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'76 Ross Little Giants

Ross: Buckeye Conference runnerup in 1975



Front row (left to right): Brian Burkett, Jim Zimmerman, Mark Gysan, Tim Guzman, Vic Simms, Dennis Filliator, Jim Smith, Terry Bates, Dan DeLeon, Rick Kuzmer, Kent Damschroder, Tony Ruiz, Aaron Sewell; second row: Roy Reyna, Jim Albright, Tim Simms, Sam Davis, Scott Kellogg, Mark Celek, Mike Wright, Ray Long, Warren Stout, Todd Elmers, Randy Baughman, Ken Wightman, John Pena, Jeff Brown; third row: Paul Adams, Roger Debelly, John Zimmerman, Steve Curiess, Tom Keating, Russ Stoner, Steve Coleman, Chris Myers, Dan Joachim, Bob Phillips, Karl Elliot, Karl Schabel, Clarence Parks, Mike Havener, Phil Junis, manager; fourth row: student trainers Fred Merrill and Paul Schmidt, Tony Roach, Steve Barr, Ken Nord, Scott Whitcomb, Jeff Shanahan, Mike Cozette, Doug Szymanski, Mark Stull, Ralph Davidson, Tom Good, Doug Schwartz, Doug Stull, Myron Swaisgood,

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Little Giants battle Wolverines in first game of '76

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

The opening game: a blind encounter or two teams groping in the night?

"You could blindfold me," Ross Coach Pete Moore said as he leaned back in his chair Tuesday evening, "but we have an idea where we're going."

An idea, and 400 feet of film barely one-half of a game, of the first scrimmage of the preseason is what Moore and his staff had to prepare the Little Giants football team for the opening game with Cleveland Lincoln West Friday evening at Harmon Stadium.

The game will be the first for Moore as the head coach, and he served two years as the defensive coordinator under Tom Holloman.

The question of the first game "sightlessness" came up a little unexpectedly but then no coach likes to admit his team will not have an idea of what they will face, especially in a football game.

"We're going to sit in a scrimmage game

film to really evaluate a team," Moore said. "You just don't do that much in a scrimmage. We could have been looking at kids who will not even be playing tomorrow night."

"What we expect them to do is run from the 'power-

I' and use a '90' defense basically,'" the new Little Giants leader pointed out but then added, "Of course they could have put in a whole new offense or defense since that first scrimmage."

Moore does know the basic individual makeup of the Wolverines: they are big.

"They definitely are," Moore countered. "The offensive line will weigh us but I think we are quicker. Their big men are not really very quick."

One of the big men to watch for Lincoln West is senior fullback Eric Hopper, a robust 6-1 and 215 pounds. He started against Ross two years ago.

The Wolverines are expected to throw the ball and control the clock with quarterback Ron Workman and Rich Jolley. Moore says one is lefthanded and other righthanded.

The biggest man that Lincoln West will put on the field is 6-4, 250-pound Jim Wotowiec, also a starter against the Little Giants two years ago as a sophomore.

Even though there are disadvantages going into the first game, Moore has relished the final week of practice in preparation for the opening clash.

"At least now we have a specific team to get prepared for," he smiled. "During the two and one-

half weeks of practice (preseason) you have to prepare for everything but this week we could prepare for a definite offense and a definite defense."

"Because of that, we have been having good practices this week."

The starting lineup for Ross offensively will have Randy Baughman at quarterback, Rick Kusmer at fullback, Terry Bates at tailback and Mike "Woody" Wright at wingback. All are seniors.

At center will be Jim Zimmerman with the guards Tony Ruiz and either Mark Gysan or Dave Campbell. Gysan, an All-Buckeye Conference performer last season, has been on the Ross injured list this past week and could be ready to go.

The tackles will be Jim Smith and Brian Burkett while the tight end is Kent Damschroder. The split end will be Karl Elliot.

Defensively, Ray Long and Dennis Filliator will be at the ends with Smith and Tim Guzman at the tackles. Russell Gysan will play end or cornerback or Doug Stull will be in the inside linebackers.

Wright and Clarence Parks are the outside linebackers with Dan DeLeon and Bates at halfback and Jeff Brown at safety.

There is an abundance of possible two-way per-

formers, more than the Ross coaching staff like or want.

"All we can do is hope that we stay healthy," Moore shrugged. "Really, we have to stay healthy and get a lot of experience quick."

Step one, chapter one, of the "Learn Quick Ross Manual" begins at 8 p.m. Friday night.

Ross season reserved tickets

Season reserved football tickets are still available for Ross football games. Ross assistant athletic director Gary Nossaman announced.

The tickets are in the first row of the west stands. To get the reserved tickets for the six Ross home games, call the office at 442-3321.

Reserved single tickets for Friday's opening game with Cleveland Lincoln West will be on sale at Tremper's till 5 p.m., Friday. General admission and student tickets will be on sale up till game time, also at Tremper's. All general admission tickets at the gates at Harmon Stadium will be \$2.

The gates will open at 6:30 p.m.

New look at Ross for Rex Radeloff

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Departing via the graduation route is two-time All-Buckeye Conference quarterback Pat Belch, center John Hutchings, power-driving fullback Mike McGilton, wide receiver Brad Bischoff, and tackles Jerry Ruland, Frank Von Maluski, and Drew Clayton.

Quarterback is the biggest question mark for Ross. Last year's backup to Belch, Randy Baughman is back but is virtually untested.

"My thoughts right now," Moore said during the August practices, "is to let Randy know that he is the quarterback and that the others are his backups. I've got all the confidence in the world that he can do the job."

Ross is fairly deep at the

running back slots. Rick Kuzmer, when he is not on defense will be the fullback with Clarence Parks, junior, 175, Steve Barr, junior, 170, and John Pena backing up. At the tailback, Terry Bates, who rushed for 676 yards a season ago is the first line, with speedy (4.5 in the 40) Jeff Brown spelling him.

Brown is probably one of the more versatile players on the Little Giants. In addition to running at tailback, he could play the wingback or split end for Ross as Moore and Radeloff utilize his speed.

When Brown is elsewhere, Aaron Sewell will back up Bates.

At flanker, Mike "Woody" Wright, who caught three passes last season, figures to start with Todd Elmers and Tony Roach backing up in addition to Brown.

At split end, Karl Elliot and Dan DeLeon, both seniors are vying for the starting spot with Ken Wightman and Doug Szymonowski seeing possible spot duty. Letterman Kent Damschroder should start at tight end. The 185-pound senior caught a couple of passes last season. Steve Coleman, senior, Dan Sachs, junior, and Mike Hovenor, junior, are also fighting for the spot. The tackles are defensive specialist Jim Smith, 250, who will be given a shot at the offensive job and Ray Reyna. The tackle slots are the most unsettled however.

Also aiming at a starting spot, are Jim Albright, senior, seniors Biran Burkett, Mark Celek, and Chuck Binkley.

The guard spots are pretty well set and the general consensus is these positions

are the strongest along the Ross front line. Mark Gysan, first team All-BC and all-district and Tony Ruiz will start. Both are seniors with Gysan tipping the scales at 190 and Ruiz, 200. Ray Long is backing up and the senior will see considerable action if Gysan and Ruiz play the inside linebacker spots on defense.

Jim Zimmerman, senior, 190 and Tim Guzman, senior, 200, are gunning for the center spot along with junior Scott Whitcomb, 175, and senior Warren Stout, 170.



Mark Gysan: Ross All-BC offensive guard in 1975



TERRY BATES, co-captain and Ross's leading ball carrier in 1975, returns to his tailback spphhis season. As a junior, the speedy Bates gained 676 net yards and scored five touchdowns.



RICK KUSMER started frequently at fullback for Ross a year ago but this year figures to be the primary starter at that position. He gained 338 yards in 1975 and scored three TDs.

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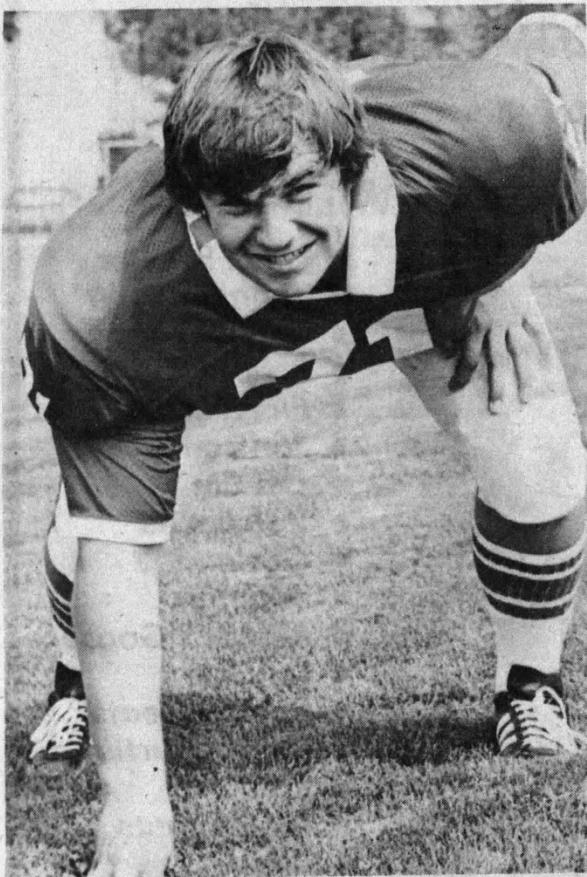
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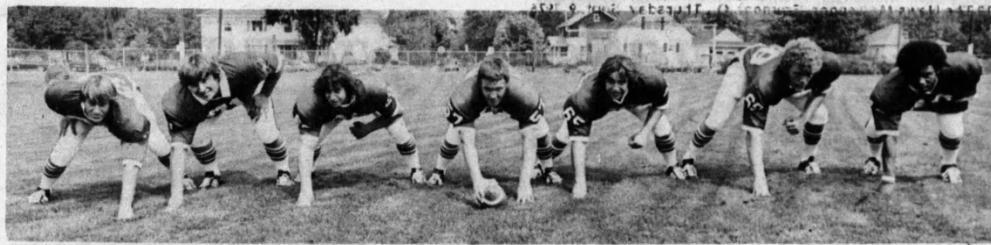
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Moore:
Ross's
new
head
coach*



JIM SMITH, Ross's all-state candidate ate defensive tackle will be called on to also play some offensive tackle. The senior stands 6-1 and tips the scales at 250 pounds.

THIS IS ONE possible offensive line for the Ross Little Giants this season. From left to right are tight end Kent Damschroder, tackle Jim Smith, guard Mark Gysan, center Jim Zimmerman, guard Tony Ruiz, tackle Brian Burkett, and split end Earl Elliott. All of them are seniors.

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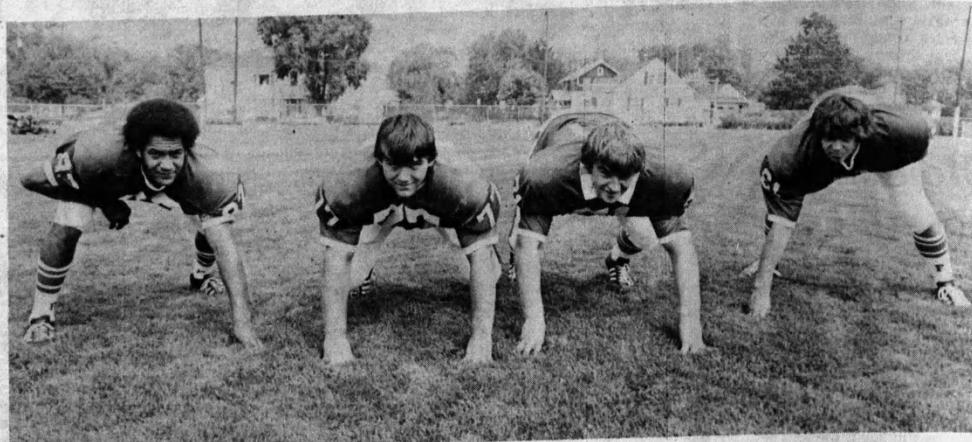
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Siesel and Ross defense face a big challenge

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worked with the even defense for five years at Wadsworth High School.

"The basic principals of this defense," Siesel said while comparing Ross's defensive setup with Wadsworth, "are basically the same. There are a few different responsibilities with this one though and we do more things with this defense."

Siesel pointed out that he likes the even alignment. "You can do a lot of adjusting up front that will cause blocking problems. It really causes the offensive team to do things differently — they have to keep making changes."

While the linebackers are an integral part of the even defense, Siesel says that you cannot stress any one particular area.

Ross, despite having only two defensive starters returning from last year's 6-3-1 club, do have people back who saw some action.

Chief returnees are Jim Smith and Dan DeLeon, both started all 10 games last season. Smith, the 250-pound senior all-state candidate, will be on the receiving end of many double team blocks this season. Last year he was a member of the second team All-Buckeye Conference defensive team.

DeLeon was a defensive halfback who performed steadily for Ross even though he carries only 145 pounds on his slender six-foot frame.

Vic Simms, a 6-2, 185-pound senior, started infrequently last season at a defensive end and Rick Kuzmer, senior, 185, drew a few starts at linebacker and are the only two other Little Giants who have experience for Ross.

Fighting for spots on the line with Smith and Simms will be Tim Guzman, a senior 200-pounder, who has shed 80 pounds since last season, and sophomore Troy Amor, 6-1, 245, at the tackle slot. At the



DAN DELEON

defensive end opposite Simms, Ray Long, a senior, 190, and junior Karl Schabel, 6-2, 215, are vying for the starting job. Steve Coleman, senior, 170, will back up Simms.

Mark Gysan and Tony Ruiz, the top offensive

guards, may see two-way duty at the inside linebacker slots. Spelling them could be Jim Albright and Doug Stull. Gysan and Ruiz tip the scales at nearly 190 while Stull goes at 180 and Albright at about 185.

On the outside at

linebackers, Andre Parks, junior, 175, and Kuzmer are running in the front line. Russ Stoner, Mike Havenor, Tony Roach and Myron Swaisgood could also see action.

At defensive halfback, DeLeon will start with the other spot being contested by

Todd Elmers, senior, 170, and Mike Wright, if he does not start at split end on offense. Jeff Brown, a junior, is also a halfback possibility but will see more action on offense.

At safety, Mike Cozette, a speedy, 170-pound junior, will draw the assignment.



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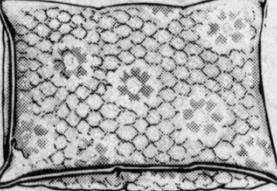
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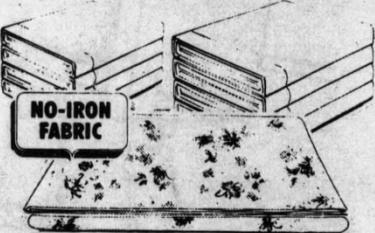
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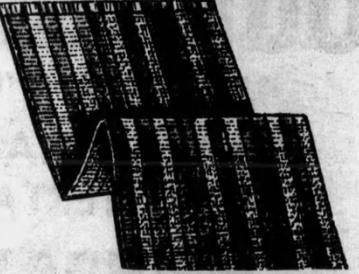
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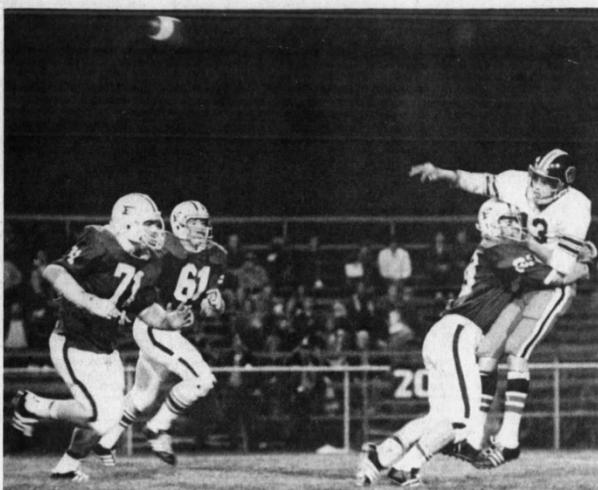
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THAT'S HOW IT WAS for Cleveland Lincoln West quarterback in Ross's 54-0 opening football game win Friday at Harmon Stadium. An unidentified Little

Giant smashes into John Kazenoski while Ross's Jim Smith (71) and Ray Long (61) close in for the finishing touches.



LINCOLN WEST'S SECOND quarterback, Ron Workman, is being pursued by a host of Little Giants in early second period action. Ray Long (61) and Jim

Smith (71) get set to make the stop while Dan DeLeon (just behind Smith) tries to catch up to the action. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

Three plays and it was over

Offense hot, defense too, in Ross romp

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

It took Ross just three plays to set Cleveland Lincoln West up for a game of "long ball" Friday at Harmon Stadium.

