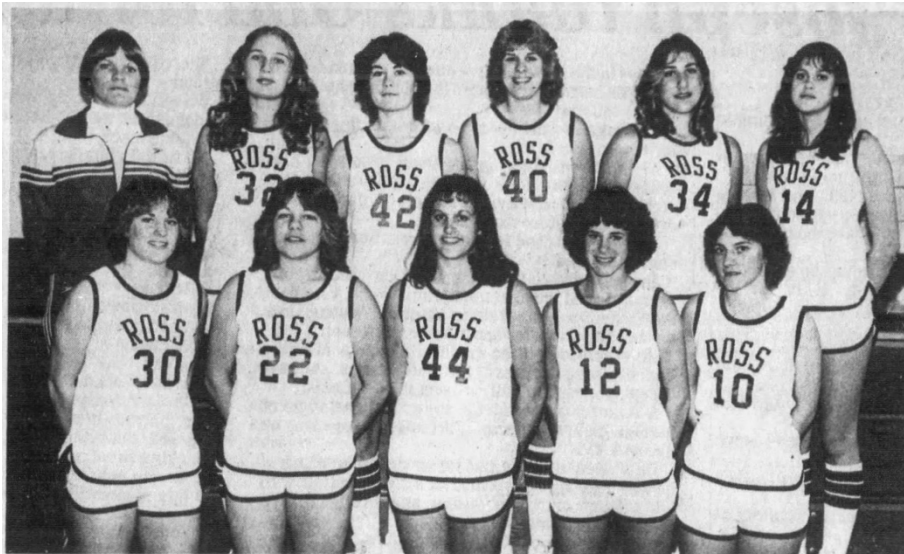


1981-1982 Season Review



ROSS'S GIRLS' BASKETBALL team. Front row, left to right: Sandy Long, Sharon Karlovetz, Pam Cozette, Katie Marritt, Julie Ritchart; back row:

Coach Sue Wolf, Becky Coleman, Carol Falquette, Tina Michael, Melissa Mamula and Celenea Simmons.

Ross girls open at Bellevue

Sue Wolf had her tongue in her cheek when she used a bit of logic about her Ross High School girls basketball team.

"We are not too big," she smiled, "because we are sort of short."

Clarifying that, she said, "We are short in height and experience."

So short on experience with three letter winners back from last season is Ross, Wolf has elected to open with a pair of sophomores in Saturday's season opener (1:30 p.m.) at Bellevue.

"I wouldn't keep a sophomore on the varsity if they were not going to play," she said.

Katie Marritt, 5-3, and Tina Michael, 5-11, are Wolf's youngsters. The duo will be teamed with junior letter winner Sandy Long, and two other juniors, Pam Cozette and Carol Falquette. Long is 5-4, Cozette 5-6 and Falquette 5-7.

Becky Coleman, 5-9, and Julie Ritchart, 5-3, both seniors, are Ross's other returning letter winners but both got just enough quarters in to get the award, the Ross coach pointed out. Coleman is out indefinitely with a leg injury.

Celenea Simmons, 5-6, Melissa Mamula, 5-9, Lisa Arndt, 5-7 and Sharon Karlovetz, 5-5, all juniors, round out the squad.

"I expect all of them to play," Wolf said. "Not all with equal time but they all should see playing time."

Wolf pointed out that she wants her team to be aggressive and her girls have been playing that way in preseason scrimmages.

"We are quick and very scrappy," the Ross coach insisted. "I think this is the quickest team that I have had here."

Wolf also said that the team has been shooting very well in the scrimmages.

"All the kids have been scoring. They have been looking for the open shot and have been taking it."

The Lady Little Giants' first home game will be Tuesday, Dec. 8, when Sandusky Perkins will visit.

Minnesota, then Iowa in Big Ten court race

By JOE MOOSHIL
AP Sports Writer

Minnesota Coach Jim Dutcher is expecting great things from his team this season and, as a result, the Gophers are being favored ever so slightly over Iowa in the upcoming Big Ten basketball race.

One reason is that Minnesota has its entire starting team back from last season when the Gophers put together 19 victories. But the Big Ten campaign could turn into a wide open affair once more.

Iowa Coach Lute Olson finds it difficult to understand how his Hawkeyes could lose their entire front line, their leading scorer and leading rebounder and still be ranked in the top 10 in the Associated Press preseason basketball poll.

"I'm not sure of that at this point," pondered Olson.

The Hawkeyes are ranked ninth, a step ahead of No. 10 Minnesota with Indiana 12th mainly because the Hoosiers are defending Big Ten and NCAA champions.

Those three teams represent the strength in the Big Ten. Purdue, Michigan State and Illinois are on the next level followed by Ohio State, Northwestern, Michigan and Wisconsin.

With such stars as Isiah, Thomas of Indiana, Herb Williams of Ohio State, Eddie Johnson of Illinois, Mike McGee of Michigan, Jay /incet of Michigan State and Claude Gregory of Wisconsin gone, here's room for another wave of future standouts.

Minnesota was picked by Midwest writers as the team to beat in the Big Ten by a narrow margin over Iowa. Dutcher's intact lineup

Dutcher in anticipation of giving his younger players experience in preconference play.

Iowa lost leading rebounder Steve Kraficisin, leading scorer Vince Brookins and Steve Waite but has seven players returning from last season's team, which finished with a 21-7 record. And there's 6-11 freshman Michael Payne who helped Quincy win the Class AA Illinois High School championship.

"Michael has been everything we hoped for and then some," said Olson. "He wears other guys out in practice. He's so quick and deceptive he makes it look easy."

Indiana Coach Bobby Knight lost Thomas to the pros, Ray Tolbert by graduation and Landon Turner in an auto accident in which he suffered a broken back that left him paralyzed from the waist down.

Randy Wittman and Ted Kitchel are holdover starters and Jimmy Thomas, who was outstanding in the playoffs, is back. Steve Bouchie, a 6-8 junior and a starter two years ago, could come back from injuries.

The Hoosiers have outstanding freshman talent in 7-2 Uwe Blab, 6-9 John Flowers and Winston Morgan. Knight might have to press them into service early.

Purdue has three starters returning including 6-10 Russell Cross, the Big Ten's top rookie last season. Coach Gene Keady will shift Cross from center to forward this year mainly because of 7-foot Joe Gampfer, a sophomore who sat out last season because of knee surgery.

Gampfer has come down in weight from 293 to 258 but Keady

Point Guard.

Most Big Ten coaches feel that Michigan State could be the surprise of the league and Jud Heathcote is not one to argue. "We probably have more quality basketball players than a major college program acutally needs," Heathcote said.

Kevin Smith is back and Heathcote calls him the best offensive guard in the conference if not in the country. The only other returning starter is 6-8 Ben Tower but there are potential regulars in 6-7 Kurt James and 6-9 Richard Mudd.

Newcomers include Sam Vincent, younger brother of Jay, and 7-foot Kevin Willis, a sophomore junior college transfer.

Illinois lost its entire front line including Mark Smith and center Derek Holcomb, so Coach Lou Henson will go with his three-guard offense.

"We have a lot of talent coming back at guard so, naturally we want to take advantage of it," said Henson.

The guards are Perry Range, Craig Tucker and Derek Harper. Range is one of the top defensive players in the league and will be called on to guard the opponents' top player. James Griffin will move in at center and Bryan Leonard at forward.

Ohio State has one of the league's top players back in Clark Kellogg but little else with four of last year's leading scorers gone. Kellogg led the Big Ten in rebounding.

Northwestern has seven let-termen returning to vie for five starting positions. Heading the group are seniors Jim Stack and Bob Grady along with Gathis

Little Giants defeated

BELLEVUE — Sandy Long tossed in 20 points but Ross had only 36 in a 51-36 defeat at the hands of Bellevue in a high school girls basketball game Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Little Giants canned only 14 of 50 shots from the field and could not contain the inside game of the Lady Redmen.

Nine Bellevue players scored in the balanced attack. Jacquie Windsor had nine points and three other players had seven points apiece.

Bellevue held a 16-12 lead after the first eight minutes and took a 21-18 margin into the locker room.

Ross trailed by only a 32-28 margin after three periods but Bellevue gunned in 19 points in the final period while the Lady Redmen's 2-1-2 zone defense cooled off Ross.

Sharon Karlovetz had 14 points for Ross.

In the junior varsity game, Bellevue won 33-14. Lisa Luman and Ronna Paulson had six points apiece for Ross.

Ross girls felled by Huron

The Huron Tigers girls' basketball team made Ross their 38th straight regular season victim Tuesday night with a convincing 49-24 whitewashing of the Little Giants in Huron.

