus yardage.



MOORE



MANAHAN



HICKS



BATES



MURRAY



E. GANT



CASEY



SMITH



T. GANT



ZYSKI



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Simms leads Ross football honors parade

Shawn Simms walked off with the bulk of the hardware Monday evening but every Ross football player on the Little Giants team also got a bit of the medal during the Ross football awards show at the high school.

Simms, a two-way All-Buckeye Conference player and the "lineman of the year" in the conference and Northwestern Ohio, won the team's most valuable player honor plus the most valuable defensive back as well as receiving a captain's trophy.

Simms was among 40 juniors and seniors receiving letters for the 9-1 Buckeye Conference champs. The whole team, more than 100 strong, were presented with championship trophies and patches by Ross head coach Pete Moore and his staff.

Tom Smith, Jim Casey and Eric Bates were named most valuable in three separate areas for the Little Giants. Smith as the offensive lineman and Casey as the team's top defensive lineman. Bates was named the team's top offensive back. Smith and Casey are seniors and Bates is a junior.

Senior Clay Keim and junior Bob Lotycz were named the team's most improved senior and junior, respectively. The True Grit Award, a presentation of the Sandusky County YMCA "Y's" Men's Club, went to Ken Kovaleski, an offensive tackle.

Captain's trophies went to Simms, Mike Eichler and Eric Gant.

Giant Club Awards, an award based on accomplishments using the Nautilus and Universal weight training machines, were presented to brothers Bill and Dave Hicks, Casey and Tom Pendrey.

The outstanding sophomore award went to Mike Wendt.

Among the letter winners, were a pair of Little Giants presented with their third awards — Simms and Dennis Murray.

Following is the list of letter winners:

Two-year letter winners: Seniors Jim Casey, Mike Eichler, Brent Foos, Eric Gant, Charlie Heid, Bill Hicks, Jim Kiser, Scott Logan, Scott Manahan, Tom Pendrey, Tom Smith and Kevin Widman;

First year letter winners: Seniors Troy Bartson, Doug Bischoff, Greg Bobay, Wade Cooley, David Darr, Robert Dilts, Dave Eckhardt, Todd Johnson, Clay Keim, Ken Kovaleski, Curtis Lee, Tony Michael, Gary Paxson, Joe Provonsha, Bill Randolph, Rob Reardon, Barry Watts, Richard Wolf and Dave Zyski;

Juniors Eric Bates, Dan Bollenbacher, Orlando Carter, Tony Gant, Tony Gardner, Dave Hicks and Bob Lotycz.

Trainers: Seniors Dana Szymanowski and Ted Orndorff. Managers: Senior Mike Jenkins and junior Steve Weller.



ROSS FOOTBALL honors went to, front row, left to right, Mike Eichler, Tom Smith, Eric Bates, Clay Keim; back row: Mike Wendt, Bob Lotycz, Jim Casey,

Shawn Simms and Tom Pendrey. Not in the

photo are Bill and Dave Hicks and Eric Gant.

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Deep backs — Mike Hartmann, Cincinnati Moeller, 6-1, 185, Sr.; Leon Thomason, Dayton Roth, 5-11, 175, Sr.; and Dan Yurovich, Lorain Senior, 5-11, 170, Sr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Ends — Garin Veris, Chillicothe, 6-6, 235, Sr., and E.J. Earley, Upper Arlington, 6-2, 201, Sr.

Tackles — Mark Krerowicz, Toledo St. John's, 6-4, 260, Sr., and Greg Jeffries, Cleveland John Adams, 6-3, 218, Sr.

Guards — Jack Sperry, Centerville, 6-2, 195, Sr., and Tim Gabel, Richfield Revere, 6-3, 250, Sr.

Center — Jerry Doerger, Cincinnati LaSalle, 6-5, 235, Sr.

Quarterback — Todd Hatfield, Cincinnati Colerain, 6-1, 170, Sr.

Running backs — Al Bouldin, Cuyahoga Falls Walsh, 5-9, 19, 185, Sr.; Kevin Graven, Lakewood St. Edward, 6-foot, 190, Sr.; Dave

Cornachione, West Geauga, 5-9, 165, Sr.; John Beshara, Westerville North, 5-8, 165, Sr.; and Dave Keeling, Cincinnati Princeton.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Ends — Dave Morrill, Centerville, 6-3, 220, Sr., and Bruce Belton, Akron Garfield, 6-2, 225, Sr.

Tackles — Don Whitner, Perrysburg, 6-1, 200, Sr., and Jim Gresbach, Lakewood St. Edward, 6-2, 210, Sr.