Tim Guzman, a 200-pound plus Ross defensive tackle, fell on Wolverine quarterback Ron Workman's fumble at the Lincoln West 37 and the Little Giants were on the way to a lopsided 54-0 spanking of the Wolverines.

After Guzman had surrounded the fumble, Terry Bates climaxed a 37-yard Ross drive with an eight-yard ramble into the end zone for the first of eight Little Giants' touchdowns during the night. There were only two scoring runs shorter than Bates' the rest were gone as the Little Giants' "long hitters" teed off at will.

Rick Kusner rambled 44 yards and Bates cracked back on a 39-yard scoring jaunt as Ross forged into a 22-0 lead after the first quarter.

A second-quarter Ross scramble put the Little Giants up on top 25-0 at the half but forced Pete Moore, Ross' new head coach into some adjusting at the intermission to put a little life into the Little Giants.

"Things seemed to get a little dull in the second quarter," Moore rasped in his after game voice. "We made some adjustments to get fired up."

The fire that was ignited exploded in the flying feet

of Brown on the opening kickoff of the second half. Behind a wall of Little Giants, Brown sprinted straight up the middle with a 45 (40-yard) speed for a 30-yard scoring jaunt and sent Ross, followed to the brain banks trying to remember when a Ross player had returned a kickoff for a TD.

"Yeah, we do have some speed," the Ross coach chuckled, "but we also had some good downfield blocking. That's what we want to do this year — stay with the run."

If there was a back breaker (the first quarter came close), Brown's kickoff return was it. After that, Ross could have named the score if Moore had wanted to keep his first and second string in the game. Instead, he went to the bench more often than a statistician would.

Ten Little Giants carried during the game as Ross rolled up 393 yards on the ground and another 33 in the air on Randy Baughman's two for two passing.

"I thought the passing game looked good — what there was of it," Moore chuckled. "Of course we did not have to throw."

Seemingly buried among the 54 points was a bitter pill for Moore to swallow: the Little Giants were penalized a dozen times, mostly for offensive holding, for 125 yards, the highest total in a single game in well over four years.

Ross stats

Score by quarters

Lincoln-West 0 0 0 0 — 0

Ross 25 33 0 0 54 — 54

Statistics

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FIRST DOWNS

Rushing 6 19

Passing 2 18

By Penalty 3 15

PASSED ATTEMPTED

21 21

Intercepted 1 0

NET YARDS GAINED

54 426

Rushing 54 229

Passing 52 33

By Penalty 2 5

FAILURES

Ball Lost 1 1

PENALTIES

12 12

YARDS PENALIZED

11 120

PUNTS

5 0

Average 26.6 0

Scoring

(No times—clock not working)

Ross: Terry Bates, 39-yard

rush (fumble), first quarter.

Ross: Rick Kusner, 44-yard

run (fumble), first quarter.

Ross: Bates, 39-yard run

(Kusner run), second quarter.

Ross: Brown, 38-yard kickoff

return (fumble), second quarter.

Ross: Bates, 11-yard run (Mike

Wright fumble), Randy Baugh-

man, third quarter.

Ross: Clarence Parks, 18-yard

rush (fumble), third quarter.

Ross: John Pena, one-yard run

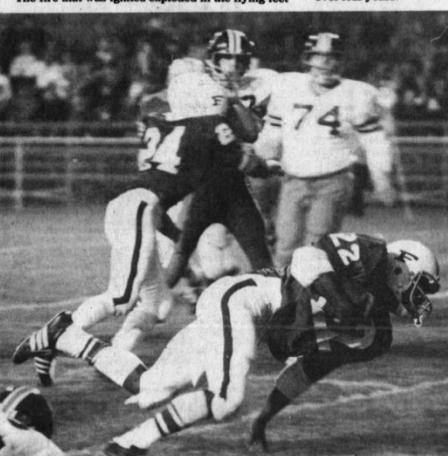
(kick was blocked), fourth

quarter.



ROSS QUARTERBACK Randy Baughman is on his way to the turf after picking up short yardage on an

option play in the second quarter. Eric Hooper (21) of Lincoln West helped make the stop on the Ross senior.



TOUCHDOWN! Terry Bates cracks over for the first touchdown of the season for the Little Giants in the 54-0

Twins club slumping KC 18-3

New look in Red Devils

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

The day after Ross's 40-0 conquest of Toledo Rogers in the opener of the 1975 football season, the Little Giants coaching staff turned their thoughts toward Columbus Marion-Franklin.

Ross Head Coach Pete Moore remembered that meeting.

"We thought they (Marion-Franklin) were slow and non-aggressive after watching their films," Moore said and then added, "but this year, we realize that they have some talent down there."

A year ago, Marion-Franklin battled high flying Ross to a scoreless tie.

This Friday's confrontation with the Red Devils has one thing in common with a year ago: Ross is coming off a lopsided win in its opener, a 54-0 romp over Cleveland Lincoln West.

One thing that is not common with the '75 buildup for Marion-Franklin is the absence of a film exchange by the teams.

"We are going strictly on our scouts' words," Ross offensive coordinator Rex Radeloff pointed out after Wednesday's practice."

Bill Giffin, coach of Marion-Franklin, did not want to swap films because he contended that

films of scrimmages (both coaching staffs would have to look at preseason scrimmage films) did not tell that much about a team.

One thing Ross cannot afford, film or no film, is go into the game resting on the laurels of the opening game win.

"I don't think it (the game) will be a letdown like it was a year ago," Moore conjectured. "We are not looking forward to anyone — we are taking them strictly one game at a time — we are in no hurry."

The Ross coach was thinking of last year when, in addition to the big opening win which spawned some laxness, the Little Giants were to face Cincinnati Elder in the third game. This season, Cincinnati LaSalle awaits Ross in game three, and LaSalle is supposed to be a powerhouse.

Defensively, the Red Devils will show a new look to Ross.

"Last season they ran out of a '4-4,'" Radeloff pointed out. "This year they have switched to a '50'."

What problem will that defense present Ross.

"They are extremely quick," the Ross offensive play caller said. "They are small on the line and they will stunt with the linebackers."

"One thing good about going against the defense," Radeloff pointed out, "is that we will be facing the same type of defense for the second week in a row."

Darnell DeBerry, 6-3, 195, senior, at linebacker is rated as the Red Devils best defensive player according to Radeloff. "He is the most aggressive — he penetrates and goes after the football."

Nose man Dwight Steward, 6-0, 170, is probably the quickest defensive player for the Red Devils Radeloff said.

The defensive front five for the Red Devils averages only 173 pounds while Ross's offensive line will go at an average 206 pounds.

Offensively, Marion Franklin has predominantly run a "veer" oriented offense and the kingpin of that attack is pint-sized (5-7, 150) quarterback Jim Chestnut.

"Their only touchdown against Newark (a 21-6 loss last Friday) was on a 42-yard run by the quarterback," Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siesel said. "They also had four other runs over 20 yards — two by the quarterback and one by each of the running backs."

The Red Devils run out of a split backfield but last year showed an eye formation which included the "stacked-I" (all four backs

lined up in a straight line behind the center).

"The veer is the only offense that they have run this year," Siesel confirmed, "but we went over what they ran against us last year and we are getting ready for that, too."

Siesel left no doubt about what his defensive team has to do against Marion-Franklin.

"We have to get to the quarterback — if we don't — then we are in trouble. He is their best."

Siesel also pointed out that the Red Devils offensive line is the direct opposite of the defensive line. "It's big," he said simply.

The Red Devils line, offensively, will average 204 while Ross's front four averages 203.

Oakland

By FRED ROTHENBERG
AP Sports Writer

The Oakland A's are running wild and the Kansas City Royals are running scared, which makes for an exciting division race in the American League West.

The Royals are the front runners, sitting on the pace since May 18, but Oakland is closing fast. The A's, Western Division champions the past five years,

Ross ground machine staggers Devils



CLARENCE PARKS of Ross is not doing a balancing act with the football but he has just crashed into Marion-

Franklin quarterback Jim Chestnut, forcing him to pitch the ball to a runner who is not in the picture.

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross took the straight and narrow road to its second victory of the young season, pulling off Columbus Marion-Franklin 28-14.

Running mainly from tackle to tackle, the Little Giants ground out 249 yards on the ground and used only two runners to accomplish the task. Rick Kusmer ran for 140 yards and both Ross touchdowns on 26 carries and Terry Bates racked up 124 yards and added the extra points after Kusmer's first TD.

The only other player to play a major role was quarterback Randy Baughman who slipped on a pass play for a four-yard loss.

Kusmer scored on a seven-yard burst up the middle off the tail of center Jim Zimmerman with 19 seconds to go in the first stanza to put Ross on top. Seemingly stopped at the four, Kusmer ducked his head and bowed over Eric Roddy of Marion-Franklin and pranced into the end zone.

Bates rounded right end and carried for two Red Devils defenders into the corner of the payout zone for the 8-0 lead.

The first six-pointer came on an eight-play, 40-yard drive that was set up by a 17-yard punt return by Ross's Aaron Seeger.

Kusmer gave Ross the insurance TD with 5:34 to go in the third period. His five-yard run over right guard on a trap play, climaxed a 13-yard drive. Ross deftly tackled Jim Smith had set up the TD when he received a Jim Chestnut fumble.

Kusmer rambled for five, Bates for three, and then Kusmer the final five for the TD and Ross had the cushion it needed.

Ross Coach Pete Moore had mixed feelings about his second triumph as the Little Giants leader. "I'm not satisfied with what I saw," he said.

"Some of the execution on offense was poor. We had some misses some assignments, they did not stay with their blocks long enough," Moore pointed out.

Defensively, Ross gave up only 108 yards but even that effort had its drawbacks.

"We should have been more aggressive," Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siesel explained. "Basically, we

probably shut off most of the things they wanted to do but they did throw in a couple of pass patterns that we had not seen."

Prior to the game, both Moore and Siesel said one of the key things for Ross, defensively, was getting to Chestnut, the Red Devils quarterback.

The Little Giants, however, found out that Chestnut was a hard nut to crack and the two Marauders were unable to do it so well that it forced the 5-7, 150-pounder to abandon his option game to a great extent. His biggest run of the night was a 17-yard scamper early in the second quarter.

"We did not get to the quarterback enough," Moore said. "We wanted to get to him often enough to force them to go to their other quarterback."

Clarence Parks, Ross outside linebacker, said he was in Chestnut's side the whole game. Playing one of the better defensive games for Ross, Parks was in at least four tackles that resulted in losses for the Red Devils.

Other than Parks, the Little Giants got good defensive effort from linebacker Dick Campbell and the two Marauders along with linebacker tackle Smith and Tim Guzman and inside linebackers Tony Ruiz and Mark Gysan.

Rates and Kusmer both pointed out the blocking on the inside as the key to their second straight games of 100-yard plus runs. Roddy and Alan Burkett (tackles), Zimmerman (center), and Ruiz and Gysan (guards) were really hitting them," Bates said.

Moore, however, felt that his team could have scored at least three times more. "We lost the chance twice on TDs. (Bates) had the ball in the end zone at the Marion-Franklin 20 and lost it again inside Red Devils' territory later in the game) and a mental mistake cost us another one."

The Ross coach referred to an ineligible receiver downfield on a half-back option pass from Seeger to Mike Zimmerman in the second quarter.

The play covered 27 yards but was called back on the penalty, wiping out Ross's chances to hit paydirt twice in the first half.

In summing up his feeling, Moore was very pointed. "Well, it's a win anyway."

And so it was, and a very straight win at that.

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Score by quarters
Columbus M-F 0 0 0 0
Ross 0 0 0 14

Statistics

FIRST DOWNS M-F 17
Ross 3 15

Rushing 2 0

Passing 1 2

By play

PASSES ATTEMPTED 11 4

Completed 1 0

Had intercepted 0 0

NET YARDS GAINED 108 249

Rushing 21 0

Passing 21 0

FUMBLES 21 2

Ball lost 2 0

PENALTIES 6 4

Yards penalized 40 31

PUNTS Average 4 2

Scoring

Ross: Rick Kusmer, seven-yard run (Terry Bates run), 19, first quarter.

Ross: Kusmer, five-yard run (run failed), 5:34, third quarter

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'Coogan's Bluff' repeat for surging Pittsburgh?

NEW YORK (AP) — Danny Murtaugh kicked off his shoes, picked up a spare rib and threw out a rhetorical line.

"I'm not asked a roomful of reporters with pencils poised, 'when did the New York Giants start their move on the Brooklyn Dodgers any more?'"

Everyone mindful of ancient baseball lore knew that the Pittsburgh Pirates' manager was referring to the famous "Miracle on Coogan's Bluff" in 1961 when the Giants wiped out a 13½-game lead by the Dodgers in the final six weeks of the season in the most memorable collapse in history.

And everyone mindful of current events in baseball knows that the Pirates are close to pulling off their own miracle.

With Friday night's 4½-victory over the New York Mets, the Pirates pulled

within three games of the failing Philadelphia Phillies in the National League East race. Just a month ago, the Phillies led the league by 1½ games. "I'm rooting for it," said the benevolent Murtaugh. "I've always thought that there are some intangibles in baseball — pitching, hitting and fielding. About a month ago, we started putting them together."

"But we still have pressure on us every game. We have to do a lot of winning and the Phillies can still lose a few more games."

His confidence seems to be in Pittsburgh's favor now, according to ace reliever Dave Giusti.

"It's the confidence factor," said Murtaugh, who saw Friday night's win for Doc Medich with spotless relief relief in the eighth and ninth innings. "That's something that

sets this club ahead. I've been with other teams that just don't have this club's confidence. We just won't let ourselves get down."

Team leader Willie Stargell had the Pittsburgh's surge to other intangible factors — "pride and dignity."

"There's an awful lot of pride on this team," said Stargell. "You can feel it. We don't throw it around the clubhouse. But you can see that we have pride. We work hard, we don't fear man and we don't fear anybody. We respect everybody, and we put ourselves above no one. But we don't take a back seat to anyone either."

While the intangibles continued to give the Pirates a lift in the suddenly torrid East race. The team would be nowhere without timely hitting and pitching.

Medich allowed only three singles in the first seven innings, then ran

into trouble in the eighth, yielding a run on Felix Millan's RBI single. Giusti came at this point, with two men on and one out, and shut off the rally.

A run-scoring single by Roberto Clemente in the ninth inning gave the Pirates a 1-0 lead. They scored their eventual winning run on Frank Taveras' two-run single in the fifth.

"This has been a great team effort," said Stargell. "I think we have the money to do it. I'd like everybody on this team an extra \$10,000 apiece, win or lose."

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LaSalle coach laments about defensive lapse

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger

For a game and a half, Joe Clark felt that his Cincinnati LaSalle football team had adjusted pretty well to his pro style "4-3" defense.

Then came the second half of last Friday's nightmare against Cincinnati Oak Hills.

"We looked pretty good in the first game (a 27-6 win over Cincinnati Western Hills) and we played well in the first half against Oak Hills," Clark, who is in his first year at LaSalle after spending 17 seasons at Cincinnati Indian Hills, said during a Tuesday morning phone conversation.

Given a moment, Clark can tell you what pleases him most about his first edition of the Lancers. "I'll be real honest and say I don't really know the strong points of our team," he began, "but we are able to score — four touchdowns in each game — I'd

head coach invade the friendly home of the Fremont Ross Little Giants in the first meeting in the history of the two teams.

Clark and LaSalle are no strangers to winning. During the 17 seasons of Indian Hills, his teams chalked up 135 wins against only 50 losses. LaSalle, on the other hand, suffered through what Clark described as a "disappointing" year with a 5-4 record a year ago. But down through the years, the Lancers have held their own in the powerful Greater Cincinnati League (GCL).

In the GCL, LaSalle goes up against teams like Moeller, the defending state AAA champ, Elder, conqueror of Ross a year ago, and St. Xavier.

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be more than pleased if we can do that all the time."

The primary spark in the Lancers' offense is 6-3, 206-pound quarterback Mike McGeorge.

"He's played very good for us," Clark confirmed. "He has fit in well with my offense. He started the first two games last season but lost his job and did not letter."

Ross scouts pointed out that the tall Lancer quarterback has thrown 14-15 passes in both games this season and the Little Giants' defense could see more than that number Friday.

Clark says he feels that Ross is bigger than his team, a fact that probably could be argued, but going by the weight charts, the Lancers will put an offensive line up against Ross that averages a little over 200 pounds. Ross's defensive line will go about 208 for the front four.

Defensively, the Lancers are nearly the same

size as Ross's offensive line, both averaging around 203 pounds.

Clark has implemented a "wing-T" attack with two tight ends along with the "4-3" defense and the newness of the two has been an early season problem for him.