The Tigers were up 45-12 after three quarters before substituting late in the game. The Little Giants were outrebounded 37-21 and their 17 per-cent field-goal shooting did not help, either.

Katie Marritt led Ross with six points.

Ross plays Thursday night at Lorain Senior beginning with the JV game at 6:30 p.m.

Varsity Girls

Huron 49, Ross 24

Score by quarters

Ross	5	5	2	12—24
Huron	13	14	18	4—49

Scoring

ROSS: Sandy Long 0-1-1, Sharon Karlovetz 1-0-2, Katie Marritt 3-0-6, Melissa Mamula 2-1-5, Lisa Arndt 2-1-5, Julie Ritchart 0-2-2, Celenea Simmons 1-1-3. Totals 9-6-24.

HURON: Studer 1-0-2, Cherry 5-1-11, Hahn 3-0-6, Harris 2-0-4, Morgan 7-4-18, Schwenn 2-2-6, Summers 0-2-2. Totals 20-9-49.

JV girls

Huron 21, Ross 12

Score by quarters

Ross	3	3	2	4—12
Huron	2	4	6	9—21

Scoring

ROSS: Terri Provvard 1-0-2, Lisa McKinney 1-0-2, Aimee Bollenbacher 0-1-1, Lisa Luman 0-1-1, Ronna Paulson 1-2-4, Gwen Minich 1-0-2. Totals 4-4-12.

HURON: Lynn Andrews 1-2-4, Lois Jenkins 5-1-11, Barb Korode 1-0-2, Mary Gilhuly 0-1-1, Sue Auble 0-2-2, Sandy Sonntag 0-1-1. Totals 7-7-21.

Ross rally falls short in Lorain

The Ross girls varsity basketball team staged a second-half rally, but it fell short as the Little Giants were defeated 35-33 by Lorain Senior Thursday night in Lorain.

In other action around the area, Woodmore stopped Gibsonburg 44-36, Clyde nudged Old Fort 50-44, Bettsville defeated Northwood 36-30 and Eastwood topped Oak Harbor 45-35.

The foul bug bit Ross last night as the Lady Little Giants were whistled for 22 personals to Lorain's nine. But Ross Coach Sue Wolf didn't want to blame the officials.

"That wasn't it," Wolf said. "We had our chances to win, but we just didn't do it. We played better, though." Ross has now dropped its first three games.

Sandy Long, Sharon Karlovetz and Katie Marritt paced a balanced Ross attack with eight points apiece. Lorain's Cathy Haynes led all scorers with 17.

Ross was 16 of 53 (30 percent) from the field and Lorain was 15 of 41 (31 percent). Ross outrebounded the Steelmen 39-26.

Ross plays Tuesday at home

against Perkins.

WOODMORE 44, GIBSONBURG 36

The Wildcats broke open a tie game with a 14-6 third quarter advantage to spoil Gibsonburg's home opener. The victory for Woodmore kept its record unblemished at 2-0.

Amy Kruse led the winners with 16 points while Regina Dunn and Tammy Siebenaller each added 10. Terry Gruner paced Gibsonburg's attack with 13. Cheryl Krumnow had 20 rebounds.

Woodmore will be at home against Oak Harbor Tuesday while on that same day Gibsonburg travels to Genoa.

CLYDE 50, OLD FORT 44

Clyde evened its record at 1-1 by jumping out to a 32-21 halftime lead and then holding on from there at Old Fort.

It was a balanced Flier attack that got them the win as Holly Streeter scored 12, Carrie Allen had 11, Sarah Berlekamp knocked in 10 and Kim Caudill added nine.

The Stockaders had the game's leading scorer in Barb Gabel, who scored 17. Old Fort, now 0-2, put up an amazing 74 shots but made only

17 of them for 23 percent. Clyde was a more modest 22 of 52 for 43 percent.

Clyde travels to Fostoria to take on the Redmen Monday while Old Fort goes to Hopewell-Loudon that same day.

BETTSVILLE 36, NORTHWOOD 30

Bettsville gained its first win out of three games this season with another of last night's well-balanced scoring attacks.

Charity Yoakum's nine points was tops among five Bobcats who each scored no less than six points. Bettsville was 15 of 50 (30 percent) from the field. The Bobcats outscored Northwood in each quarter.

EASTWOOD 45, OAK HARBOR 35

Oak Harbor was down 37-35 with 1:30 to go, but Eastwood scored on the last eight points of the game to send the Rockets to their second loss in an many games this season.

Eastwood, now 1-1, was paced by the one-two attack of Terri Poggemeyer, who had 20 points, and Lori Ford, who added 18.

Michele Burmeister led OH with 10.

Ross 28, Lorain 24

Score by quarters

Ross	2	10	8	8-28
Lorain	4	7	9	4-24

Scoring

ROSS: Terry Provard 2-1-5, Lisa McKinney 1-0-2, Aimee Bollenbacher 1-1-3, Lisa Luman 3-0-6, Ronna Paulson 4-0-8, Gwen Minich 2-0-4. Totals 13-2-28.

LORAIN: Dineen Kocak 1-0-2, Chris Claus 3-0-6, Carrie Nickeson 0-1-1, Andrea Jewells 6-0-12, Tammie Claus 0-3-3. Totals 10-4-24.

Season record: Ross 1-2.

Varsity girls

Lorain 35, Ross 33

Score by quarters

Ross	8	5	12	8-33
Lorain	8	13	8	6-35

Scoring

ROSS: Sandy Long 4-0-8, Sharon Karlovetz 4-0-8, Tina Michael 0-1-1, Katie Marritt 4-0-8, Melissa Mamula 1-0-2, Celenea Simmons 3-0-6. Totals 16-1-33

LORAIN: Cathy Haynes 8-1-17, Sharon Reynolds 1-0-2, Jackie Bracy 1-0-2, Linda Mattish 2-3-7, Liz Crespo 3-1-7. Totals 15-5-35.

Season record: Ross 0-3.

Ross girls end three-game skid

Ross ended a three-game losing skid Tuesday, handing Sandusky Perkins a 37-33 setback in girls high school basketball.

The Lady Little Giants trailed 20-10 at the half but with sophomore Katie Marritt and senior Sandy Long warming up in the final half, Ross outscored the Perkins squad 16-7 in the final period to pull out the win.

"We came back and played a good second half," Ross Coach Sue Wolf said about her team's first win of the season. "We did the same thing in the second half that we tried in the first half only we did it better."

Marritt, who had only a pair of second quarter buckets, canned 13 second half points while Long, scoreless in the first 24 minutes,

dropped in eight in the final period. Marritt scored six.

Ross hit only 24 percent from the floor on 14 of 59 but held Perkins to 41 shots. Perkins hit just nine of 24 attempts from the free throw line.

Marritt was the only Ross player in double figures. Marcy McPeck had 10 for Perkins.

Ross will host Findlay at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in its next encounter.

Basketball

High School

Varsity girls

Ross 37, Perkins 33

Score by quarters

Perkins	4	6	11	16—37
Ross	11	9	6	7—33

Scoring

PERKINS: Tracy Demore 1-1-3, Kathy Manion 4-0-8, Jill Grathwol 1-1-3, Marcy McPeck 4-2-10, Corinna Wechter 0-3-3, Marcy Speer 2-2-6, totals 12-9-33.

ROSS: Sandy Long 3-2-8, Sharon Karlovetz 1-4-6, Tina Michael 2-0-4, Katie Marritt 7-3-17, Celenea Simmons 1-0-2, totals 14-9-37.

Season records: Ross 1-3.

JV game

Ross 33, Perkins 21

Score by quarters

Perkins	5	0	6	10—21
Ross	6	10	5	12—33

Scoring

PERKINS: Amy Riesterer 0-3-3, Molly Retzke 0-1-1, Kim Huff 0-2-2, Tammy Baca 1-1-3, Kim Muffler 0-2-2, Lisa Smith 3-0-6, Beth Byrley 2-0-4, totals 6-9-21.

ROSS: Teri Provard 1-0-2, Lisa McKinney 1-0-2, Aimee Bollenbacher 1-0-2, Doris Clark 2-0-4, Lisa Luman 3-1-7, Ronna Paulson 6-1-13, totals 15-3-33.

Season record: Ross 2-2.