Middle guard — Bob Tabachino, Youngstown Chaney, 6-1, 215, Sr.

Linebackers — Mike Hardie, Youngstown Mooney, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Ed Nardini, Cincinnati St. Xavier, 6-1, 190, Sr.; and Tim Collieran, Cleveland St. Ignatius, 6-2, 190, Sr.

Deep backs — Bob Davie, Canton McKinley, 6-foot, 175, Sr.; Jay Holland, Columbus Mifflin, 5-11, 175, Sr.; and Steve Trivisonno, Mentor, 6-1, 175, Sr.

THIRD TEAM OFFENSE

Ends — Toby Jenkins, Elida, 6-2, 175, Sr.; Ted Shingleton, North Canton, 6-2, 180, Sr.; and Kurt Schuler, Newark, 5-11, 165, Sr.

Tackles — Bob Partlow, Boardman, 6-3, 205, Sr., and Mike Obioso, Cincinnati St. Xavier, 6-5, 230, Sr.

Guards — Jim White, Sandusky, 6-foot, 190, Sr., and John Garvey, West Geauga, 6-1, 205, Sr.

Center — Brent Cahill, Westerville North, 5-8, 175, Sr.

Quarterback — Dan Smierciak, Willoughby South, 5-9, 165, Sr.

Running backs — Mike Hemphill, Gallipolis, 5-9, 170, Sr.; Steve Johnson, Youngstown Mooney, 5-11, 160, Jr.; Perry Overholser, Sylvania Northview, 6-foot, 180, Sr.; and Lawrence Coleman, Warren Western Reserve, 5-11, 180, Sr.

THIRD TEAM DEFENSE

Ends — Joel Michelich, Westlake, 6-3, 195, Sr., and Scott Dixon, Canton McKinley, 6-3, 200, Sr.

Tackles — Paul Cunningham, Columbus Whetstone, 6-3, 250, Sr., and Tony Leonard, Cincinnati Elder, 6-3, 205, Sr.

Middle guard — Curtis Towns,

Columbus Northland, 5-10, 178, Sr.

Linebackers — Mike Mangen, Clayton Northmont, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Tony Czack, Parma Padua, 6-2, 215, Sr.; and Dan Welly, Mentor Lake Catholic, 6-foot, 200, Sr.

Deep backs — Trent Johnson, Newark, 6-1, 185, Sr.; Phil Parker, Amherst Steele, 5-10, 170, Sr.; and Napoleon McCullum, Milford, 6-1, 184, Sr.

BACK OF YEAR — Mark Brooks, Cincinnati Moeller.

LINEMAN OF YEAR — Doug Williams, Cincinnati Moeller.

COACH OF YEAR — Gerry Faust, Cincinnati Moeller.

Ross special mention
Scott Manahan, Eric Bates, Dennis Murray, Tony Gant.

Ross honorable mention
Bill Hicks, Tom Smith and Jim Casey.

Junior high

Girls basketball

Seneca East 8th 35, Old Fort 12

Score by quarters

Seneca East	4	20	6	5-35
Old Fort	2	0	4	6-12

Scoring

SENECA EAST: Millie Kockel 3-0-6, Amy Beaton 4-0-8, Deb Hopple 3-1-7, Annette Hoerig 3-1-7, Krista Swartz 1-0-2, Vicki Stallings 0-3-3, Amy Tusing 1-0-2; totals 15-5-35.



Moore vs. Robertson

CANTON — It was made official today, Wayne "Pete" Moore of Fremont Ross will coach the North team in the July 24 Ohio High School Coaches Association 1981 All-Star game.

The South team coach is Dale Robertson of Hamilton.

Lou Venditti, secretary of the coaches group, made the announcement today. The News-Messenger reported Tuesday that Moore had been selected to the top job for the North.

Moore, 34, has guided Ross to a 33-14-3 record in five seasons which has included two Buckeye Conference championships.

The assistant coaches for the North are Robert Quackenbush of Chesterland West Geauga, Paul Mentis of Vermilion and Joe Demaree of Massillon Perry.

The South team assistants are Jim Slagle of New Concord John Glenn, Kevin Fell of Delphos Jefferson and George Shreyer of Lancaster Fairfield Union.

Robertson, 38, turned out a 7-3 record in his first season at Hamilton's merger of Taft and Garfield High Schools. He had a 6-4 record at Taft in 1979.



PETE MOORE

The All-Star game will be played in Massillon's Paul Brown Tiger Stadium.

The player rosters for both teams will be announced in February.