"We are kind of struggling around," he said while taking in the new looks. "Last year we graduated 28 lettermen and had only eight returning so we really are inexperienced."

How does he expect his team and Ross to fare Friday? He came back with a standard coach's comment.

"I'm hoping it will be a very good game — if we improve — it will be a good game; as a matter of fact, it could turn into a very good game."

Game time is 8 p.m. Friday with the gates to Harmon Stadium opening at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, reserved and student, are on sale at Tremper's in downtown Fremont. All tickets at the gate are \$2.

Ross and LaSalle battle to 20-20 tie



MIKE COZETTE OF ROSS GETS SET TO PITCH ON THE OPTION PLAY DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER

Three TDs, 240 yards for Bates

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Trying to dig a basement under a house boat may have accomplished more for Ross Friday at Harmon Stadium.

Even "Kissing your sister" may have accomplished more and would surely have been a nicer experience than swallowing the bitter pill the Ross gridiron contingent had to face past its lips.

Cincinnati LaSalle received three "gifts" in the form of three touchdowns and came within an eye lash of handing Ross its first defeat of the football season. Instead, LaSalle's Little Giants Lancers had to embrace in the "I like kissing your sister — nothing's accomplished" hug and settle for 20-20 stalemate.

The deadlock offset a devastating night of the Ross Little Giants' Tim Galvin. Bates, the Ross co-captain gained an unofficial 240 yards on 33 carries, scored all of Ross's points, returned a punt 22 yards, and caught a pass for 23 more.

Galvin, though, was the night's chosen workhorse. The Little Giants, overcame a poor return on the opening kickoff and reddit 87 yards in 11 plays, the last 17 coming on Bates' slant off a tackle. The first three blocks of Ross' Burkhardt and Mark Gyamie. Bates carried nine of the plays for 85 yards. He also added the extra points on a run.

Ross gave LaSalle gift number one on its next series. A bad pitch from Baughman to Bates ended up in the hands of the Ross' Tim Galvin at 20.

More gifts were on the way.

On the Ross series, an illegal motion

penalty and a holding penalty made it

first and 28 at the Ross 22. Bates ran for

three and Baughman hit fullback Rick

Kusner for three but then came the

third and 17.

Baughman rolled left, past the

toward the sidelines for a Ross receiver

only to have Kevin Birkhofer grab the

ball and tightrope his way 38 yards for

the TD. Masur's kick tied the game at 20.

A bad pitch from Ross ended in

an attempt to run gave LaSalle the ball at

the Ross 29 at the start of the final

quarter. That drive ended when Masur's

shot at a 43-yard field goal was partly

blocked by a LaSalle player.

Two series later, DeLeon intercepted

the first of his two passes at the Ross 19.

With Bates carrying the ball, Ross

moved to the LaSalle 43 but a two-yard

loss and a penalty set them back to the 49

where on a fourth and 18, Kusner came

up with a 20-yard short of the first down on a

draw play.

The game ended on another DeLeon

interception at the Ross 45 but he was

forced out at the LaSalle 35 while time

had expired.

Ross had 310 yards on the ground and

44 through the air while LaSalle had 97

on the ground and 49 in the airways.

Kusner had 57 yards on nine carries

while Kennedy's 69 on nine carries was

the best for the Lancers.

Ross is now 2-0-1 and LaSalle 1-0-2.

Pete Moore: 'best team did not win'

"The best team did not win tonight," a tired Pete Moore, coach of the Ross Little Giants, muttered as he sat down at his desk beneath the Hawkeye Stadium lights.

He left little doubt that he felt Ross was the better team after suffering through a 20-20 deadlock with Cincinnati LaSalle. "We gave them the tie," he said.

The only thing that did bring a little grin from Moore was the effort put out by his team. "They never gave up," he said. "They tried to win it right up to the last second — they are not bad losers for the tie."

Continuing, Moore said quietly, "You saw how happy they were with the tie. We don't play for a tie — we play for keeps."

Getting the tie did not make LaSalle coach Joe Clark noticeably unhappy but it did leave him open to second guessing himself.

After LaSalle's first TD, Clark lined up to go for the two points and the penalty pushed his team to 240 yards when he settled for a kick from Dan Masur. On the second TD, Clark's team went for the two points and the lead but a play failed and finally, after the

third TD, he left no doubt, he went for the trying extra point kick.

"You have to take the gamble," Clark said in a statement from LaSalle dressing room.

"We have a free kicker and now I am second

guessing myself for not letting him kick all

three, but you have to do things like that."

Clark said he felt Ross played well in the

first half but his team played a good defensive game the second half to shut off Ross's lead

and butter plays — the traps and the off tackle plays.

"I think even when (Terry Bates of Ross) got loose, we had shots at him. I don't know whether he (Bates) is that good or if we just missed that many times."

"They are mental executors," he said. "Our

offensive line is executing blocks right but

they are not holding them long enough."

On the second half LaSalle defense, Moore

offered. "The inside linebacker was stepping up into the hole and filling it and they put on a hard rush from the outside — still our sweep was there."

Ross switched quarterbacks at the end of the third stanza after one of Randy Baughman's passes had been intercepted and returned to the 17 coming on Bates' slant off a tackle. The first three blocks of Ross' Burkhardt and Mark Gyamie. Bates carried nine of the plays for 85 yards. He also added the extra points on a run.

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"We just had a mixup in our secondary on the coverage," is how Ross defensive

coordinator Joe Siesel put it. The Little

Giants had another mixup and it resulted in gift number two later in the

second and 17.

Ross had jumped back up 14-7 in the second quarter as Bates took an outlet pass from Baughman at his own 30, cut across field leaving five LaSalle tacklers sprawled in the end zone and scored his second TD. It was officially a 23-yard play but covered at least 40. A run fell short for the extra points.

LaSalle took the second half kickoff and drove 40 yards in eight plays for the TD. Terry Kennedy's 36-yard run on a counter over right tackle put on the first play of the half keyed the drive. Still, the

Tough odds for Pirates

By BERT ROSENTHAL
AP Sports Writer

"I'd have to say the odds are long," said Pittsburgh Manager Danny Murtaugh, referring to the Pirates' chances of winning the National League East pennant.

The Pirates' odds of overtaking first-place Philadelphia in the final stretch of the season are long, with the team split doubleheaders, leaving the Phillies six games ahead of Pittsburgh. But Philadelphia now has 10 games remaining and Pittsburgh has just eight left.

Three more Philadelphia victories or Pittsburgh losses will give the Pirates their third pennant and earn them the right to meet West Division champion Cincinnati for the NL championship.

The Pirates' string shortened Friday

victory since Aug. 9 and Earl Williams'

run-scoring double in the sixth inning snapped a 2-2 deadlock.

Pirates 6, Braves 4

Randy Johnson, the National League's winningest pitcher, gained his 22nd victory, with help from relief ace Butch Metzger, for San Diego.

Mets 4, Cubs 3

Pinch hitter Billy Baldwin's ninth-inning, two-run double of the season, carried the Mets to victory. Ed Kranepool also homered for New York and drove in two runs.

Chicago's Bill Madlock, the National League's leading batter, did not play. He suffered a sprained knee in the eighth when he was hit in the skull when accosted by two men in his hotel shortly after the Cubs arrived in New York. He also was robbed of

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Detroit 69 69 460 23%

Milwaukee 69 69 423 28%

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Unbeaten AK is first BC opponent for Ross

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

A year ago Friday night, the Lorain Admiral King Admirals sailed into Harmon Stadium in an attempt to scuttle the Ross Little Giants. The Admirals had a spotless 3-0 mark and were facing a Ross team that had struggled to a 1-1-1 mark.

Forty-eight minutes of football later, the Admirals stumbled off the green sea of grass gasping for the last bit of wind that they had left in their sails . . . Ross had waltzed to an easy 44-0 win.

After the game, several Ross coaches echoed a common thought: Admiral King's offense was just about as poor as they had seen.

Not so this year, however, Ross Coach Pete Moore said when asked about that thought.

"They are a better offensive ball club than they have been in two years," he declared and then repeated, "they have their best offensive attack since I have been here (two years)."

That improved Admiral offense will challenge Ross Friday at Harmon Stadium in the lidlifter of the Buckeye Conference season for both schools. Ross, ambushed last Friday by their own mistakes, will take a 2-0-1 record into the Admiral King game after the 20-20 deadlock with Cincinnati LaSalle.

Moore and the Ross staff are especially impressed with Craig Wilson and Anthony Calhoun. Wilson, a 5-8, 145-pound junior, is the leading ballcarrier for the Admirals this season with 306 yards on 55 carries. He works out of a halfback position in the Admiral's wing-T offense.

Calhoun is the wingback and has carried the ball 36 times this season, mainly on counter plays and on sweeps. On the AK sweep, Calhoun will usually go in motion and take a pitch from quarterback Brian Michael.

Michael is the only senior in the Admirals backfield. Fullback Dough Kaya is a 5-8, 175-pound junior, and Calhoun is a sophomore.

Michael is a fair passer, hitting on 12 of 31 for 180 yards.

Wilson is fifth in the conference in preseason rushing totals while Calhoun, who has run for three touchdowns, is 13th with 204 yards.

For Ross, Admiral King's offense will look just about like Cincinnati LaSalle with the exception that King will split an end.

"They are doing the same things offensively that they have done since I have been at Ross," Moore explained, "only they are executing much better this season."

The Admirals rank fifth in the conference in total offense with 829 yards while Ross is second behind Findlay with 1,042. Defensively, the Admirals rank seventh, allowing 294 yards rushing and 395 through the airways. Ross is first in defense with a total of only 323 yards allowed.

Moore rejects any thinking that the tie with LaSalle last Friday may have an adverse reaction on the Little Giants.

"It's not weighing the kids down," he declared. "We looked at the films and the kids realize that they were playing against a good team. It's just that we have to eliminate the mistakes."

"This week they realize that the first three games are behind them and that this is the important game . . . It's the first step toward the primary goal that we set for ourselves this season and that was winning the Buckeye Conference championship. Our second goal was to go undefeated."

ROSS NOTES—Terry Bates, with his 240-yard night against LaSalle, has a commanding lead in the BC rushing race with 488 yards on 72 carries. Rick Kusmer is fifth with 303 yards according to BC stats.

Moore and offensive coordinator Rex Radeloff will not make a decision on the starting quarterback for Ross until after today's practice. It could be either senior Randy Baughman, the starter in the first three games, junior Mike Cozette who took over for Baughman in the third quarter last Friday, or sophomore Tom Brudzinski.

Ross, St. Joe gridiron stats

Ross Little Giants

RUSHING						
Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Lgst.	TDs	
Terry Bates	89	671	7.5	73	8	
Rick Kusmer	62	345	5.6	44	3	
Sam Davis	9	69	7.7	14	0	
Jeff Brown	4	37	9.3	14	1	
Clarence Parks	5	33	6.6	18	1	
Aaron Sewell	4	26	6.5	13	0	
Steve Barr	3	7	2.3	4	0	
John Pena	2	6	3.0	5	1	
Mike Wright	1	3	3.0	3	0	
Mike Cozette	2	4	—	1	0	
Dan DeLeon	1	4	—	—	0	
Randy Baughman	8	8	—	9	0	
Tom Brudzinski	1	6	—	—	0	
Totals	191	1175	6.2	—	14	

PASSING						
Player	Att.	Compl.	Yds.	Int.	Pct.	Lgst. TDs
Baughman	17	6	91	1	35.3	23 1
Bates	2	0	0	0	—	— 0
Cozette	2	1	3	0	50.0	3 0
Totals	21	7	94	1	33.3	— 1

RECEIVING						
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lgst.	TDs	
Kusmer	4	38	9.5	18	0	
Bates	1	23	23.0	23	1	
Karl Elliott	1	20	20.0	20	0	
Barr	1	13	13.0	13	0	

PUNTING						
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lgst.	Blk.	
DeLeon	9	356	39.6	50	0	

PUNT RETURNS						
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lgst.	TDs	
Sewell	4	16	4.0	17	0	
Brown	2	18	9.0	14	0	
Bates	2	12	6.0	8	0	

INTERCEPTIONS						
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lgst.	TDs	
DeLeon	3	34	11.3	20	0	
Parks	1	61	61.0	61	1	
Tony Ruiz	1	8	8.0	8	0	
Bates	1	0	—	—	0	

KICKOFF RETURNS						
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lgst.	TDs	
Bates	3	47	15.7	22	0	
Parks	2	47	23.5	31	0	
Brown	1	89	89.0	89	1	
Davis	1	8	8.0	8	0	

SCORING						
Player	PAT					
	TDs	1—2	Ttl.			
Bates	9	0	3	60		
Kusmer	3	0	1	20		
Brown	2	0	0	12		
Parks	2	0	0	12		
Pena	1	0	0	6		
Chris Myers	0	4	0	4		
Wright	0	0	1	2		
Totals	17	4	5	116		

SCORE BY QUARTERS						
	1	2	3	4—Total		
Ross	38	19	46	13—116		
Opponents	7	0	13	0—20		

TEAM STATS						
	Ross	Opp.				
FIRST DOWNS	62	26				
By rushing	56	11				
By passing	3	13				
By penalty	3	2				
NET YARDS	1269	416				
Rushing	1175	226				
Passing	94	190				
NET YARDS PER GAME	317.3	102.5				

NO. OF PLAYS	212	175
AVG. PER PLAY	6.0	2.4
FUMBLES	10	7
Lost	6	3
PENALTIES	29	20
Yards	269	154
AVG. POINTS PER GAME	29.0	5.0

St. Joe Crimson Streaks

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Lgst.	TD's
Randy Darr	72	376	5.2	42	3
Gene Snyder	39	155	4.0	29	2
Tom Lindenberger	10	74	7.4	38	1
Steve Miles	7	32	4.6	15	0
Steve Minich	17	—	—	6	1
Jeff Gottron	1	8	8.0	8	0
Andy Pert	2	5	2.5	3	0
Jeff Swint	1	2	2.0	2	0
Dan Hoffman	1	3	3.0	3	0
Totals	150	648	4.3	—	7

RECEIVING					
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lgst.	TD
Jeff Miller	9	189	21.0	66	2
Miles	6	85	14.2	26	0
Kevin Stang	4	47	11.8	23	1
Jim Wasserman	2	24	12.0	16	0
Lindenberger	1	25	25.0	25	1
Darr	1	6	6.0	6	0

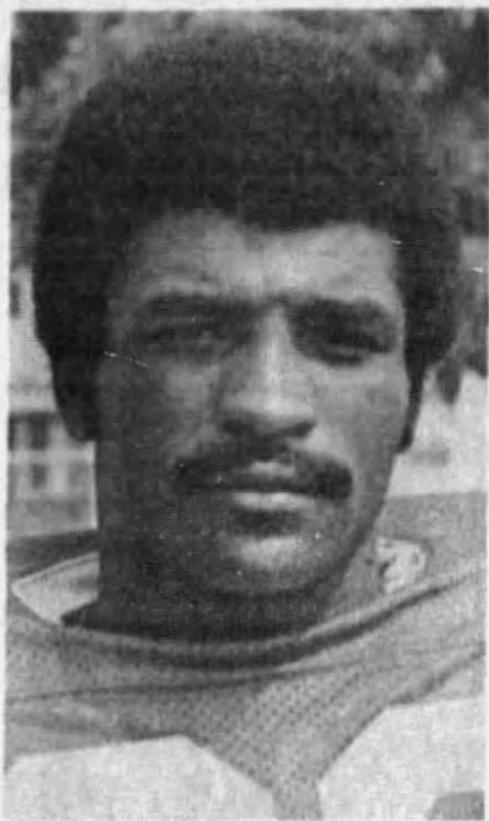
INTERCEPTIONS					
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lgst.	TD
Tim Paradiso	1	15	15.0	15	0
Swint	1	6	6.0	6	0
Greg Drown	1	0	—	0	0
Tim Widman	1	0	—	0	0
Gottron	1	0	—	0	0

PUNTING						
Player	No.	Blk.	Yds.	Lgst.	Avg.	
Tim May	15	0	495	42	33.0	

SCORING						
Player	PAT					
	TDs	1—2	Ttl.			
Darr	3	0	2	22		
Miller	2	0	0	12		
Lindenberger	2	0	0	12		
Snyder	2	0	0	12		
Stang	1	0	1	8		
Minnich	1	0	0	6		
Swint	1	0	0	6		
Mike Jay	0	6	0	6		
Gottron	0	0	1	2		
Totals	12	6	4	86		

SCORE BY QUARTERS						
	1	2	3	4—Total		
St. Joe	21	29	8	28—86		
Opponents	13	0	12	21—46		

TEAM STATS						
	St. Joe	Opp.				
FIRST DOWNS	47	48				
By rushing	29	33				
By passing	14	10				
By penalty	4	5				
NET YARDS	1024	840				
Rushing	648	533				
Passing	376	307				
AVG. NET YDS. PER GAME	256	210				
NO. of PLAYS	216	224				
AVG. PER PLAY						



BC honors

Terry Bates of Fremont Ross was named as the Buckeye Conference's "back of the week" for his efforts against Mansfield in Ross's 36-14 win. Bates ran the ball 41 times for 245 yards, scored two touchdowns, and was credited with four unassisted tackles from his defensive halfback spot. Bates has 913 yards in just five games this season. The "lineman of the week" for the conference is Luther Henson of Sandusky.