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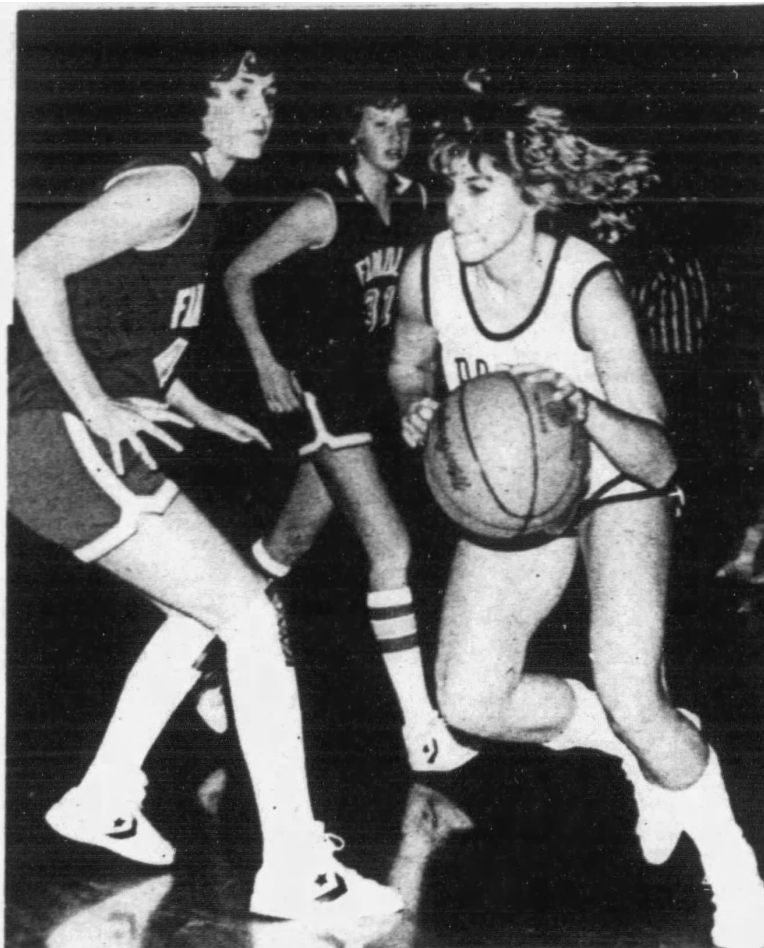
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TINA MICHAEL of Ross cuts along the base line during third period action Saturday at Ross. Defending on the play is Julie Yingling of Findlay.

Findlay girls rout Ross 64-33

Findlay took the words away from Sue Wolf.

The Ross girls basketball coach could say little after her team was soundly trounced 64-33 Saturday afternoon at the Ross High gym.

"I just don't have much to say," she said glumly.

Findlay did the talking, and, for the most part, the Lady Little Giants did the listening. The Lady Trojans were close to the Ross group only once: at the opening tip.

Ten of Findlay's 11 players scored with Cheryl Stacy's 15 topping the group. Jenny Trice and Lynn Baerwaldt added 10 apiece.

Findlay, with Stacy and Trice pumping in six points apiece, took an 18-8 lead after one period. Three

players scored a pair of buckets each in the second quarter and Findlay walked off with a 32-18 halftime lead. In the third period, Findlay iced the game.

Stacy hit seven and the

Lady Trojans outscored Ross 21-7 and it was over.

Sharon Karlovetz had nine to top Ross.

Statistically, Ross hit only 14 of 65 shots, Findlay 28 of 74. Findlay outrebounded Ross 39-34.

Margaretta charity cuts out Calvert

The Margaretta Polar Bears took advantage of a torrid night at the free throw line to stop Tiffin Calvert 78-70 in a come-from-behind Sandusky Bay Conference victory Saturday night in Castalia.

Much like Friday night when they made 28 of 36 charity tosses in a romp over St. Joe, the Polar Bears nailed 30 of 38 Saturday. They made 17 of 19 in the crucial fourth quarter when they outscored the Senecas 25-14.

"That definitely made the difference," Margaretta Coach Ted Zigler said. "We were hot from the line. But our guard play, especially in the fourth quarter by

Basketball

High school

Girls

Varsity

Findlay 64, Ross 33

Score by quarters

Findlay	18	14	21	11—64
Ross	8	10	7	8—33

Scoring

FINDLAY: Cheryl Stacy 7-1-15, Jenny Trice 5-0-10, Julie Yingling 2-0-4, Jodi Petry 1-0-2, Lynn Baerwaldt 5-0-10, Kim Freerick 2-2-0, Julie Uncapher 1-2-4, Donna Gokey 3-0-6, Sherry Thomas 1-0-2, Deona Winch 1-3-5, totals 28-8-64.

ROSS: Sandy Long 2-1-5, Sharon Karlovetz 4-1-9, Tina Michael 1-0-2, Katie Marritt 2-0-4, Melissa Mamula 2-0-4, Lisa Arndt 1-2-4, Celenea Simmons 1-1-3, Carol Falquette 1-0-2, totals 14-5-33.

Season records: Ross 1-4 (0-1).

JV game

Ross 24, Findlay 22

Score by quarters

Findlay	4	4	5	9—22
Ross	4	1	19	0—24

Scoring

FINDLAY: Susan Deeds 4-0-8, Jolyn Williamson 2-2-6, Diane Pollack 0-1-1, Cindy Yeager 2-1-5, Mary Newton 1-0-2, totals 9-4-22.

ROSS: Terri Provard 1-0-2, Lisa McKinney 1-0-2, Lisa Luman 2-0-4, Ronna Paulson 6-2-14, Gwen Minnich 1-0-2, totals 11-2-24.

Season records: Ross 3-2.

Ross girl cagers lose

A dismal shooting night and a bad floor game by the Ross girls' basketball team sent the Lady Little Giants to their fifth defeat in six games, a 40-33 loss to Tiffin Columbian Saturday in Tiffin.

Ross shot 20 percent from the field (nine of 44) and committed 32 turnovers.

Despite that, the score was tied 22-22 at half before the Little Giants let it slip away by scoring only one point to Columbian's eight in the third quarter.

Sandy Long led the local team with 12 points, 10 of which came at the free-throw line.

Box scores

High school

Varsity boys

Findlay 57, Ross 49

Score by quarters				
Ross	14	14	9	12—49
Findlay	19	8	16	14—57

Scoring

ROSS: Gant 4-1-9, Aschenbach 4-0-8, Daniels 8-2-18, Johnson 1-0-2, Collins 2-2-6, Bates 1-0-2, Sachs 2-0-4, totals 22-5-49.

FINDLAY: Clark 4-4-12, Houdeshell 4-3-11, Porter 1-3-5, Mains 8-1-17, Fry 0-4-4, Bame 1-2-4, Ums 1-0-2, Sterling 0-2-2, totals 18-21-57.

Season records: Findlay 3-3 (1-3), Ross 2-6 (0-3).

JV game

Findlay 43, Ross 37

Score by quarters				
Ross	10	8	12	7—37
Findlay	16	6	10	11—43

Scoring

ROSS: Martin 1-0-2, Polk 8-3-19, Reed 3-0-6, Hufford 4-1-9, Manahan 0-1-1, totals 16-5-37.

FINDLAY: Curlls 1-4-6, Burke 1-0-2, Arnold 6-0-12, Dillon 4-0-8, Plott 2-1-5, Fryer 2-0-4, totals 18-7-43.

Varsity boys

Margaretta 63, Clyde 56

Score by quarters				
Clyde	10	16	15	15—56
Margaretta	12	17	16	18—63

Scoring

CLYDE: Marc Streeter 9-0-18, Terry Miracle 3-7-13, Gary Weiker 1-0-2, Jeff Corthell 5-0-10, Joe Wilken 2-1-5, Scott Keegan 4-0-8, totals 24-8-56.

MARGARETTA: Mike Payne 3-3-9, Ted Keller 5-4-14, Rob Butts 10-6-26, Randy Frederick 3-0-6, Terry Scott 2-4-8, totals 23-17-63.

Season records: Clyde 2-6 (0-4), Margaretta 3-3 (3-1).

JV game: Margaretta 44-37.

Carey 78, Old Fort 59

Score by quarters				
Carey	15	14	28	21—78
Old Fort	13	13	12	21—59

Scoring

CAREY: Jim Carte 4-1-9, Steve Miller 1-3-5, Tim Draper 1-2-4, Mark Holsinger 2-0-4, Jim Hoepf 2-0-4, John Rymer 6-0-12, Merced Hernandez 6-8-20, Fritz Kin 2-3-7, Chuck Tong 4-5-13, totals 28-22-78.

OLD FORT: Ray Dayringer 3-0-6, Doug Stacy 4-0-8, Dan Miller 6-11-23, Dan Phillimore 4-2-10, Jeff Ahle 1-0-2, Bob Simon 4-2-10, totals 22-15-59.

Season records: Carey 5-3, Old Fort 1-5.

JV game: Carey 40-37.