'New look' Elyria Friday

In the past few years seeing a football flying through the air at Elyria was like catching a glimpse of a streaker at the North Pole. It just did not happen, especially if the football had to be thrown by an Elyria quarterback.

But passage of time breeds changes and Pioneer Coach Bill Barton has put an old (new to Elyria) wrinkle into the Elyria offense: the forward pass.

The Pioneers have become so good at the passing game this season that quarterback Brian Balser occupies the seventh spot in the Buckeye Conference standings. That does not seem like much but it has been years since an Elyria signal caller has ranked anywhere but last in the

passing stats. In fact, two years ago, Elyria had no one ranked at all in the final figures.

Balser has been turning faces this season with that once seemingly forbidden passing game and it has been an integral part of the Pioneers 5-0 start. He has thrown 39 times and completed 14 for 289 yards and one TD. That does not seem like much but last season, the whole Elyria team threw only 50 times and had 10 completions for only 150 yards.

"They are a good ball club," Ross Coach Pete Moore said even though it is a foregone conclusion. "They have a good quarterback and he can throw the ball. I think they have thrown the ball around 10 times a game this season."

Actually, the Pioneers have thrown 45 times and the possibility that the ball will be flying through the air this Friday against Ross is multiplied.

Added to the rediscovered passing game, Elyria has a little added incentive. The Pioneers have not beaten

Ross since 1971 (15-7) and it has been two years since the Pioneers have crossed Ross's goal line.

Last year, Ross downed the Pioneers 6-0 and the previous three years, the Little Giants have come out on top 14-0, 12-7, and 18-0.

The game puts the top two defensive teams in the BC with Ross giving up an average of 126 yards and Elyria 131. Elyria, however, has the best defense against the running game, a facet that Ross ranks on top of in the conference. The Pioneers have given up only 342 yards on the ground, a rate of a little over 68 per game.

Ross has been the best against the pass with only a yield of 42 a game.

Offensively, Ross is second with a 344 yards a game, which includes 324 on the ground. Elyria ranks fourth with a 307 average, 246 on the ground.

"They are tough against the run," Moore confirmed, "just like last year."

While preparing the Little Giants this week, Moore stressed that his

team was working on the passing, a portion of the game that Ross has not had to rely on this season. The Ross staff has been looking at all three quarterbacks, Randy Baughman, Mike Cozette, and Tom Brudzinski, and who will start had not been determined as of Wednesday.

Is Ross going to have to pass to get past the Pioneers?

"Possibly," Moore hedged. "They are going to have to respect it (passing game). If they bring everyone up on the line, we are going to throw the football."

ROSS NOTES — Terry Bates of Ross is far and away the best rusher in the BC with a net of 913 yards on 129 carries.

Schram is first in scoring with 84 while Bates is second with 72. Rick Kusmer, Ross's fullback, is fourth in rushing with 484 yards on 89 carries.

Dan DeLeon ranks third in punting with a 38.4 average and is tied for first with Admiral King's Dave Cook in pass interceptions with three.

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Mistakes give Elyria 14-12 win over Ross

By BOB MARKER

ELYRIA — It was the Hubert Oliver Show and it drew rave notices from the partial crowd that attended the clash between the two undefeated teams in Conference football foes here Friday.

For Ross, the "H.O. Show" was one that they would rather have missed.

"I said earlier in the week," a said coach Pete Moore, "Ross's coach, said quietly, "that the team that made the fewer mistakes would win the game."

He hit the nail right on the head: Ross made two mistakes and Elyria one mistake was the game — a 14-12 win for the now 6-0 Pioneers and loss number one for the 4-1-1 Little Giants.

Oliver scooped up a Terry Bates fumble at the Ross 47 and cruised non-stop to paydirt with 2:46 to play in the initial quarter to shock Ross. The 5-10, 180-pound senior,

who plays the game from sideline to sideline, stepped in front of a Tom Brudzinski's pass three minutes into the second quarter and raced untouched 37 yards for Elyria's second TD.

After the first six-pointer, Pioneers quarterback Brian Balser lobbed a pass over the Ross defense to you, guessed it, Hubert Oliver, for the extra points which turned out to be the margin of victory for Elyria. It was the final play of the game. Coach Bill Barton's team had come out on top of the mid-season clash with Ross.

"He's (Hubert Oliver) a superb football player," a happy Barton yelled in the locker room after the game. "He just played a super game."

Enough said about Hubie — he did more than talk him out of the field from his middle linebacker spot as he continually

stuck his nose into Ross's plays.

Brudzinski, just a sophomore and making his first varsity start replacing the injured Randy Baughman, was not criticized on the interview. "I think," Moore disclosed that his receivers had made the wrong pass patterns, even lined up on the wrong side of the clock.

"He showed a lot of poise out there tonight," Moore praised the sophomore. "He called an automatic on the long drive in the second half that went for 8-10 yards."

Ross took advantage of Elyria's mistake, a 12-yard punt off the toe of Hyman Glass. The ball went out at the Elyria 16 after the Ross defense had pushed the Pioneers back to the three.

Barton was singling out Ross's 80-yard, 19-play drive with second half kickoff. During the drive, Ross converted 11 of 12 third and one and four third down situations.

center Jim Zimmerman and guard Mark Gysan to cover the final yard over the right side. On the point after, Chris Myers' boot sailed wide to the left, his first miss after eight straight successes this season.

In the first half, Elyria's defense, led by Oliver, had throttled the drive, giving up just 34 yards on the ground. Barton had to admit the game as the leading rusher in the BC with 92 yards, had just 21.

"We played just about as good as a team could play," Barton said about his team's first half defense. "We had a few mistakes. I don't know if we got tired but Ross had a heck of a drive, one that beat us alone in yardage."

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Bates' 22-yard run to the Elyria 20 was the key to the long march. He covered the final four yards through a hole in the left side of the line that was opened by tackle Brian Burkett and guard Tony Ruiz. The march used up 8:59 of the clock.

Elyria roared back with a drive of its own to the Ross seven before a delay of game and Dan DeLeon's interception in the end zone called the drive.

Ross started another march and made it to the Elyria 35 where it bogged down. On a fourth and three, Bates slipped in the backfield to get the ball to Elyria 20.

"The play was there," Moore said as he echoed the same feeling about the missed extra point after the second Ross TD. On that play, Brudzinski pitched to Bates circling left end and Bates stumbled off the senior tailback's shoulder pads to stop Ross's bid for a tie.

Ross had the ball one final time after the drive to the Elyria 35. A Glass punt gave the Little Giants possession at the Ross 11.

A pass interference penalty and a yard drift from Brudzinski to Bates brought the ball out to the 29, but two pass completions and a last ditch Bates to DeLeon halfback pass was battled down by Oliver at the Pioneer 35 and that was the game.

Ross came close to scoring one other time, that on the second series of plays in the first quarter. Brudzinski hurried a pass from the Ross 11 to DeLeon who was open but had an Elyria secondary but the Ross senior dropped the ball at the Pioneer 40.

Bates led all ball carriers with 96 yards. Jerry Oliver, cousin of Hubert, led Elyria with 91. Rick Kusmer had 53 for the Little Giants who outgained the Pioneers 146-145.

Ross stats

Ross		Elyria	
Score by quarters		Score	Score
0 6 6 0	—	6 6 0 12	—
Rushing	13 13 13 13	8 8 8 8	8 8 8 8
Passing	1 1 1 1	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
Penalty	1 1 1 1	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
PASSES ATTEMPTED	7 7 7 7	8 8 8 8	8 8 8 8
Completed	4 4 4 4	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1
Intercepted	1 1 1 1	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
NET YARDS GAINED	146 146 146 146	145 145 145 145	145 145 145 145
Running	146 146 146 146	145 145 145 145	145 145 145 145
Passing	16 16 16 16	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
PUNTS	2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1	0 0 0 0
Ball lost	1 1 1 1	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
PENALTIES	3 3 3 3	8 8 8 8	0 0 0 0
Yards penalized	25 25 25 25	50 50 50 50	0 0 0 0
PUNTS	3 3 3 3	4 4 4 4	0 0 0 0
Average	42.0 27.0	42.0 27.0	42.0 27.0

Scoring	
Elyria	Hubert Oliver, 47-yard run, 1st quarter
Ross	Bob Tillman, 24-yard run from Brian Balser, 2:46, first quarter
Elyria	H. Oliver, 37-yard return of punt, 1st quarter (pass failed), 9:00, second quarter
Ross	Rick Kusmer, 10-yard run, 2nd quarter
Ross	Terry Bates, 4-yard run (run failed), 3:01, third quarter



Clyde and West draw 8-8

By JERRY ROSEN

News-Messenger Staff Writer

CLYDE — The Elyria West Wolverines tried to jam the ball down the throats of the Clyde Flyers here Friday night.

The Flier defense took occasional bites, but in all but one case, at the critical times it refused to swallow.

The defensive show earned the Flyers an 8-8 non-league football tie with West as Clyde celebrated its homecoming before a sparse crowd.

Although the game ended in a defensive struggle for the Fliers, the offense capitalized early on a poor Wolverine punt into a haunted house tail-type wind.

Mark Rosenberger had pinned the Wolverines deep in their own end with a wind-aided 47-yard punt and when Elyria couldn't move, Wolverine punter Rick Turner booted one out — but not far enough.

The Fliers held it to 10 in the game and Clyde had the ball on Elyria's 24-yard line by Matt Refford gave Clyde a first and 10 on the 11 and, on a fourth and one, Paul Colavincenzo kept the drive alive picking up the first down at the one. On the next play, the seventh of

It was like that all night, until that 79-yard West march for a score.

Head Coach Bill Hewitt replaced Tarney with Jim Smola at quarterback midway through the drive and Smola made the change look good. With a fourth and two on his own 39, Smola faked Jones into the line, kept the line from rolling and righted himself with a good all for 14 yards. That would have given Elyria a first down on the Clyde 47, but the officials ruled Smola had been tackled by the face mask and added another 15 yards.

Starting from the Clyde 32, Jones went off left tackle for 11. Smola rolled out for another 17 to the Clyde 4; Jones broke a tackle in the backfield and skidded to the three; and Smola faked the dive, rolled left, broke a tackle and scored with 8:35 left. Jones took a pitch on a power sweep left for the tie.

Clyde had one final chance with time running out when, after Elyria got off on the Clyde 38, Smola hit Jones in the back of the helmet with a pitch and Clyde's Kris Larkins fell on it.

The Fliers started poorly, but a 10-yard reverse by Dave Roth gave them a fourth and two on their 48. A

Ross's Smith almost said 'no' to football

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Jim Smith nearly kissed football goodbye before it had a chance to embrace him. When the pigskin sport did get its grip on him, he was hooked.

"I almost did not come out my sophomore year," the 6-0, 190-pound Ross Little Giants tackle said emphatically.

"Coach Holliman (Tom, now at Ohio Northern after spending two years at Ross) called me at home during the summer before my sophomore year and wanted to talk to me — I wasn't home then but when I found out he called, I decided to give it a try," he said.

He's never regretted the decision.

Today he is not only as a possible All-American defensive tackle (he was second team as a defensive tackle a year ago), but All-State selections have not been put out of his reach.

"I came here the season started. I set my goals to be All-State but now I'll just settle for All-Buckeye Conference."

There is a reason for Smith lowering his goals. This season he has been playing both defensive and offensive tackle. This is the first season since his sophomore year when he started every

game on defense, that the Little Giants senior has had to worry about the offense.

Admittedly, he has not had a really great year or a truly outstanding single game. He knows it and his tackle coach, Dick Coleman will concur.

"He's had to worry only about defense his first two years," Coleman pointed out. "This year he has not had a good of games as in past seasons but I think that is because he is playing both ways."

"I figured after last season that I would have to play on offense," Smithy (his nickname) said. "I did not like it at first but at times now, I like offense better than defense."

Coleman rates Smith as one of the better tackles that Ross has produced the past few seasons. Taking into account the names of Mike Bieleh and Chuck Miller, both outstanding tackles in recent years at Ross, the coach's comment shows the type of player the Ross senior is.

"Last year, when he and Mike Clark were at play on offense," Smithy (his nickname) said. "I thought Ross had the best tackles in the conference. They were not spectacular but they were solid and steady."

What the future holds for Smith is unknown

right now but football has to be figured in it. "It's the way I get into college," he says.

And big colleges are looking at Smith including the University of Michigan and Ohio State.

He only smiles when asked which one he prefers but added that the college that gives him the "best ride" will probably be his choice, big or small.

Smith will be with his teammates when the Little Giants travel to Lorain Friday for its fourth conference encounter. The Little Giants are coming off a heart breaking 14-12 loss to state ranked Elyria and the Steelmen are not an easy team to beat.

Once ranked 10th in the state (AP) after four opening-game wins, the Steelmen have slipped to a 4-2 record after losses to Sandusky and Findlay, the latter 14-0.

Paced by quarterback Steve Popovich, Lorain is the third ranking team offensively in the conference with a 309 yard average. Defensively, the Steelmen are sixth, giving up 227 per contest.

Popovich is a one-man show. He has thrown 52 times this season, completed 23 for 430 yards and five touchdowns. He ranks 13th in the conference in rushing with 289 yards on 46 carries, a 6.2 average.

The leading rusher for Lorain is Rosie Jewells with 343 yards on 70 carries. Fullback Bob Tillman, a 220-pounder, has 265 yards on 57 carries, a 4.3 average.

ROSS NOTES — Terry Bates went over the 1,000-yard barrier with 96 yards last Friday against Elyria. He now has 1,009 yards on 158 carries. That puts him at the top of the BC and reportedly, at the top in the state for Class AAA schools.

Ross Coach Pete Moore has hedged on naming a starting quarterback in the Elyria game. Last week, T.J. Kusmer had the family prefers it. But Moore started in place of injured Randy Baughman and ran the team very well.

"I don't know yet," Moore said Wednesday night. "All three (Brudzinski, Baughman, and Mike Cozette) have been working there this week and I may not know until Thursday."

Moore reports that the only player out of this week's game is defensive safety Todd Elmers. He reinjured a knee during the early action against Elyria. Starting in his place will probably be Aaron Sewell. He will go at defensive halfback while Dan DeLeon will move over from halfback to the safety spot.



JIM SMITH

Lorain

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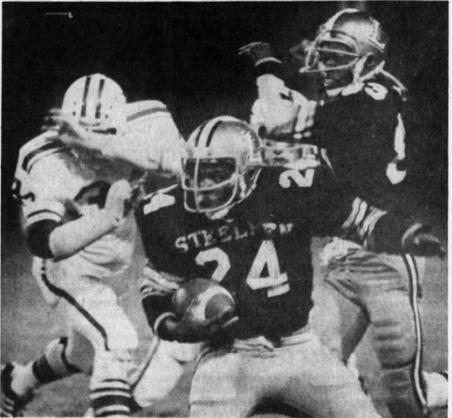
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Follow 611 to Oberlin Avenue, turn right and the Lorain Stadium is approximately two blocks.

Ross saved by Cozette in 14-13 squeaker



TERRY BATES, (22) OF ROSS CUTS OUTSIDE FOR GAIN AGAINST LORAIN
Frank Komar, (30) of Lorain set to hit Bates while Ross guard Mark Gysan seems to be eating some grass.



BRAD WILLIAMS, (22) of Lorain starts his cut downfield Friday night against Ross. Steve Henderson, also

Just by one!	
Scores by quarters	
Ross	7 0 7 0
Lorain	0 0 1 6
Statistics	Ross Lorain
FIRST DOWNS	14 12
Passing	1 1
Had intercepted	0 2
NET YARDS GAINED	297 245
PUNTS	5 5
FUMBLES	2 2
PENALTIES	2 1
PUNTS PENALIZED	10 5
Average	38.5 33.0
Scoring	
Ross: Terry Bates, 23-yard run (Chris Myers kick), 1:58, first quarter.	
Lorain: Kevin Huff, 44-yard run from about four feet (Chris Myers kick), 3:02, third quarter.	
Lorain: Kevin Huff, minus yard gain from Steve Popovich (Bob Musto kick) 1:27, third quarter.	
Lorain: Frank Komar, three-yard run (pass failed), 4:17, fourth quarter.	



Sports news

Hirt breaks putter; Fliers trail by 29

COLUMBUS — With Tim Hirt struggling across the holes with the best four and three putted number nines from about four feet

Friday's action was delayed two hours because

Little Giants turn sour in 2nd half

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor
LORAIN — "The only good thing that came out of this was that we won," Ross football Coach Pete Moore said grimly. "Other than that, we lost."

The Little Giants nearly rolled over, not quite, but nearly, and played dead in the last 16 minutes against Lorain but thanks to a clutch defensive play by little used Mike Cozette, Ross escaped from George Orwell Stadium with a 14-13 Buckeye Conference win.

One thing Moore added to the small list of "good things" attributed to his team was the first half.

"The last two weeks we have played poorly in the first half but have come back to play well in the second half," he pointed out. "Tonight we had that good first half that we wanted but fell down in the second half."

"We have not put 48 minutes of good football together in the last three weeks."

Cozette, a 5-11, 175-pound junior, who has seen spot duty as quarterback and defensive safety this season, saved Ross from disaster and otherwise helped Ross's defense save a little face during the final quarter.

Lorain could not score against Ross's defense in the first half. The Little Giants, led by linemen Vic Simms, Smith, Troy Amor, and Ray Long, along with linebackers Tony Ruiz, Mark Gysan, Mike Wright, and Clarence Parks, stopped the Steelmen cold. That iron curtain gave up a minus-six yards in the first half.

Ross's Frank Komar used a double team block by tackle Steve Bailey and big (245) tight end Kevin Huff on Ross's defensive tackle Jim Smith to plunge three yards for the second Lorain touchdown at the 4:17 mark of the final period. With the score 14-13, Steelmen Coach Doug Thompson elected to go for two points and the win.

Steelmen quarterback Steve

Popovich rolled to the right on the two-point conversion and passed to the deep right corner of the end zone toward Cari Taylor. The Lorain split end had his hands on the ball but another hand, that of Cozette was also on the ball and Cozette was able on the ball and Cozette was able to pull it away and Ross backed into the win.

Terry Bates gave Ross a 6-0 lead on a 23-yard romp around left end 58 seconds away from the end of the first period. Chris Myers' punt went out the end of the Giants a 7-0 lead, the margin at the half.

Ross drove to the Lorain 16 midway through the second quarter but a T.J. Brudzinski fumble was swallowed up by Lorain's Mike Cozette. The Little Giants drove to the Lorain 23 shortly before the half but on a fourth and eight, a draw play to fullback Rick Kusmer fell two yards short to stop the drive.

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Ross scored what could have been the backbreaker at the 5:03 mark of the second half. Brudzinski fumbled back, lobbed a short pass off to the right to Bates who picked up some good downfield blocks while racing 44 yards for the Ross six-point lead.

What was happening was, Ross forgot to tell Lorain that it was supposed to be the backbreaker.

Taking the kickoff, Lorain

marched 64 yards in 10 plays for 25 yards into a paper mache line in the end zone.

Tailback Brad Williams slashed 13 and 11 yards and fullback Komar dashed 15 to key the drive. Popovich hit Huff from the nine for the two. But Myers's kick after Lorain was set back five yards for too many players on the field, made it 14-7, Ross.

Ross drove to the Lorain 43 but Kusmer coughed up the ball and Kusmer again wrapped himself around the pigskin.

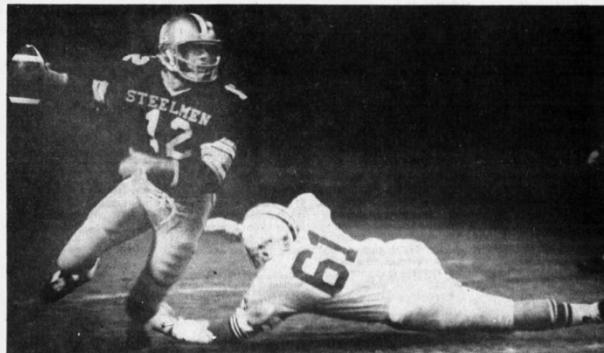
After an exchange of punts, Lorain was back in business on the Lorain 47 with 8:01 to play. It took 40 plays to cross the Ross goal line. Rick Tiller, a 210-pound fullback, lumbered 21 yards to the Ross six on a second and 10 at the 27 for the big play. Komar ran the last three to set up Cozette's game saver.

Mike Cozette has not played much for us," Moore confirmed, "but he did an exceptional job in knocking down that pass."

Continuing, Moore praised the Steelmen. "Coach Thompson did a heck of a job keeping his kids up there. His team played excellently tonight."

Repeating himself, Moore added, "This was a win but I am very disappointed in our performance in the second half. The offensive line did a good job early, and, well, we were just not impressive out there tonight."

ROSS NOTES — Bates, unfortunately, ran for 171 yards on 30 carries, but he had a long rushing mark to 1,180 on 188 carries. Rick Kusmer had 63 yards on 16 carries. Williams ended up with 69 yards, 63 coming in the second half.



RAY LONG, (61) of Ross just misses the tackle Lorain quarterback Steve Popovich during second period play. Popovich was hemmed in by the Ross defense all night and hit only five of 12 passes for 25 yards. He was held to a minus-eight yards rushing in Ross's 14-13 win. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

2nd award for Bates

Terry Bates of Fremont Ross was named as the Buckeye Conference's "back of the week" for the second time this season based on his performance last Friday against Lorain.

Bates was officially credited with 170 yards on 30 carries and one touchdown while playing the entire ball game on offense and defense. He caught two passes for 52 yards and one TD. On defense, the Ross senior had eight tackles and one knocked down pass.

The "lineman of the week" was Jim Scarsbury of Mansfield Senior. The 175-pound senior linebacker led his team to a 19-7 upset over Findlay Saturday with 10 solo tackles and 16 assists. He had one interception, recovered a fumble, and was credited with one quarterback "sack".



TERRY BATES

Former TU coach dies

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Gerald L. (Jerry) Bush of Lincoln, former University of Nebraska basketball coach, died Wednesday night after suffering an apparent heart attack.

The Nebraska basketball

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Terry Bates is quietly proving that he is one of the best runners to play for Ross High School's gridiron Little Giants. And the feeling it is generating for the Ross co-captain is one that typifies this year's Little Giants' pride.

Before Bates walks onto the turf at Harmon Stadium Friday night to challenge Marion Harding's defense, he will be the star of Rob Lytle's best single season mark of 1,253 yards set in 1972. He has 1,190, a figure that ranks him at the top in the state for Class AAA runners and second in the state at all classifications.

"That makes me feel proud," the soft speaking senior said Wednesday after practice. "It makes me feel that I have accomplished something this season."

While needing just 73 yards to pass Lytle, he is still 418 yards shy of Jim Tiller's all-time Ross single season mark of 1,598 yards set in 1956.

"I didn't expect to have this much success," Bates, who likes to paint and wants to major in art in college, admitted about his first seven games this season. "I didn't expect this much yardage or the number of points (90) that I have."

The 5-10, 170-pound senior, could have a tendency to be a little "big-headed" but that is not the case. "I'd rather have zero yardage if it meant that we would win. I just want to help win the Buckeye Conference championship — that's my only goal."

Running back Coach Red Nugent of Ross paid Bates the highest compliment and at the same time put the Little Giants' tailback in some select company.

"He is the best back that I have coached when it comes to using his blockers," the veteran of 28 years of football coaching said. "Rob Lytle and Tim Smith were faster but Bates is better at this stage at using the blockers and that makes up for the speed."

Bates agrees with his coach about the blockers. "My biggest improvement is that I have learned to use my blockers and to look for the hole — to run to daylight. Then I feel that I have been accelerating better off the blocks."

The Ross co-captain, a responsibility that Nugent feels has helped his protégé's confidence, has had his high and low points this season.

"When I fumbled in the Elyria game and they returned it for a touchdown," he said was his biggest disappointment

this season. "When I gained over 200 yards (240 and 242) and the two touch-down passes that I caught I think have been the best parts of the season for me."

Bates does not forget that most of a runner's success on the football field goes hand in hand with his blockers. Nugent puts it, "He has a hell of a set of blockers in front of him."

"I think the line respects me and I know I respect them," Bates pointed out. "I think they are proud when I get over 100 yards in a game — when one of them thinks they missed a block when I carry the ball, they come back to the huddle and apologize to me."

Fulback Rick Kusmer has done his share to take some pressure off Bates. The stalky 180-pounder has rolled up nearly 600 yards this season and even though most teams key on Bates, they cannot forget about Kusmer.

Nugent points out several other reasons. "He is in great physical condition," he says, "he has better speed this season and he has matured plus he is intelligent and is easy to coach. This year, he is running with more power — when he gets right down to the end, he will fight for that extra yard."

That fight for yardage, on both

Bates's and Kusmer's part Friday will be a key to the Little Giants' quest to stay in the thick of the Buckeye Conference title race.

Last season, Ross was on the lucky side with 13-9 win over the Prexies and in Friday's game, a facet of the Ross defense will be tested that up till now, has not had much pressure put on it.

"I don't think our secondary has been tested this year," Ross offensive coordinator and defensive secondary coach Rex Radeloff said. "We do have one advantage — we have Brownie (Jeff Brown) back at safety."

Brown broke his hand on the second play of the second game of the season and has missed every game since that. He will be playing with a protective cast.

Marion quarterback Dave Freese is

the conference's leading passer with five

TD tosses on 44 completions in 115

aerials. His tosses have generated 606

yards this season.

Kevin Berry of Marion with 23 catches

leads the BC in that department. Running backs Kevin Russell and Todd Cramer are sixth and 10th in the BC

rushing stats, respectively. Russell is

averaging 6.4 yards per carry while

Cramer has a 6.8 per carry average.

It will be Ross's homecoming game.

'Ups' overshadow 'downs' in Ross romp



RICK KUSMER (32) OF ROSS FOLLOWS TEAMMATE MIKE WRIGHT'S BLOCK

IT WENT THATAWAY
...Marion's Kevin Berry watches the ball sail past

Ohio rivals battle for lead

CINCINNATI (AP) — For the first time in four years, the pro football "Battle of Ohio" offers a bigger prize than pride.

The division-leading Cincinnati Bengals need a victory over the Cleveland's rebuilt Browns in Sunday's National Football League duel or the team could find itself in a four-way race.

The Browns, buoyed by a three-game winning streak, are challenging five wins to five losses. Cincinnati leads the AFC Central Division with a 5-2 record, while the Browns share second with Houston at 4-3.

It's the biggest game between the two rivals since October of 1972, when they battled for a wild card berth into the NFL playoffs. The Browns won it with a 27-24 victory on their way to a 10-4 season, but the Bengals have dominated the series since, winning five of the last six games.

Sunday's Halloween Day showdown at Riverfront Stadium pits Cincinnati's stingy defense against a recharged

Browns have shed the nightmare of 1975's 3-11 record by rebounding under former Green Bay Packer line great Forrest Gregg.

A downtrodden club a year ago, Cleveland has made vast improvement. The Browns rank third in the AFC in defense and fifth in offense, according to this week's NFL statistical report.

"We feel we have come together," said Browns wide receiver Reggie Rucker. "The week of the Pittsburgh game, we made a commitment. We promised to start hitting, being aggressive, attacking, letting the other team make the mistakes."

Since then, they have outmuscled Pittsburgh, Atlanta and San Diego for the longest winning streak in three years.

He's convinced Sunday's collision will be something to remember.

"If I wasn't playing in this game, I'd have to have a ticket and be there," said Rucker.

Cincinnati won the first meeting a

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Score by quarters

Marion Harding 0 0 0 0 — 0

Ross 20 7 11 18 — 56

Statistics

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FIRST DOWNS

Marion 5

Ross 1

Rushing

Marion 2

Ross 0

Penalty

Marion 2

Ross 0

PASSES ATTEMPTED

Marion 29

Ross 11

Catches

Marion 11

Ross 1

Had intercepted

Marion 0

Ross 1

NET YARDS GAINED

Marion 61

Ross 457

First down

Marion 1

Ross 0

Passing

Marion 83

Ross 11

Fumbles

Marion 6

Ross 4

PENALTIES

Marion 3

Ross 11

Yards on penalties

Marion 25

Ross 135

PUNTS

Marion 7

Ross 6

Average

Marion 25.7

Ross 37.0

Scoring

Ross: Terry Bates, five-yard run

(Chris Myers kick), 9:16, first quarter

Ross: Aaron Sewell safety, 8:15,

first quarter

Ross: Rick Kusmer, three-yard

run (Myers kick), 8:30, second quarter

Ross: Kusmer, five-yard run

(Myers kick), 3:37, second quarter

Ross: Kusmer, 22-yard run (Myers kick), 1:56, second quarter

Ross: Mike Havener, 95-yard

interception run (Myers kick), 1:41, fourth quarter

Defense gives up minus 22 rushing

By BILL STEWART

N-M Sports Writer

The Ross High School Little Giants had their "ups and downs" Friday night according to head football coach Jim Moore, but it was all down from the beginning for Marion Hard-

Ross broke the game open with three second quarter touchdowns to widen the Ross lead to 20-0 to take over possession of second place in the Buckeye Conference with a 4-1 record and 6-1 overall. Marion has faced

0-3 in the B.C.

"We had up and down during the whole game," stated Moore, who admitted the Presidents were one of the weaker opponents Ross has faced this season.

Some of the "ups" were a 223-yard rushing performance from Terry Bates, including three touchdowns, and a defensive effort which held the Presidents to 22 yards in rushing and forced five Marion fumbles, plus a 95-yard return of a pass interception by Mike Havener late in the fourth quarter.

Among the "downs" were 155 yards in penalties assessed against Ross, which was the only thing that prevented the scoring from going higher.

The Presidents by Bates gives him 1,403 for the season and moves him into third place on the all-time Ross list for season rushing. He is within 195 of the record set by Jim Tiller in 1966.

Ross took advantage of a Marion fumble on the opening kickoff and drove 24 yards in five plays with Bates scoring around left end from the five.

The Little Giants, after stopping Marion on the next series, got a blocked punt by Aaron Sewell, which rolled out of the end zone and nearly with eight minutes left in the first quarter.

"We had a couple of good hits," said Moore. "They had bad field position early and just took their backs," he commented about the Presidents.

"They were just flat after that."

A holding and illegal procedure penalty prevented Ross from scoring again in the first period, but the Little Giants got moving again in the second period as they drove 54 yards in eight plays with Bates scoring from the three.

Ross scored on the next series on a four-minute 61-yard drive that took 10 plays with Kusmer again scoring from the three.

Marion fumbled the next kickoff and Bates scored the next play on a 28-yard sweep around right end with the extra point making it 20-0 at the half. It was Sewell again who

figured in the scoring as he

recovered the fumble on the kickoff.

Bates scored on the third play from scrimmage in the third quarter when he swept around left end and cut back inside on a 10-yard run to make it 36-0 with more than 10 minutes left in the third quarter.

"They were shooting their front side linebacker at our strength where we used to play," Moore explained, stating Bates made the long run when he ran away from the blitz.

The coach said the sweeps and the option game seemed to be working well for the Giants, but also praised Kusmer, who had 95 yards in the first half.

He played little in the second half.

But it was the defense, which Moore was particularly proud of Friday night.

"We had extensive pressure from the quarterback Dave Freese and Dave Wink, who replaced Freese in the second half) all night," the Ross coach commented. "We anticipated them throwing 20 or 30 times."

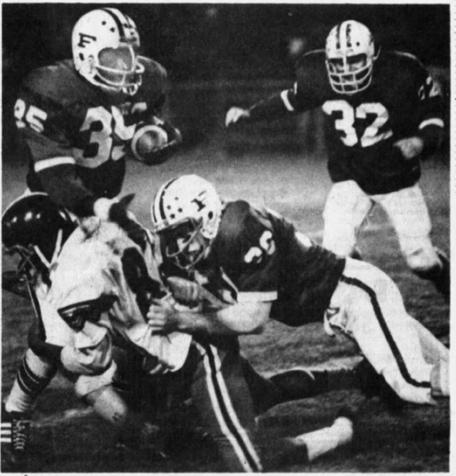
The Presidents failed to get a first down or complete a pass in the first half and didn't get a first down until just over one minute left in the third quarter.

Moore said Ross was definitely aiming for a shutout, but the Giants almost lost it when

quarterback Mark Cosette fumbled at the Ross 21 late in the game, but Havener saved the shutout and added to the score when he picked off a pass in the end zone and ran it 36 yards, probably the longest interception run in the school's history.

Ross had some drives started in the second half, stymied by penalties. The Giants moved to the Marion 19 late in the third quarter, but three 15-yard penalties for holding, pushing and an illegal man down field made it 41 yards. Myers then missed on a 41-yard field goal attempt.