JV girls

Tif. Columbian 29, Ross 16

Score by quarters				
Ross	3	5	2	6—16
Columbian	15	2	6	6—29

Scoring

ROSS: Terri Provard 4-2-10, Lisa McKinney 0-0-0, Aimee Bollenbacher 0-1-1, Doris Clark 1-0-2, Lisa Luman 0-1-1, Ronna Paulson 1-0-2, Gwen Minich 0-0-0, totals 6-4-16.

COLUMBIAN: Kim Corthell 3-3-9, Maria LeCrone 1-0-2, Stacie Sponseller 1-1-3, Bette John 3-1-7, Cheryl Fox 4-0-8, totals 12-5-29.

Varsity girls

Tif. Columbians 40, Ross 33

Score by quarters				
Ross	6	16	1	10—33
Columbian	9	13	8	10—40

Scoring

ROSS: Sandy Long 1-10-12., Sharon Karlovetz 3-0-6, Tina Michael 0-2-2, Katie Marritt 2-0-4, Melissa Mamula 0-1-1, Lisa Arndt 1-2-4, Celenea Simmons 2-0-4, totals 9-15-33.

COLUMBIAN: Kathy Campbell 2-1-5, Beth Kneeskern 1-0-2, Pat Focht 4-1-9, Jill Therriault 5-2-12,

Gwynn Flechtner 3-0-6, Barb Florence 0-5-5, Cheryl Fox 0-1-1, totals 15-10-40.

Season record: Ross 1-5.

Junior high

Huron St. Pete 8th 23, St. Joe 21

Score by quarters				
Huron	4	6	18	5—23
St. Joe	6	2	2	11—21

HURON: Galatruglia 1-4-6, Busam 5-1-11, Kullbride 1-0-2, Mize 2-0-4, totals 9-5-23.

ST. JOE: Gabel 1-1-3, Dick 1-0-2, Mosser 2-0-4, Cnudzinski 4-0-8, Miller 1-0-2, Rellinger 1-0-2, totals 10-1-21.

Fostoria 7th 31, Sacred Heart 29

Score by quarters				
Sacred Heart	12	5	10	2—29
Fostoria	8	7	7	9—31

Scoring

SACRED HEART: Gegorski 7-0-14, Richie 4-0-8, McCormick 1-1-3, Woolf 2-0-4, totals 14-1-29.

FOSTORIA: Ritzler 5-3-13, Row 0-3-3, Grine 5-1-11, Kreais 1-0-2, King 1-0-2, totals 12-7-31.

Fostoria 8th 26, Sacred Heart 18

Score by quarters				
Sacred Heart	2	0	6	10—18
Fostoria	6	3	10	7—26

SACRED HEART: Yeckley 2-0-4, Wolf 3-0-6, Ysaguirre 2-0-4, Wammes 1-0-2, Homegardner 1-0-2, totals 9-0-18.

FOSTORIA: Weber 0-1-1, Faber 3-1-7, Bulkauskis 1-0-2, Seiler 2-1-5, Smith 4-1-9, Peluso 1-0-2, totals 11-4-26.

St. Joe 7th 28, Huron St. Pete 25

Score by quarters				
Huron	6	12	2	5—25
St. Joe	6	8	10	4—28

Scoring

HURON: Boose 2-1-5, Hunntington 2-0-4, Lunato 4-4-12, Busam 1-2-4, totals 9-7-25.

ST. JOE: Robison 2-0-4, Fisher 1-0-2, Bowden 3-0-6, Paeth 3-0-6, Reitler 1-0-2, Ronski 1-0-2, Huether 3-0-6, totals 14-0-28.

Girls

Sacred Heart 8th 34, St. Wendelin 29

Score by quarters				
St. Wendelin	6	8	6	9—29
Sacred Heart	12	6	6	10—34

Scoring

ST. WENDELIN: Strouse 5-1-11, Hoffbauer 2-2-6, Hinricks 2-1-5, Hoover 2-0-4, Frias 1-1-3, totals 12-5-29.

SACRED HEART: Brandt 8-3-19, Haslinger 3-1-7, Mulholand 1-0-2, Simms 1-0-2, Seiler 1-0-2, Woodruff 1-0-2, totals 15-4-34.

Season record: Sacred Heart 3-0.

Elementary

Sacred Heart 6th 37, St. Joe 21

Score by quarters				
Sacred Heart	10	9	10	8—37
St. Joe	2	6	7	6—21

Scoring

SACRED HEART: Nick Hall 5-1-11, Grant Beckley 4-0-8, Jeff Missig 1-0-2, Brad Young 6-0-12, Kevin Jacobs 1-0-2, Brian Hoffman 0-2-2, totals 17-3-37.

ST. JOE: Hoffman 5-1-11, Doug Dye 2-0-4, Tom Morrissey 1-0-2, Kenny Blue 1-0-2, Joe Sweeney 1-0-2, totals 10-1-21.

St. Joe 5th 18, Sacred Heart 16

Score by quarters				
Sacred Heart	2	2	8	4—16
St. Joe	3	4	4	7—18

Scoring

SACRED HEART: Troy Binder 1-0-2, Mark Brandt 0-2-2, Bruce Durnwald 2-0-4, Chris Haslinger 3-0-6, Craig Nieset 1-0-2, totals 7-2-16.

ST. JOE: Luther McKinstry 2-0-4, Jim Schaffer 2-0-4, Jim Darr 2-0-4, Tony Esker 1-0-2, Mark Paeth 0-1-1, Mike Ehrman 1-1-3, totals 8-2-18.

left, in the last minute of the NBA

Lady Little Giants fall 43-34

TOLEDO — Central Catholic out-scored Ross 18-10 in the final period to pull out a 43-34 victory over the Lady Little Giants in a high school girls' basketball game Tuesday.

After the score was deadlocked at 17 after the first half, Ross fell behind by a point 25-24 after three periods.

Pam Schnitkey, with 20 points for the game, erupted in the second half for

Central, scoring 16 including 12 in the last quarter.

Sandy Long led the Lady Little Giants with 15 and Sharon Karlovetz had 10.

Central commanded the boards, holding a 42-19 advantage.

Ross hit only 10 of 47 shots while Central canned 18 of 46. Ross hit 14 of 23 free throws and Central six of 16.

The Lady Little Giants will be in action again Dec. 30, hosting Clyde that day.

High School

Girls

Central 43, Ross 34

Score by quarters

Ross	8	9	7	10-34
Central	4	13	8	18-43

Scoring

ROSS: Long 6-3-15, Karlovetz 1-8-10, Michael 1-0-2, Marritt 2-2-6, Simmons 0-1-1, totals 10-14-34.

CENTRAL: Self 3-5-11, Schnitkey 9-2-20, Sullivan 1-0-2, Kraus 4-0-8, Futrell 1-0-2, totals 18-7-43.

Season record: Ross 1-6.

JV game:

Central 40, Ross 15

Score by quarters

Ross	5	4	2	4-15
Central	5	18	12	5-40

Scoring

ROSS: Provard 1-0-2, Bollenbacher 0-1-1, Clark 1-0-2, Paulson 1-2-4, Gierhart 2-0-4, Minich 1-0-2, totals 6-3-15.

CENTRAL: Holmes 1-0-2, Eaton 2-0-4, Kosnikowski 0-1-1, Zalewski 6-0-12, Schwind 4-0-8, Pisula 0-1-1, Przeniczny 1-0-2, Lewandowski 1-0-2, Snyder 0-2-2, Kandalski 1-2-4, Landin 1-0-2, totals 17-6-40.

Ross fells Clyde 54-42

Ross erupted for 18 points in the second quarter to grab a 31-14 lead and then played Clyde evenly for a 54-42 victory in a high school girls basketball game Wednesday.

The Lady Little Giants held a 13-5 lead after one period but iced the game with the hot second quarter. Sandy Long popped in eight points in the period and Melissa Mamula dropped in six for the Ross girls.

Long finished with 18 for the game while Sharon Karlovetz added 14 and Mamula nine.

Carrie Allen paced Clyde with 14 markers, a dozen coming in the second half.

Ross, now 2-7, had one of its better games shooting, hitting 24 of 69 for 35 percent. Clyde canned only 13 of 46.

In the junior varsity game, Ross won 18-10. Ronna Paulson had six for the Lady Little Giants.

Ross will return to action Tuesday at Elyria in a game postponed from Dec. 17.

Girls varsity

Ross 54, Clyde 42

Score by quarters

Ross 13 18 6 17—54

Clyde 5 9 10 18—42

Scoring

ROSS: Sandy Long 8-2-18, Sharon Karlovetz 6-2-14, Tina Michael 3-1-7, Katie Marritt 2-0-4, Melissa Mamula 4-1-9, Celenea Simmons 1-0-2, totals 24-6-54.