"We went completely flat there in the third quarter," said Moore, who began to insert second team members.



SAM DAVIS (35) of Ross gets an assist and gentle push on the back of a Marion defender from teammate

Steve Barr. Kusmer (32) follows the play. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

Pro results

NBA

Friday's Games

Indiana 90, New York Nets 89

Phoenix 95, Chicago 82

Kansas City 108, San Antonio 102

New Orleans 111, Washington 102

Los Angeles 118, Atlanta 101

Seattle 106, Denver 100

Saturday's Games

New Orleans at New York

Boston at Buffalo

New York at Net at Phila-

delphia

Boston at San Antonio

Chicago at Milwaukee

Seattle at Cleveland

Washington at Houston

Phoenix at Golden State

Detroit at Portland

San Antonio at Dallas

New Orleans at Cleveland

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Toronto 4, Philadelphia 3

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Ross dominates Buckeye Conference stats

The Buckeye Conference statistics released this week continue to show the Ross High School Little Giant football team leading the way in team offense and defense.

Ross had 2,438 net yards rushing and 184 passing to lead the conference with 2,622, in all games played. Findlay is second with 2,525 and Elyria third with 2,217.

Defensively, Ross has allowed 955 total yards, more than 400 less than Elyria, which is second with 1,363. Findlay ranks third with 1,586.

In five conference games, Ross is first offensively with 1,575 yards while Findlay is second with 1,439 and Mansfield third with 1,426.

Ross is first defensively in conference games with allowing only 632 total net

yards. Elyria is second with 774 and Findlay third with 1,073.

Terry Bates of Ross leads the conference in scoring and rushing by wide margins going into the ninth game. Bates has scored 17 touchdowns and six two-point conversions for 108 points, well ahead of Andy Schramm of Findlay, who is second with 84. Rick Kusmer of Ross is fifth in the conference scoring race with 56 points.

Bates has 1,412 yards rushing in 212 carries to lead Cliff Belmar of Mansfield, who is second with 932 yards in 123 carries. Belmar has a 7.6 yard average per carry to lead in that category, while Bates has a 6.7 average. Kusmer ranks fifth in rushing with 698 yards in 141 carries for 5.0 average.

Dan DeLeon of Ross leads the conference in punting with a 39.0 yard average. Jeff Brown is third in punt returns with an 11.3 average per return. The leader is Steve Popovich of Lorain at 36.6.

Brown is first in kickoff returns with 44.5 yard average. Steve Reichenbach of Findlay leads the conference in passing with 747 net yards, while Kevin Berry of Marion is the leading receiver with 294 net yards. Hubert Oliver of Elyria and John Burns of Marion lead in pass interceptions with four.

The conference co-backs of the week are quarterback Glen Redding of Sandusky and tailback Jerry Oliver of Elyria. Redding ran for 147 yards in 15 carries, which included a 72-yard touchdown run to lead Sandusky past Mansfield. He scored three touchdowns and one conversion and passed for another conversion to figure in 22 of the 30 points Sandusky scored. He also played at safety.

Oliver rushed for 185 yards in 26 carries for 7.1 average to lead Elyria past Findlay 15-6. He scored on a 30-yard touchdown run and in the fourth quarter ran 34 yards to set up the other score.

The lineman of the week is defensive end and tight end Mike Blake of Sandusky. Blake recovered two fumbles and caused another in the Sandusky victory.

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**WHEN YOUR ROOF'S
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Trojans always ready for Ross

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

"All we have to do is tell our kids we are playing Fremont," the voice at the other end of the phone line chuckled, "and then get them to the field!"

The voice belonged to Bill Jones, the Findlay Trojans portly head football coach. The implication was easy to figure out — it does not take much work for the Findlay coaching staff to get the Trojans ready during the week of the annual clash with the Fremont Ross Little Giants.

"The kids are going to be enthusiastic for this game no matter what is riding on it."

The Trojans, before the last two Fridays, would have had a good deal riding on the Friday Buckeye Conference game but now Jones just wants to win this Friday and the next. The Trojans, riding a 16-game regular season winning streak, were felled first by Mansfield and then just last Friday by unbeaten Elyria.

Prior to the Mansfield game, Findlay had been rated number two in the state and held a substantial lead in the region's computer ratings, the device used to determine state semi-finalists in the playoffs. The Ross game was supposed to be, just as last year's 22-13 Trojan win, the "clincher" for the computer title by the Trojans.

"Now," Jones said, "what we are working on right now is winning the last two games so that we can finish 8-2. That's a pretty respectable record."

Before this season, Jones and a couple of his players, in accordance with a football magazine put out about the Findlay football, had a visit from a self-proclaimed witch from the hills of Kentucky. The so-called lady with the broom background called herself Madame Nadia and her specialty was telling fortunes

by use of the Tarot, the fortune telling cards of the ancients.

When all the soothsaying and the card reading was completed, the basic feeling was Findlay would pound out another 10-0 season and end up in the state playoffs. But Jones' faith in that preseason "witching" has been shaken.

"I don't even know what you are talking about," he managed to laugh.

Helping to gun down Madame Nadia's cards have been two key injuries. All-State running back Andy Schramm took a hard shot on the knee in the early action at Mansfield and missed more than half of that game and all of the Elyria contest. Massive 270-pound tackle Al LaForest was injured in practice and missed the Elyria game and the effects showed in the Trojan's play.

"Everyone will be back for this week," Jones said but then talked not about injuries causing his team to falter but rather of poor offensive blocking by his line.

"We are actually more than a little disappointed in our offensive blocking efficiency," Jones admitted. "We feel that we have just not done the job and it is probably our biggest area of disappointment. Andy (Schramm) has gained 800 yards and much of it has been on second effort. A lot of times he is hit in the backfield and he still gained yardage."

Just as last season when the Trojans had All-State quarterback Dave Wilson, Jones has another top notch signal caller. Junior Steve Reichenbach is the conference's leading passer with 48 of 81 for 747 yards and five touchdowns. He is extremely accurate and at one time this season he was 25 of 33. According to Jones, "all but one of the incompletions were dropped so he could have almost been perfect."

Jones said the Reichenbach and Wilson were just about the same and that Reichen-

bach, who throws lefthanded, did not add a different look to the Trojan offense. "The way I feel, whether they are lefthanded or right, the only thing that counts is if he gets the ball to the receiver."

Reichenbach has proved he can do that.

The Trojans' leader went on to express the view that he felt Ross's defense had not been tested through the airways this season. "We definitely are going to try to throw," he said.

Jones said that for Findlay to hold down Ross's running attack, his team must get outstanding games from defensive tackles Bob Pickens (6-4, 195) and Tim Dillon (6-3, 220).

"Due to the nature of Fremont's offense and some of the things Fremont does, the tackles can really help us out with outstanding games."

Jones hedges at the "good run, no pass" tag on Ross.

"Well, that's true," he said, "you can't say anything other than that."

Can Findlay play strictly for the run?

"No. You still have to play the pass," Jones pointed out. "I don't care if Fremont is ground oriented, if you come up after them and give up an easy score through the air — why they might as well be the best passing team in the nation."

"I think they have not passed just because of the fact that they have had so much success with running the football this year with Terry Bates. Of course, they would be foolish to do anything else but run."

Jones discounts the supposition that his team will key strictly on Bates. "Well, Kusmer (Rick, Ross fullback) is a good runner also, but if we are going to win the ball game, we have to stop Bates. So, naturally, our major goal defensively is to get him stopped."

And to tell that defense that they are playing Fremont and just point them to the field.

It's a draw! Fremont Ross 7, Findlay 7



THE TROJAN STOPS HERE. Defensive tackle Jim Smith (71) of Ross and defen-

sive back Dan DeLeon (3) stop Findlay's Andy Schramm (46) in his tracks Friday at

Findlay. Schramm, lauded as an all-state player, was held to 14 yards on 17 carries.



WHACK! Ray Long (61) of Ross puts his shoulder solidly into the mid-section of Findlay quarterback Steve Reichenbach. The Trojan signal caller was thrown for 44 yards in losses by Ross's defense.

Reichenbach. The Trojan signal caller was thrown for 44 yards in losses by Ross's defense.



PETE MOORE, ROSS'S HEAD COACH, YELLS INSTRUCTIONS

Little Giants tied for Buckeye lead

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

FINDLAY — It was just like eating a hokey coated dill pickle — it's food but too oleochemical for the taste buds.

That's the kind of taste that Ross Coach Pete Moore and Findlay head man Bill Jones experienced Friday night at Donnell Stadium. It was a key Buckeye Conference football classic. Little Giants and Trojans battled to a 7-7 tie which shattered Findlay's hopes at a repeat appearance in the state playoffs and left the two Trojans hopefuls in their second conference title.

Ross, entering the game, had a shot at getting into the state playoffs with wins over Findlay and a week earlier at Sodalis while also surpassing the BC crown. The Little Giants did get a break that eased them into a tie in the conference race when Elyria slipped below Marion. Now Findlay and Elyria are now 4-1-1 in the conference.

Ross's TD came at the 4:33 mark in the third period, but the results a fumble by Gandy fell on Schramm in a second fumble of the second half at the Findlay 26 to set the score. The Little Giants needed six plays to move the ball and was purely second effort. The key play in the drive was a 12-yard quick hitch up the middle of the "stack"! by Wright.

Chris Myers' placement tied the game 6-6-1.

Bob Pickens scooped up a fumble by Ross quarterback Randy Baughman at the Little Giants seven and stumbled into the end zone with no time showing on the clock in the first half to put Findlay ahead. That was the score at the half. Defensive end Scott Dufford had knocked the ball from Baughman's grasp as he was fading to pass.

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The tie dulled a superlative defensive effort by Ross. The Little Giants defense gave up a minus-four yards total for the game. 32 of those negative yardage on the ground, including just two completions for 28 yards.

Ross's defensive front line of tackles Jim Smith and Troy Amor, ends Dennis Filliater, linebackers Mark Gysan and Tony Huot, on the inside and Clarence Parks along the line, and the right end and Tim Sims on the outside, hemmed in, sealed off, cut down, and literally

buried any rushing offense the Trojans could muster.

Andy Schramm, a first team All-BC running back for Findlay a year ago, was also a year ago 17 carries and 177 yards, which included a minus-three in the second half. Quarterback Steve Reichenbach, the conference's leading passer, was 16 of 44 yards, 14 passes and completed only six of seven passes for 28 yards as the Ross secondary of Dan DeLeon, Terry Bates and Jeff Brown threw a blanket over the Findlay receiver.

As well as Ross handled the Findlay offense, an interception by Ruiz at the Ross 10 with 20 seconds left to play saved the game. Parks had a break over at the Ross 20 when Dave Elderbrook intercepted his second pass of the game and returned it 12 yards. On the next play, Parks batted a Reichenbach pass down the middle into the air where it bounced off Bates' hands before Ruiz cradled it.

While Ross's defense was playing to perfection, Parks was not rolling over and playing dead.

Keved to stop the running of Bates and at the same time to sack fullback Kusmer, Ruiz gave up only 14 yards, 128 on the ground and 79 by Bates on 31 carries. The Ross fullback had entered the game at the top of the big schools in the state with 1,112 yards in the first half and at the 32 in the second before Kusmer's blast to pay dirt.

The Trojans were in Ross's territory twice in the first half. Parks had a 40-yard run on a fumble by Bates and the second on the second Elderbrook theft.

Schramm, while he was being stopped carrying the ball, was able to keep the ball out of its own territory in the second half. The 6-2, 225-pound senior, punted out-of-bounds at the Ross four midway in the second period and forced Bates to take a fair catch at the Ross 15 on a punt later in the quarter.

Findlay was held to only four first downs, two via the penalty route and two more through the air. The interception twice was only the third of the season for Findlay quarterbacks.

Bates completed Ross's only pass of a 10-yard completion to right end Parks in the middle of the first half. On the next play, Elderbrook stepped in front of a Baughman pass to kill the drive.

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Mutual feelings among coaches

FINDLAY — There was a mutual agreement between Pete Moore and Bill Jones, head coaches of the Ross and Findlay football teams, respectively: the defense on both teams played border on the edge of greatness.

Findlay's offense did not score on Ross's Buckeye Conference leading defensive team and the TD surrendered by the Trojans was on an offensive fumble. Still, a 7-7 tie, really, just a tie, is at the half way point in feelings for coaches.

"It's not a loss but I'm not satisfied with it either," Jones said pointedly.

All Moore would do was purse his lips while hinting at the old sports saying that "a kiss like kissing your sister — nothing is gained."

Moore, whose Ross team is now 6-1-2 praised his defense, the Findlay offense for 44 yards in the contest, but was disappointed in his offense.

"Let's face it," he said. "we do not have anyone who can throw the football. Tonight we had to come up with the big play and we could not."

Ross completed only one of six with two passes being intercepted. The only pass completed was by fullback Terry Bates on an option play.

Jones, however, did not take anything away from his defense.

"The defense played great," he said and backed up his statement by saying that he had a great game from his defensive tackles, Bob Pickens and Tim Dillon, an item that he mentioned had to take place.

About his offense and the tremendous rush put on quarterback Steve Reichenbach by the Ross defenders, Jones said that the quarterback has been getting pressure like that all season.

"No one has been able to run on Ross," he added, "they had a good effort."

When asked about not trying to pass more, Jones countered with, "Ross had so much pressure on us — and we had good coverage."

Joe Siesel, Ross defensive coordinator, was a little awe of the defense he directs.

"I never seen them so intense," he said. "When I would yell in the field into a huddle, you could just feel it in the air. They had so much energy, they were listening to every word I said."

"It's the best job defensively that I have seen."

Moore was asked about going for one point and the tie after the Ross team downed by Rick Kusmer with a little over four and one-half minutes left to play in the third quarter.

"Joe (Siesel) called me if I wanted to go for it,"

Moore said. "I told him no," because he was confident that we could come back and score again. We still had the fourth quarter but if we had scored later, I would have gone for the win . . . no, I definitely was not planning just for a tie. I just felt we could score again."

Moore, realizing his team's defensive passing rush, pointing out that it has shown marked improvement over the last two games.

Still, there was a mutual among both coaching staffs and a recognition it best for both himself and Ross.

"You can think of a lot of moves you could have made," he said about the tie, "and there are so many opportunities to second guess yourself, just so many."



DAN DELEON (30) of Ross reaches up to grab Findlay's Steve Lamb. Ross's Clarence Parks (34) and Dennis Filliater (80) helped throw

Lamb for a four-yard loss on the play. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)



FINDLAY COACH BILL JONES watches the action intently during early game action Friday night at Donnell Stadium.

A draw!

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross 7 Findlay 7

STATISTICS

	R	9	0	7	0-7
FIRST DOWNS	7	0	0	0	7
Rushing	9	4			
Passing	7	0			
TOUCHDOWNS	1	2			
PASSES ATTEMPTED	1	2			
Had intercepted	1	2			
Had recovered	2	1			
NET YARDS GAINED	144	4			
Rushing	130	32			
Passing	16	32			
FOULS	3	3			
Rail late	2	2			
PENALTIES	2	2			
Penalties penalized	30	30			
PUNTS	5	8			
SCORING	35.2	34.8			

Findlay: Bob Pickens 40-yard pass with fumble recovery (Joe Snow kick); 0-0, first period.

Ross: Rick Kusmer, four-yard run (Chris Myers kick); 4-31, third quarter.

Area preview

Four-way tie in BC?

A four-way tie for the Buckeye conference football championship? It's possible and the way things have been going in the topsy turvy conference, don't bet against it.

The Ross High School Little Giants are currently tied with Elyria for the conference lead at 4-1, while Findlay and Sandusky stand at 3-2. Elyria is 7-1 overall, Ross 6-1-2, Findlay 6-2-1 and Sandusky 5-3-1.

If Elyria should lose to dangerous Lorain (6-3 and 3-3 in the BC) at home, Sandusky defeats Ross at Harmon Stadium and Findlay should get by Admiral King (5-4, 2-4) at Lorain, there will be a four-way tie of the conference title. Ross and Elyria have to rank as slight favorites to claim a co-championship, however, especially since they are both playing at home.

It could be said that the four top Buckeye teams blew it last week, not only in solidifying their positions in the conference, but also in improving their state playoff hopes. Ross and Findlay

couldn't beat each other in a 7-7 tie, explosive Mansfield upset Elyria 36-30 and not so explosive Admiral King surprised Sandusky 19-15. Ross, Findlay and Sandusky all could have been very much alive in the Region Two computer rankings for the state playoffs with wins last weekend. Elyria's standing in Region One wouldn't have been as good with a win, but the Pioneers can certainly forget about the playoffs now.

In the other Buckeye game Friday, Mansfield (6-3, 3-3) travels to Marion Harding (2-7, 0-6).

Most of the area games this final weekend of regular season play are non-conference battles. The only other conference game left besides the Buckeye games finds Tiffin Calvert (6-3, 3-2) at Sandusky St. Mary's (7-2, 4-1) in a battle for second place in the SBC.

Among the more interesting games this weekend are Eastwood (7-2) at Fremont St. Joe (6-3) and Bellevue (7-2) at Huron (9-0). A Huron win over Bellevue should put the Tigers in the Class AA state

playoffs, but a Bellevue win could greatly aid Port Clinton's chances of making the AA playoffs.

Port Clinton (8-1) faces county rival Oak Harbor (0-9) on the road. The game looks like a colossal mismatch and it won't give the Redskins needed points in the race for the state playoffs. Huron was second and Port Clinton third in Region Six last week, but St. Mary's Memorial, a six-point leader over Huron, lost. Huron was slightly more than one point ahead of Port Clinton.

In other area games, Clyde (1-6-2) is at Norwalk (7-2); Margaretta (1-8) at Milan Edison (9-0); Amherst Marion Steele at Sandusky Perkins (3-6); Gibsonburg (6-3) at Ottawa Hills; Genoa (8-1) at Delta; Lexington at Willard (3-6); Mansfield Madison at Shelby (7-2); Toledo Macomber at Oregon Clay (2-7); Bedford (3-5) at Monroe; Springfield at Fostoria (6-3); Sylvania Southview at Bowling Green (4-5), and Sylvania Northview (4-5) at Maumee.

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Ross, St. Joe stats

1976 ROSS FOOTBALL STATS (9 games, 6-1-2)							1976 ST. JOE FOOTBALL STATS (9 games 5-3)						
PASSING		RUSHING		RECEIVING		PUNTING		GOLF ROTARY		TUES. MORN. INDUSTRIAL		WIRLPOOL	
Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	Avg.	Lgst.	TDs	Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Lgst.	TDs
Terry Bates	243	140	51	51	77	15	1	Randy Darr	154	685	4.4	50	6
Rick Kumer	158	100	49	44	44	10	1	Gene Snyder	118	480	4.1	29	6
Sam Davis	17	121	7.1	28	0	1	Steve Minnich	23	108	4.7	0	1	
Clarence Parks	18	116	6.4	18	1	0	13	78	6.0	38	2	1	
Jeff Brown	6	34	5.7	14	1	0	36	13	0.4	9	2	1	
Mike Wright	8	33	4.0	12	1	0	3	Andy Pert	3	10	3.3	5	0
Steve Murr	7	23	4.0	12	1	0	0	Jeff Gottron	1	8	8.0	8	0
Aaron Sewell	4	26	6.5	13	0	0	0	Dan Hoffman	1	3	3.0	3	0
John Pena	2	6	3.0	5	1	0	0	Jeff Swint	1	2	2.0	2	0
T.J. Brudzinski	6	3	—	10	0	0	0	Tim May	1	—	—	0	0
Dan DeLeon	1	4	—	1	0	0	0	Totals	351	138	3.9	15	0
Mike Cozette	1	4	—	1	0	0	0						
Randy Baughman	9	23	—	9	0	0	0						
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Bowling

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GOLF ROTARY

Pfisterer's 26 14
Fremont Auto Parts 24 16
Joseph's Jewelry 20 20
U.S. Bank 18 22
Park Tool & Die 18 22
Rauch's Dist. 14 26

High actual team series:

Pfisterer's 338-345-347 — 178

High team handicap series:

Pfisterer's 587-624-576 — 178

High individual series: Marsha

Weaver 155-158-168 — 481

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Team #3 31 9
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Team #10 13 21
Team #14 8 23
Team #12 3 37

High actual team series: Team

#9 624-728-735 — 2287

High team handicap series:

Team #9 903-907-814 — 2524

High individual series: Jack

Cooper 182-287-245 — 694

WIRLPOOL

Quality Control 27 13
Tool & Die 27 13
Brewers 27 13
Tigers 25 15
Plant #1 24 16
Production 23 17
Smooth & Cool 20 20
Plastics 19 21
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City league

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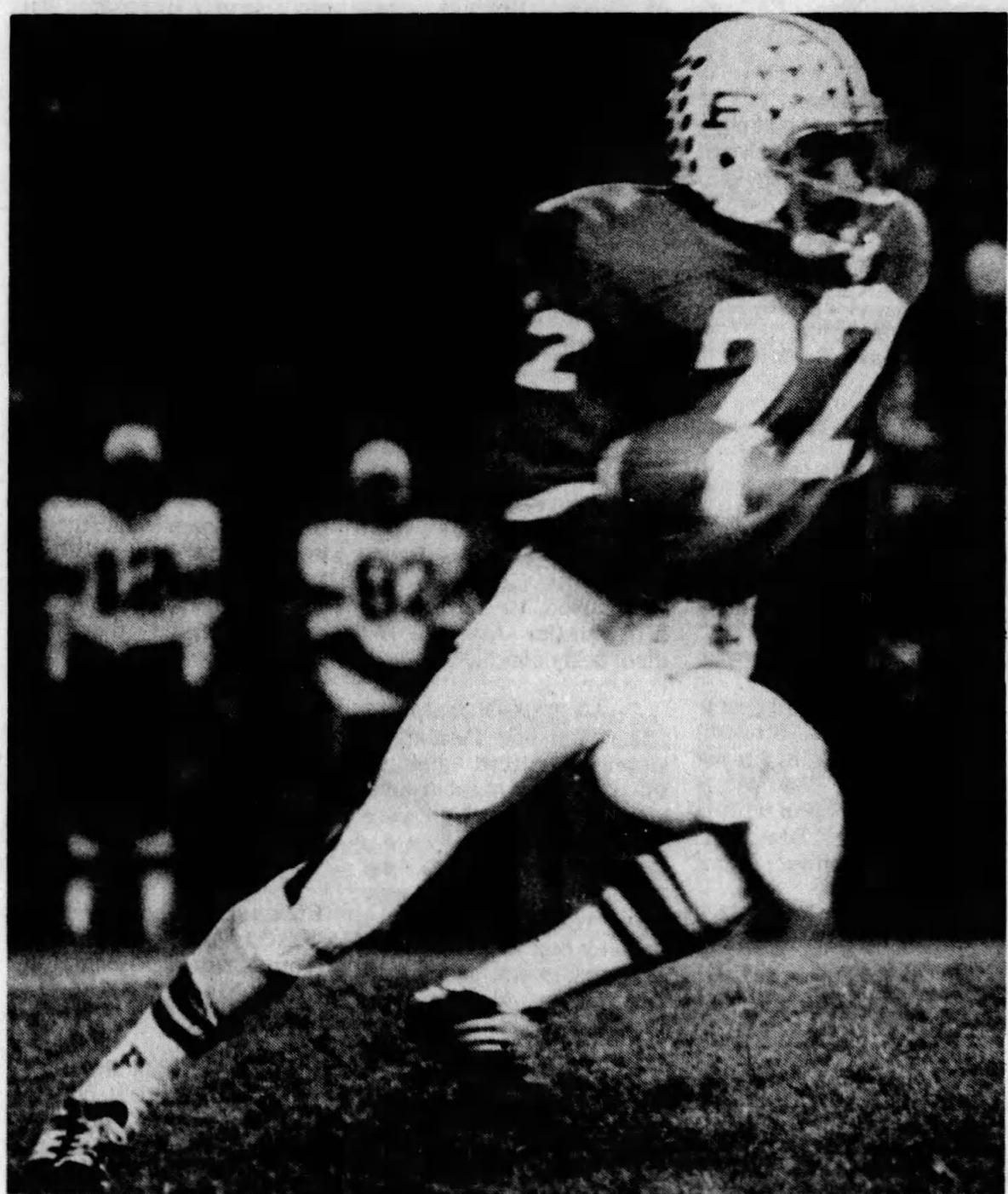
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Bates sets record

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Ross gets help, wins Buckeye grid title



LITTLE GIANTS QUARTERBACK RANDY BAUGHMAN SET TO PITCH ON OPTION

Little Giants reach season goals

By BILL STEWART

News-Messenger Sports Writer

Ross coach Pete Moore said there were two main goals his team set when they started practice last August.

Those goals were reach Friday night in a 24-3 victory over the Little Giants.

"None one we wanted to be Buckeye Conference champions," the first year shower-drenched coach said. "That is always our team goal. And number two we wanted a second place win all the time."

After a little help from the Lorainians at Lorain, Ross was able to claim an outright Buckeye championship. Lorain upset Elyria 13-8 to drop the Pioneers into a second place tie with Findlay at 4-2-1, while Ross finished at 5-1-1 for its fourth Buckeye championship in five years.

It wasn't expected to be that way and Moore admitted he didn't really think it would be.

"Everyone at the paper in August and found we had a lot of new kids," he said. "He added that Elyria had 17 starters back from last year's team and Mansfield had almost as many. The team's Giants played a little help from the Lorainians at Lorain, Ross was able to claim an outright Buckeye championship. Lorain upset Elyria 13-8 to drop the Pioneers into a second place tie with Findlay at 4-2-1, while Ross finished at 5-1-1 for its fourth Buckeye championship in five years.

"We had two defensive and four offensive players coming back," Moore said. "But the kids accepted the challenge and I think Fremont Ross tradition they didn't want to let the community down. They have worked extremely hard."

Certainly the second goal of a season to remember was also reached. If Ross had been running a running back in Tom Bates set a new season rushing record would the season be remembered. Holding the defending Buckeye Conference champions at Findlay last week to a total net yardage of minus four would be another highlight to remember.

The Ross defense, which began the key to the team's success all season, came through again Friday, especially when it had to.

"We play on the back," said Moore. "That's what we'll be a little bit more back," said Moore.

The Blue Streaks threatened Friday night, especially in the second quarter when they were forced to settle for a 25-yard field goal after having a first down at the first half.

"That was a key stand," said defensive coordinator Joe Sleser, who said he was a little surprised when Sandusky opted for a field goal on a fourth and goal at the three. "A field goal was made from the 10, but a motion penalty forced the Streaks to kick again from the 15."

"Teams haven't moved on us all year," said Sleser. "I think we have thought what we give the defense, we would have given up. I was going to kick him kick it, but I hated to see him make it," the defensive coach laughed.

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Bates, Scott top area selections

Terry Bates of Fremont Ross and Jeff Scott of Port Clinton were named "backs of the year" for Northwest Ohio in a vote by Associated Press (AP) sports-writers.

Bates, who set a new single season rushing mark for Fremont Ross this season, shared Class AAA honors with Mansfield Senior's Cliff Belmer. The Ross senior rushed for 1,628 yards on 273 carries to lead the big school backs in the state as well as the rugged Buckeye Conference.

The yardage racked up by Bates beat the 20-year-old Ross record of 1,598 yards set by Jim Tiller.

Belmer ran for 1,156 yards during his senior season, which was second to Bates in the conference.

Ross was well represented on the Class AAA first teams, placing two players on the first team offense and four on the first string defense. Along with Bates on offense, guard Mark Gysan was tabbed for honors for the

second straight year. Last year, the 5-10, 195-pound senior, was on the second offensive team.

Defensively, Ross was led by linebackers Tony Ruiz and 245-pound tackle Jim Smith, both seniors. Ray Long, a 6-0, 200-pounder, gained honors at defensive end while Dan DeLeon, the lightest player (150 pounds) on the first team, was named to the defensive backfield.

On the second team, Ed Nasonti of Bellevue was voted second team honors at quarterback.

The lineman of the year for Class AAA is Steve Bertz of unbeaten Napoleon. The co-coaches of the year and Dave Pierce of Mansfield and Charles Buckenmeyer of Mansfield.

Scott led Port Clinton both offensively and defensively to gain Class AA back of the year honors. Just a junior, the 5-9, 170-pounder, was named to the first team defensive secondary but gained considerable notice as a running back.

During the season, Scott intercepted 12 passes to raise his two-year total to 19. Offensively, he rushed for 1,163 yards on 213 carries, a 5.3 mark. He scored 16 TDs while on his way to 102 points.

Also gaining first team status for the Redskins were Dennis Dodge at defensive end and Greg Johnson at linebacker. Dodge is a 6-5, 220-pound senior while Laird is a senior, 175-pounds.

Gary Mathews of Genoa is the first team Class AA quarterback. The six-foot senior led Genoa to a 9-1 season and a share of the Suburban Lakes League title. Defensively, the Comets were represented on the first unit by defensive back Jim Clegg, who, like Scott, gained over 1,000 yards on offense but also stood out defensively.

Kevin Scott of Ontario was voted the lineman of the year honor for Class AA. Tony Munafa, coach of the unbeaten

Huron Tigers, a state semifinalist, was named coach of the year.

In Class A, Fremont St. Joe placed two players on the first team offense. Fisher, 6-0, 185, gained the honor as a defensive end spot while teammate Mike Jay received a berth on the first team defense at tackle. Jay is a 6-0, 225-pounder.

Wide receiver Jeff Miller of St. Joe was a second team selection while Tim Williams, a sophomore, was a backbreaker nominee for the Crimson streaks.

Gibsonburg's Chuck Sander gained second team honor at offensive guard while Matt Kohler and Steve Rusher were voted to the second team defense at end and defensive back, respectively.

Dave Ahlfeld of the Wendell and Danville Monarchs, the back of the year for Class A in Ohio a year ago, shared back of the year honors. The lineman of the year is Bruce Fields of Bluffton while the coach of the year honors is shared by Gene Peluso of St. Wendell and Jim Stauffer of Bluffton.

AP All-District

Class AAA

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE
SPLIT END: Bob Calabrese, Toledo Central Catholic, senior, 5-11, 190; TACKLES: Jim Smith, Mansfield, senior, 6-2, 200; TACKLES: Luther Henson, Sandusky, senior, 6-2, 225, and Carey Kowalski, St. Francis, senior, 6-2, 210; GUARD: Jim Nasonti, Fremont Ross, senior, 5-10, 185, and Allen Tasman, Mansfield, senior, 5-11, 190.

CENTER: James Brown, Toledo Catholic, senior, 5-11, 190; QUARTERBACK: Tom Belmer, Toledo Central Catholic, junior, 6-1, 195.

RUNNING BACKS: Terry Bates, Fremont Ross, senior, 6-1, 175, Cliff Mansfield, senior, 6-2, 200, and Andy Schramm, Findlay, senior, 6-2, 215.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE
ENDS: Jeff Jackson, Toledo Scott, senior, 6-7, 220, and Ray Long, Fremont Ross, senior, 6-4, 200; TACKLES: Mike Kennedy, Fremont Ross, senior, 6-1, 245, and Mark Rusker, Lima Shawnee, junior, 6-1, 190.

MIDDLE GUARD: Scott Pahl, Bellbrook, senior, 6-1, 210; LINEBACKERS: Mike Belmer, St. Joe, Fremont Ross, senior, 6-1, 200, Brendon Moynihan, senior, 6-3, 200, and Jim Scarbury, senior, 6-0, 190.

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Dan DeLeon, Fremont Ross, senior, 6-1, 190, Mike Kennedy, St. Francis, senior, 6-1, 180, and Chris Deardon, Bowling Green, senior, 6-1, 175.

DEFENSIVE LINE
TACKLES: Harold Gibson, Mansfield, senior, 6-1, 185; TIGHT END: Harold Gibson, Mansfield, senior, 6-1, 185; MIDDLE GUARD: Tony Jones, Sandusky, senior, 6-2, 215; LINEBACKERS: Jim Schurrer, Wapakoneta, senior, 6-10, 178, Mark Rusker, Lima, senior, 6-2, 215, and Mike Kennedy, St. Francis, senior, 6-1, 190; DEFENSIVE BACKS: Paul Biddle, Sandusky, senior, 6-4, 185, Fred Harper, Mansfield, senior, 6-1, 180, and John Haynes, Anderson, senior, 6-1, 175.

CO-BACKS OF THE YEAR: Bates, Ross, and Belmer, Mansfield.
CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR: Charles Buckenmeyer, Napoleon, and Dave Pierce, Mansfield Senior.

HONORABLE MENTION
Kent Damaschroder, Rick Kummer, and Jim Zimmerman, Fremont Ross.

Class AA

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE
SPLIT END: Al Laubenthal, Ottawa-Glandorf, senior, 5-10, 180; TACKLES: Jim Breenfield, Van Wert, junior, 6-2, 215, and Brad Fisher, Postor, senior, 6-4, 225.

MIDDLE GUARD: Jim Schurrer, Wapakoneta, senior, 6-2, 215; LINEBACKERS: Cliff Belmer, Mansfield, senior, 6-0, 200, and Tim Conley, Willard, senior, 6-1, 190.