CLYDE: Carrie Allen 6-2-14, Sara Berlekamp 2-1-5, Jan Blackburn 1-5-7, Kim Caudill 0-2-2, Kelly Davis 0-2-2, Deb Eberly 1-0-2, Mary Garvin 0-1-1, Tammy Hansen 0-1-1, Holly Streeter 3-2-8, totals 13-16-42.

Girls JV

Ross 18, Clyde 10

Score by quarters

Ross 2 2 6 8—18

Clyde 2 4 0 4—10

Scoring

ROSS: Terri Provard 2-0-4, Doris Clark 1-0-2, Lisa Luman 2-1-5, Ronna Paulson 3-0-6, Angie Gierhart 0-1-1, totals 8-2-18.

CLYDE: Jayne Cockrell 1-1-3, Diana Rodriguez 2-0-4, Christie Mossholder 1-1-3, totals 4-2-10.

Elyria girls topple Ross

Elyria jumped ahead of Ross 26-14 after 16 minutes of play and then coasted in the second half for a 50-30 victory in one of three area girls' high school basketball games Tuesday.

The game at the home of the Lady Pioneers was a makeup of a contest postponed from Dec. 17.

Shelly Pileski dropped in six points to help erase any Ross hopes of a comeback in the final period. Elyria outgunned Ross 16-6 in the final eight minutes.

In other games, Clyde was nudged by Calvert 55-53 and Gibsonburg rolled past Elmwood 61-23.

Pileski ended up with 13 points for Elyria while Betty Hervey had 10. Sharon Karlovetz scored eight with Sandy Long and Tina Michael getting six apiece for Ross.

The Lady Little Giants will host Admiral King Thursday. The junior varsity game begins at 6:30 p.m.

CALVERT 55, CLYDE 53

Clyde missed three shots at tying

Calvert in the final 14 seconds of its game. The host Lady Senecas had taken their first lead of the game three minutes from the end of the Sandusky Bay Conference contest.

Laurie Goetz had 23 points, 12 in the final period, for Calvert.

The Lady Fliers held a 29-27 lead at the half and carried a 43-37 lead into the final period before Goetz shook off a "box and one" defense. Connie Elchert tossed in 12 for Calvert.

Carrie Allen had 14 and Sara Berlekamp eight for Clyde, 3-5.

GIBSONBURG 61, ELMWOOD 23

Laura Davie had 16, Terri Gruner 10 and Kim Claycomb nine as Gibsonburg walked past Elmwood.

Gibsonburg, 5-2 overall and 3-2 in the Suburban Lakes League after the league victory, jumped to a 15-2 first period lead and had the game in control with a 33-6 halftime lead.

Cheryl Hagemeyer had eight points to pace the Lady Golden Bears.

Elyria 50, Ross 30

Score by quarters

Ross	4	10	10	6—30
Elyria	13	13	8	16—50

Scoring

ROSS: Sandy Long 3-0-6, Sharon Karlovetz 2-4-8, Tina Michael 3-0-6, Katie Marritt 1-0-2, Melissa Mamula 2-0-4, Celenea Simmons 2-0-4, totals 13-4-30.

ELYRIA: Shelly Pileski 6-1-13, Carla Smith 3-0-6, Tami Clark 0-2-2, Marcy Weil 2-0-4, Sonsi Gause 2-0-4, Barb Merritt 3-0-6, Sonya Ogle 1-0-2, Ty Lawrence 1-1-3, Betty Hervey 4-2-10, totals 22-6-50.

JV game

Elyria 39, Ross 25

Score by quarters

Ross	4	4	2	15—25
Elyria	9	10	12	8—39

Scoring

ROSS: Terri Provard 4-0-8, Aimee Bollenbacher 1-0-2, Doris Clark 1-0-2, Lisa Luman 1-1-3, Ronna Paulson 4-2-10, totals 11-3-25.

ELRYIA: Teri Montgomery 2-0-4, Dru Glover 1-0-2, Kathy Hess 4-3-11, Laurie Reinker 3-0-6, Laura Calhoun 2-3-7, Sue Cohagon 1-1-3, Becky Rorrer 3-0-6, totals 16-7-39.



KATIE MARRITT of Ross watches the ball sail out-of-bounds during first quarter action Thursday. Kim

Walton of Admiral King had just spiked the ball away from Marritt.

(N-M photos by Bill Kennedy)

AK girls rock Ross

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

Admiral King forced Ross into its type of game Thursday in a "pressurized" 61-31 win over the Lady Little Giants in a Buckeye Conference basketball clash.

No, the Lady Admirals did not feel the pressure — 47 Ross turnovers removed that possibility — it was Ross which felt the pressure of the Admiral King full court defense from the first second to the last second of the contest.

"We were supposed to bring the ball down the floor and set up (in the offense)," Ross Coach Sue Wolf said calmly after the contest. She didn't have to add that Ross didn't or couldn't.

The Lady Little Giants' failure to execute that assignment allowed the Lady Admirals to force Ross into a run and gun contest. Admiral King, to Ross's misfortune did most of the running and were gunning in layup after layup.

Kim Walton, picking up assists with pin-point passing as often as she scored, led the Admiral King fleet with 22 points. Teammate Kim Pardon bounced in 14 more.

Ross removed itself from the game three minutes into the contest. From that point until three minutes and 53 seconds remained, the Lady Little Giants went scoreless. Tina Michael's free throw at that point broke the scoreless spell.

In that time span, Admiral King had ran off 14 unanswered points for a 24-5 lead. The closest Ross could get after that was 16 shortly after the third period had began.

The Lady Little Giants did not get a field goal in the second period until 2:15 remained in the half.

It was the giveaway bug, thanks to the tight "person to person" full court pressure defense by Admiral King, that forced Ross into 14 first period turnovers and 15 more in the second period.

Celene Simmons paced Ross's scoring with seven points. Katie Marritt had six.



GOING MY WAY? Sue Wolf, coach of Ross's girls basketball team is not hitch-hiking, nor is the game going her way. Wolf watched her team solicit contributions, it was reported at Wednesday night's Block Watch meeting.

Clyde girls shock St. Mary's 43-37

The Clyde Fliers girls' basketball team survived a shaky third quarter to upset previously undefeated Sandusky St. Mary's 43-37 Thursday night in Clyde.

The Fliers led 27-18 at halftime. but the

figures out of the seven that scored.

Carrie Toomor led Oak Harbor with a modest eight-point effort. The Rockets outscored the host Royals in every quarter. Elmwood is now 3-5, 2-

High School

Girls varsity

Marion 48, Ross 32

Score by quarters

Ross	9	6	9	8—32
Marion	13	9	12	4—48

Scoring

ROSS: Sandy Long 1-0-2, Sharon Karlovetz 1-2-4, Tina Michael 3-2-8, Katie Marritt 1-1-3, Melissa Mamula 2-0-4, Lisa Arndt 2-0-4, Julie Ritchart 3-0-6, Ronna Paulson 0-1-1, totals 13-6-32.

MARION: Laura Gorham 2-2-6, Tersha Graham 3-7-13, Mary McDuffie 4-2-10, Cara Cramer 4-0-8, Jill Rowland 3-0-6, Jodie Calbert 1-0-2, Tammy Pereira 1-1-3, totals 18-12-48.

Season records: Ross 2-9 (0-5), Marion 3-8 (3-3).

JV girls

Marion 26, Ross 22

Score by quarters

Ross	0	8	6	8—22
Marion	7	10	2	7—26

Scoring

ROSS: Terri Provard 2-0-4, Lisa McKinney 1-0-2, Aimee Bollenbacher 2-0-4, Lisa Luman 3-1-7, Gwen Minich 1-3-5, totals 9-4-22.

MARION: Dawn Chapman 3-0-6, Shelly Gibson 1-4-6, Amy Kirk 1-0-2, Holly Miers 0-2-2, Suprena Reese 5-0-10, totals 10-6-26.

Marion 48, Ross 32

The Presidents jumped out to a 13-9 first-quarter lead and never looked back, sending the Little Giants to their ninth defeat in 11 games and fifth straight in the Buckeye Conference.

The winners shot only 25 percent from the field, but they put it up 71 times to Ross' 43 attempts.

Tersha Graham led Marion with 13 points. Tina Michael had eight points to lead Ross.

Ross recovers for first Buckeye Conference win

Ross nearly had its chair jerked out from under it Tuesday before relying on charity to snare a 40-39 girls basketball victory over Lorain Senior.

With one minute and 13 seconds to play, The Lady Little Giants were sitting on a comfortable 39-30 lead.

"No," Ross Coach Sue Wolf quickly answered when asked if she felt confident about the victory at that point, "definitely not."

Wolf's post game uneasiness had been evident. Four turnovers produced nine Lorain points. Only Sandy Long's free throw, the only charity toss out of four she hit in the final minutes, saved Ross from stumbling to its 10th loss. Instead, Long's free shot with 17 seconds remaining gave the Lady Little Giants their third win in 12 games and first Buckeye Conference victory in six outings.

"I'm never happy when we play like that," Wolf sighed, "but, we won . . . finally we got that first conference win."

The Lady Little Giants trailed 23-10 midway through the second period before the Lorain gals turned stone cold. Ross ran off a 25-2 spurt, including 15 points in a row to take a 35-

25 lead with 5:45 remaining in the contest.

Ross outscored Lorain 10-2 in the period with Lorain's first points in eight minutes coming on two free throws by Cathy Haynes.

The Lady Little Giants grabbed their biggest lead on the next trip downcourt. Long's bucket made it 38-27 but that put Ross in its easy chair.

Wolf, who has not had too much to chuckle about this season, had to smile when she talked about the play of one of her three sophomores that she alternated in the contest.

"Katie Marritt keeps me laughing all the time out there," she said, "but she made some good moves and knocked the ball away when we needed it."

Wolf also cited the play of Tina Michael, another sophomore and junior Lisa Arndt. "They both turned in some nice moves for us. And Paulson (Ronna, another sophomore) played well."

Long, a junior, canned 13 points to top Ross and junior Sharon Karlovetz dropped in 10.

Haynes, who had eight first half points, but none in the third period, finished with 15 for Lorain. Linda Mattish had 12.

Findlay tops Ross,

Lynn Baer and Jodi Petry combined for 24 first half points as Findlay defeated Ross 61-44 in girls high school basketball Thursday.

Baer canned nine points in the first period and Petry scored 13 of her 14 points in the first half as the Lady Trojans sprinted to a 39-27 halftime lead. Baer ended up with 17 points with a third Findlay player, Cheryl Stacey, adding 10.

In other area games, Huron dumped Clyde 55-28, Lakota stopped Otsego 41-35 and Woodmore got past Gibsonburg 52-38.

Ross hit only 17 of 67 from the floor while the Lady Trojans got off 70 shots, hitting 23. Ross was 10 of 21 at the foul line and Findlay, 15 of 21.

Sophomore Tina Michael dropped in a dozen points for Ross with Sandy Long adding nine.

Findlay is now 7-0 in the Buckeye Conference while Ross dropped to 1-6.

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Sandusky has enough spark to throttle Ross

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross and Sandusky never quite kicked in the afterburners Thursday during a girls high school basketball game but the Lady Blue Streaks hit enough revolutions to fizzle to a 37-26 victory.

The win dropped Ross to 3-11 overall and 1-7 in the Buckeye Conference. Sandusky is 9-5 and 5-3 in the conference clashes.

Neither Ross or Sandusky could claim any marksmanship trophies during the haphazard contest. The Lady Little Giants made only three of 27 first half shots while Sandusky canned a scintillating seven of 31 and led 15-8 at the half.

"I don't think anyone wanted to shoot," Ross Coach Sue Wolf said despite the 47 total shots her team took.

"Those are shots," she continued, "those kids should not be missing this late in the season. Sure, they are sophomores and juniors but they have the experience now. There is no excuse for it."

With all the missed shots flying on, off and past the rim, the Lady Little Giants hauled in 51 rebounds, nine more than Sandusky but that did not surprise Wolf.

"I knew we did a decent job on the boards," she said, "but we just could not do anything with it when we got it."

Ross made an aborted run at the Lady Blue Streaks in the final period after falling behind 29-13 with 2:25 to play in the third period. With Tina Michael leading an early fourth quarter surge, Ross came to within nine but could get no closer.

Michael ended up with 11 points and the bulk of the Ross rebounds. Katie Marritt and Sandy Long had six apiece for the Lady Little Giants.

Carla Young had 13 for Sandusky and Trish Reynolds finished with eight.

Ross committed 35 turnovers in the contest while Sandusky had 26.

Sandusky finished with 13 of 60 from the field while Ross was nine of 47.

Ross will travel to Oak Harbor Tuesday for a game against the Lady Rockets.



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

CONNIE COOK, of Oak Harbor, drives the baseline against Ross' Sharon Karlovetz during action in the Rockets' 48-40 victory over the Little Giants Tuesday night at Ross.

Buckeyes land 2 All-Ohioans

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Columbus Eastmoor, the school that sent two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin to Ohio State, is channeling two more stars to the Big Ten Conference football co-champions.

They are all-state linebackers Byron Lee and Mike Kee, labeled by Eastmoor Coach Bob Stuart as possibly the best at their positions in his more than two decades at the school. Lee is 6-foot-3 and weighs 215 pounds while Kee is 6-2½ and 210.

The announcements that the two Eastmoor players — along with two more central Ohio stars, Lancaster running back Barry Walker and Columbus Marion-Franklin middle guard Darryl Lee — bring to eight the number of recruits who have committed to Ohio State.

Four of the eight are linebackers, a top priority of Coach Earle Bruce in rebuilding a defense that yielded a schoolrecord 253 points in 12 games last fall.

The other linebackers who earlier announced for Ohio State were also from Ohio, Mark Pfister of Upper Arlington and John Hutchinson of Atwater Waterloo.

Both of Ohio State's starting outside linebackers, Anthony Griggs and Mike D'Andrea, were seniors last year. The inside pair, Marcus Marek and Glen Cobb, have only one more season of eligibility.

Rocket girls stop Ross

The Oak Harbor girls' basketball team sent its Ross counterparts down to defeat for the 12th time this season with a 48-40 victory over the Little Giants Tuesday in Oak Harbor.

The Rockets, now 5-10, led by one, 13-12, after one quarter and then extended it to 25-20 at the half.

Ross chipped its deficit to four points, 32-28, at the end of three quarters, but the host team thwarted a Little Giant rally effort with 16 fourth-quarter points.

Kelly Kretz led Oak Harbor with 18 points. Connie Cook added 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Rockets made only 23 percent (15 of 63) of their field goals. Ross could not do much better, hitting on 15 of 52 shots for a 29-percent efficiency.

Sharon Karlovetz paced the Little Giants with 19 points. Ross is now 3-12.

In other area girls' action Tuesday night, Tiffin Calvert defeated St. Joseph Central Catholic 58-41, Lakota edged Woodmore 52-51 in a double-overtime thriller and St. Mary's got by Clyde 34-31.

In one area boys' basketball game last night, Old Fort stopped Liberty Benton 57-53.

Calvert 58, St. Joe 41

The Streaks stayed even with the host Senecas for one quarter before two disastrous middle periods spelled doom for the local cagers.

Playing a box-and-one defense on Calvert star Laurie Goetz, the Streaks held her to no points in the first quarter while staying even with the Senecas 14-14.

But Mary Hammer, who was guarding Goetz, got into foul trouble and St. Joe Coach Gary Geller had to switch to a 2-3 zone

defense.

With that switch came the rout by the Senecas, who outscored St. Joe 38-14 over the next two quarters.

Goetz, along with teammate Connie Elchert, led the charge with 14 points apiece. Judy Heminger added 11.

St. Joe's Cheryl Swint tied for game scoring honors with 14 points. Reenie House had 11.

The Streaks fell to 5-9 overall and 3-7 in the Sandusky Bay Conference. Calvert is 11-2 overall and 8-2 in the SBC, good for second place.

St. Joe hosts Perkins Thursday.

Lakota 52, Woodmore 51 (2 OTs)

The Lakota Raiders were down 43-40 going into the fourth quarter before rallying to defeat

Woodmore in two overtimes in Kansas.

The Wildcats had a shot at winning it at the end of the first overtime when Amy Kruse, who scored 22 points and had 26 rebounds, stepped to the free-throw line with the score tied 48-48. But Kruse missed the front end of the one-and-one, and the Raiders went onto notch their 10th victory out of 14 games this season.

Lynette Timmons led the winners with 16 points. Angie Holman added 12 points and 14 rebounds.

St. Mary's 34, Clyde 31

A dismal second quarter for Clyde gave the host Panthers the opportunity to gain revenge on the Fliers for an early-season one-point loss.

Clyde took a 10-5 lead after one quarter, but

the Fliers could only net one point in the second quarter to fall behind 13-11.

Pat Kessler led the Panthers with 16 points. Carrie Allen was the leading scorer for Clyde with 14 points. The Fliers are now 5-10, 3-6.

Old Fort 57, L-Benton 53

Ray Dayringer popped in 10 of 14 field goal attempts on his way to a 21-point night to help the Stockaders to their third victory out of 13 games this season.

It was a close game all the way with the lead changing hands several times. The host Stockaders grabbed a one-point edge, 43-42, after three quarters and then outscored Liberty Benton 14-11 in the final stanza to gain the win.

Old Fort made 26 of 53 field goal attempts.



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

ROSS' TINA MICHAEL (41) ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK A MICHELE BURMEISTER SHOT.

Admiral girls bomb Ross

LORAIN — The Lorain Admiral King girls' basketball team jumped on its Ross counterparts early on its way to a 58-20 drubbing of the local cagers Thursday night.

The Admirals outscored Ross 14-2 in the first quarter and then built their lead to 24-8 by halftime. Ross, now 3-13 overall and 1-8 in the Buckeye Conference, never recovered.

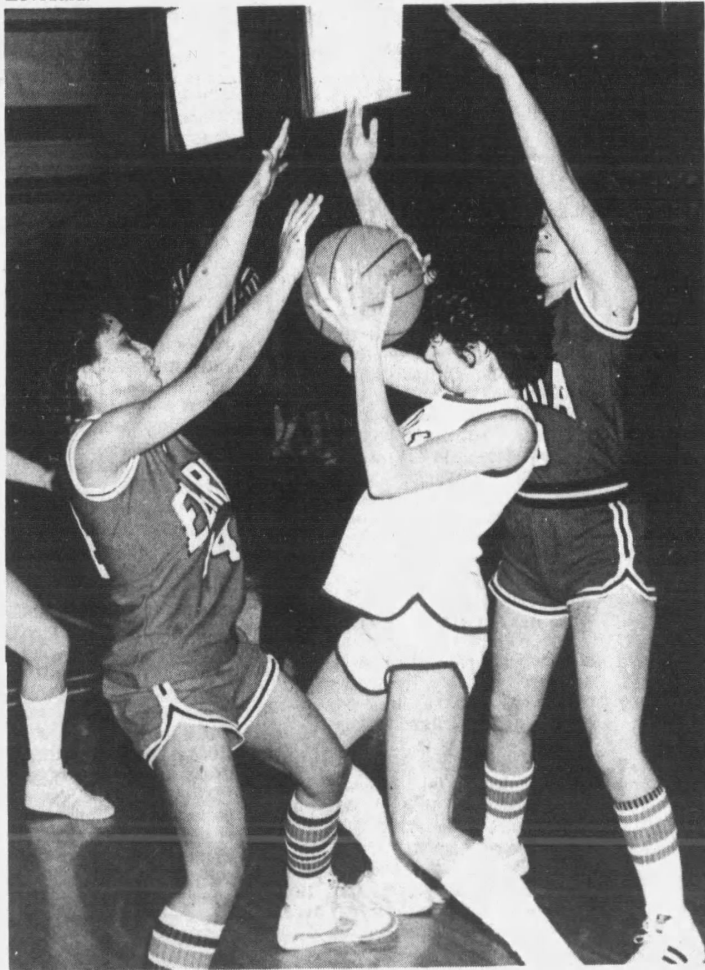
Karin Pardon led the Admirals with 20 points. Kym Walton added 14. Ronna Paulson had eight for Ross.

The Little Giants shot a dismal 14 percent from the field by making only seven of 50 shots.

Ross reschedules games

Ross's boys and girls varsity basketball teams will play Saturday at the Little Giants' home.

The girls will host Elyria at 1 p.m. in a makeup game. Later, the boys will play Toledo Waite. The boys junior varsity game will begin at 6:15 p.m.



KATIE MARRITT of Ross is trapped between a pair of Elyria defenders during third quarter play Saturday at Ross High School. Marritt got rid of the ball in this squeeze play.

Class A drawing

FOSTORIA — The St. Joseph Central Catholic boys basketball team (4-12) will meet the Woodmore Wildcats (9-6) in the first round of the Class A sectional at Fostoria High School.

The two teams, which met earlier this season in the Centennial Classic (Woodmore won 66-55), will play Tuesday, March 2 at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Their game will be played after another first-round contest, one between second-seeded Fostoria St. Wendelin (11-5) and Gibsonburg (5-10) which starts at 6:30 p.m. on March 2.

The winners of those two games will meet Friday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

In the lower bracket, Bettsville (1-17) will meet top-seeded Hopewell-Loudon (15-2) on Wednesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. and Danbury (6-11) will face Arcadia (0-16) on that same day at approximately 8:30 p.m.

... but girls win cookies

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor
Ross was faced with a Saturday afternoon ultimatum: win the game or the Lady Little Giants could forget about the cookies.

"I told them that if they lost," Coach Sue Wolf said, "they could not have any of the cookies I baked."

But the palates of both Wolf and her team were satisfied shortly after Ross shaded Elyria 37-36 in a Buckeye Conference girls basketball game.

While her team was munching on the crumbly heart-shaped goodies, Wolf was savoring her team's fourth win in 17 games.

"This was about the first time this season that we have played halfway decent together. At least there was more than one person playing well out there," Wolf said while she was holding

the cookie box.

Rightfully, the first hand into the cookie belonged to sophomore Katie Marritt. The Ross guard had hit a 12-foot one-hander from the left of the lane with 11 seconds remaining in the game to give Ross the margin of victory.

Seven seconds after her go-ahead shot, Marritt hurled her 5-foot-3 frame high into the air to block Elyria's final shot of the game. She finished with 11 points, nine in the second half.

The biggest lead of the game was five points by Elyria on two occasions. The first Lady Little Giants lead was 33-32 on a free throw by Carol Falquette with 3:26 to play in the final quarter.

Falquette, a 5-7 junior, came off the bench to grab a pair of key rebounds while jamming up the center of Ross sagging 2-3 zone defense.

Ross fell behind 34-33 on a layup by Ty Lawrence but retook the lead on Marritt's two charity tosses at the 2:02 mark. Elyria countered with a pair of free throws from Betty Hervey at the 1:27 mark.

Ross lost two jump balls in the next minute and with 20 seconds to play, Sharon Karlovetz fouled Barb Merritt of Elyria. The Elyria guard missed the free throw with Ross coming down with the ball.

Nine seconds later, Marritt hit her shot and then got the block that ensured the Ross girls of the cookie feast.

Marritt was high point producer for Ross with 11 followed by Karlovetz with eight and Sandy Long and Tina Michael with six apiece. Hervey had eight to lead Elyria.

Earlier in the season, Elyria defeated Ross 50-30.

Double loss for Fremont

Both the Ross and St. Joe girls basketball teams went down to defeat Tuesday night while the Lakota Lady Raiders picked up a victory.

Ross dropped a 68-41 decision to Sandusky, St. Joe fell 51-31 to Margaretta and Lakota hammered Genoa 61-39.

SANDUSKY 68, ROSS 41

Dismal shooting and poor rebounding cost the Lady Little Giants their 14th loss out of 18 games this season.

Ross was 18 of 72 from the field for 25 percent and was outrebounded by the host Blue Streaks 53-41. The Giants also committed 33 turnovers.

The Giants trailed 16-11 after one quarter before Sandusky opened up to a 20-point lead, 37-17, by half-time.

Tracy Redding led the winners with 20 points. Sandy Long had 16 points for Ross. Tina Michael added 10.

Ross plays Marion Thursday here in Fremont. The JV game starting time has been moved up to 5:30 p.m.

A big fourth quarter helped the Bears to pull away from St. Joe. Margaretta led by only one after one quarter, by three after two quarters and by seven after three periods before outscoring St. Joe 21-8 in the final stanza.

Tammy Studer scored 12 points to lead the Margaretta attack, which saw eight girls dent the scoring column.

On the other hand, the Streaks had only four players who scored, led by Reenie House with 23. House scored 16 of her team's 18 second-half points.

St. Joe is now 6-13 overall and 5-9 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

LAKOTA 61, GENOA 30

The host Raiders overcame a sluggish second quarter to gain their 14th victory out of 19 games and seventh out of 12 Suburban Lakes League encounters.

Lakota jumped to a 15-4 first-quarter lead. The Comets, now 1-17, 0-12, narrowed their deficit to 28-21 by halftime. But the Raiders outscored their guests 33-18 over the final 16 minutes to record the win.

Charity tosses topple Ross

Marion Harding took advantage of Ross charity Thursday to defeat the Lady Little Giants 47-41 in a Buckeye Conference basketball game at Ross High School.

Harding sank 11 of 15 free throws — Ross five of 10 — in the final quarter to pull away for the victory. Harding held a 30-28 advantage after three periods.

Laura Gorham, who finished with 12 points, hit six of seven charity tosses to pace the Harding pullaway.

"They made the free throws when they needed them," Ross Coach Sue Wolf quietly pointed out.

Ross after breaking even with Harding at 21-21 after one-half, was outscored 8 to 1 in the first four minutes of the third

quarter. But with Sharon Karlovetz hitting on two fast break buckets and Tina Michael scoring three points; the Lady Little Giants chopped Harding's lead to two heading into the final quarter.

"That's been our problem all year," Wolf admitted. "We did not get the offense when we needed it."

Harding spurred again at the start of the final quarter, jumping to a 36-30 lead. Ross charged back to trail 37-36 on Karlovetz's shot from the right base line with 3:17 to play.

At that point, Jill Rowland began Harding's acceptance of Ross's charity. She hit two free throws to give the Lady Presidents a 39-36 lead. Mary McDuff

raised the lead two more points with two more free throws.

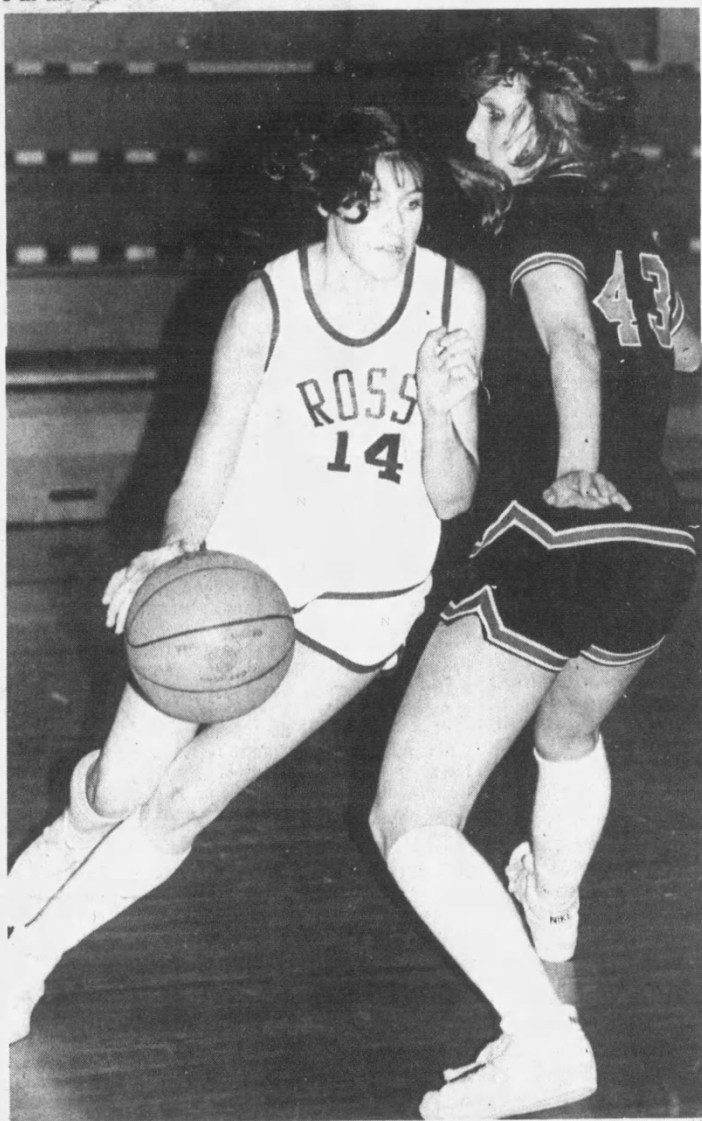
McDuffie hit from in close with 2:20 to play and the Lady Presidents enjoyed a 43-37 lead. Less than a minute later, Gorham iced the game with a pair of free throws.

Cara Cramer led the Harding crew with 14 points, followed by Gorham.

Karlovetz paced Ross with 13, followed by Michael's 11.

It was the last regular season game for Ross, closing out the season with a 4-15 record.

Tuesday, Ross will play Oregon Clay at 6:30 p.m., in the Class AAA Sectional Basketball Tournament at Rossford High School.



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

CELENEA SIMMONS of Ross drives around Marion Harding defender Shelly Rife in second

quarter action Thursday at Ross High School. The Lady Little Giants lost their season finale.

Eastwood finishes perfect in SLL

Eastwood finished the Suburban Lakes League season unbeaten while wrapping up the title in girls high school basketball Thursday.

The Lady Eagles knocked off Lakota 61-47 for its 14th SLL win. Eastwood is now 17-2 for the season while Lakota finished at 14-6 overall and 8-6 in league play.

In other SLL games, Oak Harbor ended the season with its seventh consecutive victory and 10th in 20 games, stopping Gibsonburg 37-33 and Woodmore defeated Elmwood 57-35.

Terri Poggemeyer scored 23 points for Eastwood. Teammates Laurie Ford and Sherra Samson added 11 and 10, respectively.

Eastwood grabbed an 18-7 first period lead and held a 35-22 lead at the half.

Deb Dennis scored 13 for Lakota with Mary Scherger adding 10.

OAK HARBOR, 37, GIBSONBURG 33

Oak Harbor played slow-down the last 10 minutes of the game to preserve its win. The Lady Rockets canned 13 of 18 free throws, including seven of 10, the only points they scored in the final quarter.

Oak Harbor used the slow-down to pull Gibsonburg out of a zone defense.

Gibsonburg had held a 10-4 first period lead but the Lady Rockets scored the last seven points of the period to take a lead they never lost.

Carrie Tomor iced the game for Oak Harbor with a pair of free throws with 20 seconds remaining. Gibsonburg held a 34-33 lead when Tomor sank both free throws.

Michele Burmeister led Oak Harbor with 15 points. Laura Davis had 13 for Gibsonburg, now 11-7.

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Joanne Bloomfield and Amy Kruse scored 14 points apiece and Tammy Siebenaller had 12 to pace Woodmore's 12th win against five losses.

The Lady Wildcats closed the SLL season with a 9-5 mark.

Kruse also had 15 rebounds.

Woodmore, leading 40-29 after three quarters, put the game away in the final eight minutes, outscoring Elmwood 17-6.

BC and SLL girls teams

Three area girls and two Ross girls were selected to the All-Suburban Lakes League and the All-Buckeye Conference teams by coaches.

Tina Michael and Sharon Karlovetz were selected by the Buckeye Conference coaches as members of the third team.

Michael, a 5-foot-11 sophomore, and Karlovetz, 5-foot-5 junior, were joined on the team by Pam Hill of Admiral King, Shelly Peleski of Elyria and Yvonne Warren of Sandusky.

The first team All-BC was made up of "Player of the Year" Kim Walton of Admiral King, Cathy Haynes of Lorain Senior, Jodi Petry and Cheryl Stacy of Findlay and Laura Gorham of Marion Harding.

Walton, a 5-foot-8 junior, averaged 18.1 points per game and nine and half rebounds. She blocked 40 shots and had 169 steals and loose ball retrieves this season.

The second teams was comprised of Kim Pardon, Admiral King, Carla Young of Sandusky, Julie Yingling of Findlay, Mary McDuffey of Harding, Betty Hervey of Elyria and Tracy Redding of Sandusky.

Sandy Long, junior, and Katie Marritt, sophomore, of Ross received honorable mention from the coaches.

Paul Biber of Admiral King was named the "Coach of the Year." He led his team to a share of the conference title this season, finishing 11-1 (tied with Findlay) and a 16-4 mark overall. In five years at Admiral King, Biber has a 72-34 record.

Laura Davis of Gibsonburg, Michele Burmeister of Oak Harbor and Amy Kruse of Woodmore were selected to the first team of the All-Suburban Lakes League squads.

Lori Ford and Teri Poggemeyer of the SLL champions Eastwood, rounded out the squad.

Davis is a senior who averaged 10.2 points per game. Burmeister, a junior, scored at the rate of 10.6 and Kruse, a senior, averaged 15.5 points per contest.

Poggemeyer, only a sophomore, led the team in scoring with 18.5 and teammate Ford averaged 14.2 this season.

The second team was comprised of Connie Gardner of Eastwood, Terri Gruner of Gibsonburg, Lynette Timmons of Lakota, Connie Gill of Otsego and Jo Ann Bloomfield of Woodmore.

Bloomfield, junior, led the second unit with 16.5 points per game. Timmons averaged 11.5 with Gardner and Gill scoring at a 9.7 average. Gruner's point average was 8.7 this season.

Coach Sue Wolf presented Lisa Luman with the "most valuable sophomore" trophy with the team's "most improved" going to Michael. Karlovetz took home the best foul shooter honor and another sophomore, Katie Marritt, was named the team's best defensive player.

Michael capped off the night with her third honor, the top rebounding award. Karlovetz and Sandy Long, a junior, were presented with captain's trophies.