CENTER: Jeff Malcolm, Wapakoneta, senior, 6-1, 190; QUARTERBACK: Tom Belmer, Toledo Central Catholic, senior, 6-1, 175.

RUNNING BACKS: John Gamble, Van Wert, senior, 6-0, 200, Ron Keith, St. Marys, junior, 6-1, 175, and Corey Hamilton, Colonel

Pendleton, senior, 6-2, 180.



Smith is top lineman

Ross lands six on All-BC teams

Jim Smith was named the Buckeye Conference's "lineman of the year" Wednesday in a vote by the eight conference coaches.

Smith's selection led a squad of six players from the Buckeye Conference on offense or defense. In addition to Smith's honor, Ross Coach Pete Moore shared "coach of the year" honors with Mansfield's Dave Pierce.

Terry Bates, Ross's record-setting rusher and leader in the defensive line of scrimmage, was passed over for "liner of the year" honors in favor of Cliff Belmer of Mansfield. Belmer drew the vote of five conference coaches despite being out-gained by nearly 500 yards by Bates.

Bates, however, was named to the first team offense at a running back spot along with Belmer and Andy Schramm of Findlay.

Mark Gysan was tabbed an offensive guard on the first team for the second year in a row. The 5-10, 190-pound senior was a unanimous selection of the coaches.

Smith was named to both the first team on offense and defense at a tackle slot. The 6-0, 248-pound senior, joined

end Ray Long, linebacker Tony Ruiz, and defensive back Dan DeLeon on the first defensive team.

In addition to gaining a first team defensive back, DeLeon won the conference's "punter of the year" award. Bob Muzio of Lorain, also on the first team defensive unit, was tabbed as the "kicker of the year."

Moore, in his first year as head coach at Ross, after a year as an assistant, guided the Little Giants to a 9-2 mark overall and a 5-1-1 mark to win the Buckeye Conference title. The Little Giants had been picked to finish no higher than fifth in the BC in a preseason coaches' poll.

Pierce led the Tygers to a 7-3 mark, the team's best record in nearly a decade.

Champion Ross had to take a back seat to Mansfield and Sandusky when it came to spots on the top two teams on both offense and defense. The Little Giants had six players fill offensive positions while Mansfield and Sandusky players commanded eight positions apiece. Dugout enough, Ross did not place a single player on either second team.



JIM SMITH

...Lineman of the year

Agent sweepstakes:

Gullett to Yankees; Matthews to Atlanta

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees and the Atlanta Braves, who took home the prizes in past free-agent sweepstakes, are still playing the game.

The Yankees signed Catfish Hunter, the first free agent in modern times, on New Year's Day, 1974. On Thursday, they became the first to add a high-priced free-agent pitcher, adding left-handed Don Gullett to the right-handed Hunter.

When Hunter's auction was held, he was the only player eligible. The law of supply and demand was violated, however, to a five-year package worth \$2.5 million. With 24 free agents available this time, money isn't being thrown around as readily. Gullett signed a six-year contract worth in the neighborhood of \$2 million.

That's a little more than Gary Matthews got for moving south to Atlanta to join the 1975 free-agent, pitcher Andy Messersmith. Matthews, a strong offensive and defensive outfielder, will receive \$1.75 million over five years to play with the Braves.

He's got a bad guy raise considering the fact that Matthews made \$46,000 with San Francisco in 1975, asked for \$65,000

in 1976 but was only offered \$60,000 by the Giants.

Ted Turner, the energetic owner of the Braves, personally made his pitch for Messersmith last spring and took the switch-hitter with Matthews. His interest was so intense that Turner was charged with tampering and forced to pay a \$10,000 fine.

Matthews, 26, turned down a higher offer of more than \$2 million from the Montreal Expos. Higher income taxes in Canada and the cold weather were factors in that decision.

Matthews, a lifetime .285 hitter with the Giants, said Thursday at the press conference announcing his signing that he was happy "to get out of the cold on the West Coast."

He's still playing in the National League, which was what he wanted. But he's going from one loser, the Giants, to another. The Braves finished last in the NL West last season.

Gullett is changing leagues, moving from big-league winter in baseball, the Cincinnati Reds, to the American League champion Yankees.

"I'm coming to a winning baseball team," said Gullett.

That's a

little more than Gary Matthews, that we're leaving no stones unturned to get a winning team in Cleveland," Seghi said.

Seghi reportedly has

said he wanted to beef up his team's pitching staff

DELEON

MOORE

LONG

Bo: 'I don't care who's favored'

UM favored to end jinx

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Year's Day assignment against the Pacific-8 Conference victor, expected to go to major bowls. The loser probably will receive an Orange or

Blue bowl.

Speculation was that the

Garland headed for Tribe?

CLEVELAND (AP) — Neither Cleveland Indians' General Manager Phil Seghi nor owner Ted Bondi would say so, but speculation was that the

1975 was among the most effective pitchers in the American League last season, posting a 20-7 mark with a 2.67 ERA.

Seghi would have no part

in any definitive

influence, that we're leaving no stones unturned to get a winning team in Cleveland," Seghi said.

Seghi reportedly has

said he wanted to beef up his team's pitching staff

expected to go to major bowls. The loser probably will receive an Orange or

Blue bowl.

Speculation was that the

All-BC

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

TIGHT ENDS: Lynn Moore, Sandusky, senior, 6-0, 185, 12

SPLIT ENDS: Harold Gibson, Mansfield, senior, 6-0, 180, 12, and Kevin Septe, Wapakoneta, senior, 6-0, 185, 12

TACKLES: Jim Smith, Ross, senior, 6-2, 245, 12, and Luther Henson, Sandusky, senior, 6-2, 230, 12

GUARD: Lynn Moore, Sandusky, senior, 6-0, 185, 12, and Greg Ballah, Admiral King, senior, 6-2, 210, 12

QUARTERBACK: Mark Ross, Lorain, senior, 6-0, 190, 12, and Greg Ballah, Admiral King, senior, 6-0, 190, 12

RUNNING BACKS: Terry Bates, Ross, senior, 6-1, 175, 12, Cliff Belmer, Mansfield, senior, 6-3, 200, 12, and Andy Schramm, Findlay, senior, 6-2, 180, 12

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

TIGHT END: Bryan Garcia, Admiral King, senior, 6-2, 215, 12, SPLIT END: Jim Smith, Ross, senior, 6-0, 185, 12, and George Cook, Elyria, senior, 6-0, 180, 12

LINEBACKERS: Tony Ruiz, Ross, senior, 6-1, 205, 12, Jim Scarbury, Mansfield, senior, 6-0, 180, 12, Chris Cramer, Marion, senior, 6-3, 212, and Oliver Johnson, Marion, senior, 6-0, 185, 12

TACKLES: Fred Lopez, Lorain, senior, 6-0, 185, 12, and Mike Burns, Marion, senior, 6-0, 185, 12

GUARD: Steve Popovich, Lorain, senior, 6-1, 170, 12

QUARTERBACK: Steve Reichenbach, Findlay, senior, 6-1, 170, 12

RUNNING BACKS: Jerry Oliver, Elyria, senior, 6-1, 170, 12, Jeff Weller, Sandusky, senior, 6-0, 185, 12

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

TIGHT END: Bryan Garcia, Admiral King, senior, 6-2, 215, 12

END: Ray Long, Ross, senior, 6-0, 185, 12, and Billy Williams, Elyria, senior, 6-2, 215, 12

TACKLES: Jim Smith, Ross, senior, 6-0, 245, 12, and Luther Henson, Sandusky, senior, 6-2, 230, 12

GUARD: Lynn Moore, Sandusky, senior, 6-0, 185, 12

QUARTERBACK: Steve Popovich, Lorain, senior, 6-1, 170, 12

RUNNING BACKS: Fred Lopez, Lorain, senior, 6-0, 185, 12, and Mike Burns, Marion, senior, 6-0, 185, 12

HONORABLE MENTION

Dennis Fillister, Clarence Parks, Jeff Brown, Kent Damaschroder, Mike Wright, Brian Burkett, Jim Zimmerman, and Rick DePietro, Mansfield.

CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR: Pete Moore, Ross, and Dave Pierce, Mansfield.

LINEMAN OF THE YEAR: Smith, Ross.

Bates and Smith: Earn all-state honors

Terry Bates and Jim Smith, Ross High School football stars, have been named to the Associated Press' 1976 All-Ohio high school football team announced today.

Bates, a 5-11, 175-pound senior, made the first team as a running back with a Ross rushing record this past season by gaining 1,628 yards and scored 18 touchdowns in leading the Little Giants to the Buckeye Conference championship.

Smith, a 6-1 248-pound senior and three-year letter winner, made the first team as a defensive tackle.

Bates and Smith, in addition to winning all-state honors, made the first team on the All-state team and the first team all-Buckeye Conference team.

Behind Smith and Bates, Ross' Mark Gysan, Ray Long, Tony Ruiz and Dan DeLeon were recognized on the all-state team by earning honorable mention. Gysan and Ruiz starred on Ross as the offensive guards and inside linebackers, DeLeon as a defensive back and Long as a defensive end.

The all-state selections were made with the recommendations of a statewide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Heading the team was Cincinnati Moeller quarter-

back Tim Koegel, who was voted the back of the year. Koegel, a three-year starter for the state champions, completed 106 of 180 passes in 12 games.

Moeller's Jim Brown, a 270-pound offensive tackle, was named lineman of the year. Bill Wall, junior who led Walbridge to a 10-1 record and all nine of them shutouts, was given coach of the year honors.

The first team offensive squad includes ends Steve Bertz of Napoleon and Jeremiah Gunn of Groveport, tackles Brown of Moeller and Greg Ballish of Lorain Admiral King, center Bill Sieve of Kettering Alter, Koegel at quarterback, and running backs Bates, DeLeon, Charles of Cambridge and Dorron Hunter of Cincinnati Princeton.

The first team defensive squad includes ends Ben Needham of Groveport and Fred Motley of Dayton Meadowdale, tackles Smith of Ross and Mike Trgovac of Austintown Fitch, middle guard Terry Bach of Centerville, linebackers Todd Bell of Middletown, Mike Kline of Hilliard, and defensive backs Mike Medich of Steubenville and Brendan Moynihan of Toledo St. John's, and deep backs Paul Thompson of Dayton Roth, Ray Ellis of Canton, McKinley and Norm Burrows of Portsmouth.

Lead Ross awards recipients

Terry Bates walked off with four awards to highlight the Ross football awards program Tuesday evening.

Bates, among 93 players, managers, and trainers receiving awards from the team's coaching staff.

The Ross team, in being recognized as Buckeye Conference champion for the fourth time in the past five seasons, was also presented with the Toledo Blade's trophy symbolic of being voted as Northwestern Ohio's top Class AAA team and set to be the paper's sports staff. John Bergeron, a member of the Blade sports staff, presented the trophy to Ross Coach Pete Moore.

Bates was named as the Little

Giants' "most valuable player" as well as the team's best offensive back. He also received a captain's armband along with co-captain Dan DeLeon.

Bergeson also presented Bates with a plaque from the Blade which named him as the paper's area "player of the year."

Tony Ruiz and Mark Gysan, Ross's starting offensive guards and inside linebackers, were tabbed as the team's best offensive linemen. Jim Smith, a 6-1, 248-pound senior, and a three-year letter winner, was named by the coaching staff as the best defensive lineman.

The best defensive back award went to DeLeon who led the team in second letters.



SPECIAL AWARD winner for the Ross football team is shown above. Terry Bates, and Dan DeLeon; back row: Fred Vance, Mark Gysan, and Tony Ruiz.

Meet cancelled

The Ross "Purple White" swim meet scheduled for Thursday has been cancelled for this season.

The Little Giants swimmers will see action on Saturday when they host a triangular meet at Tiffin's Memorial Pool. Findlay and state power Upper Arlington will be challenging Ross.

The pool in Tiffin located on Summit Street. To get to the pool, take 53 south to Tiffin to Market Street; turn right, proceed to the college cemetery; turn right at the light on Greenfield. When you have passed the National Machinery Co., turn right on Summit — the pool is located in a new building on the right.

The meet will begin at 2 p.m.



TERRY BATES

Clyde falls 38-36

SYCAMORE — The Clyde Flyers, plagued by a subpar shooting night in their season opener, dropped a 38-36 decision to host Mohawk here Tuesday.

With the host Warriors up 37-36, the Flyers had the ball and were trying to work for the last shot with six seconds to go in the game, but Mohawk intercepted an inbounds pass and Flyers never got a shot off.

Clyde only shot 14 of 50 from the field for 28 percent, while the Warriors didn't fare much better with 47 for 36 percent.

Steve Wilken paced Clyde in scoring and rebounds. He hit for 10 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Shareef Shabazz led Mohawk scoring with 19 points and the Warriors responded by hitting 38-36.

Clyde had a 10-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and led 17-15 at the half, before the hosts took the lead 27-26 at the end of three quarters.

Clyde will try to rebound from the loss when it hosts Woodmore Saturday night.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Clyde Mohawk

SCORING

CLYDE: Neft 5-4-4, Mason 1-0-2, Hirt 2-1-5, Roth 1-0-2, Mager 0-2-2, Aldrich 3-4-4. Mohawk: 50-19, Hilt 2-1-5, Kerline 1-0-2, totals 14-36.

MOHAWK: Bechtel 2-0-4, Today 3-3-4, Retig 0-1-1, Jacoby 8-3-9.

Season records: Clyde 0-1, JV game: Clyde 44, Mohawk 30.

Buffalo game played before 994

By ALEX SACHARE
AP Sports Writer

Suppose they held a basketball game and nobody came...?

It almost happened in Buffalo Tuesday night, but 994 hardy souls braved 10-degree temperatures and clambered through two feet of snow to get to Memorial Auditorium.

scored 12 points in a row and were on top of the rest of the way. Bruce Seals led a Seattle comeback, scoring 10 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter before fouling out, then rookie Mike McAdoo drove in an offensive rebound, putting the Sonics within 116-114 with 12 seconds left.

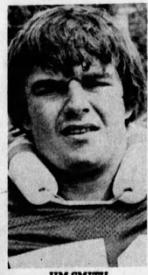
But McAdoo iced it with his three

PACERS 103, SUNS 97

Will Jones and Dave Robisch combined for 25 points in the fourth quarter as the Pacers erased a nine-point deficit and beat the Suns 103-97.

WARRIORS 122, BULLS 120

Chicago went down to its 12th straight defeat, a team record, as Phil Smith scored 33 points and



JIM SMITH

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McAdoo headed for New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob McAdoo, the National Basketball Association scoring champion for each of the past three seasons, was expected to become a member of the New York Knicks today in a \$6 million deal.

The Associated Press has learned that the association (100 percent owned by the Knicks) paid to the Knicks for \$2.5 million in cash and forward John Gianelli. The Knicks are giving McAdoo a five-year contract for \$500,000 per year and will pick up the \$1 million in deferred payments that Buffalo owes him, starting in 1980.

In acquiring the 6-foot-10 McAdoo, the Knicks, in the end, outbid the Seattle SuperSonics, who had offered the Braves forward Leonard Gray, 7-2 center Tom Burleson and \$2.0 million.

"Actually, the whole thing hinged on working out a deal with McAdoo," said a

Seattle source close to the negotiations. "It was a tough deal. And as far as I know, McAdoo has not chosen Seattle. We have been unable to make a deal with him."

He said that New York, Seattle and Buffalo actually had been in the running to sign the high-scoring center-forward.

"But I understand," he added, "that McAdoo said if he had a choice, it would be New York."

"We thought we had a deal all worked out with them (the SuperSonics' co-owner), but then Paul Snyder (the other co-owner) stepped in," the source explained.

Knicks officials held two meetings Monday with attorneys for Snyder, who earlier in the day had announced he was entertaining bids for McAdoo.

The Knicks originally offered \$3 million for

the 25-year-old McAdoo, but the Braves also wanted a player, so Gianelli was included.

"We met with their lawyer, he called Snyder, then we had another meeting," a Knicks spokesman said Monday night. "He said Snyder wanted to sleep on it, but would have an answer by Friday."

McAdoo is in the final year of a five-year contract which Snyder said calls for \$200,000 per year plus \$200,000 in deferred payments. Snyder said McAdoo had recently accepted a new pact calling for \$500,000 per year, but that had been rejected by the player's agent, New York attorney William Madden. The rejection reportedly involved the deferred payments.

"If this franchise is to survive, we can't pay any player over \$500,000," Snyder said. "I told McAdoo yesterday that if we can't sign him today, we're going to trade him."

Moore picked to coach in 'Star' game

Pete Moore, coach of the Ross High School Little Giants football team, will be one of the four coaches for the North team in the annual Ohio High School Football Coaches Association's North-South All-Star game next summer.

Moore, 30, guided the Little Giants to a 7-1-2 mark and the Buckeye Conference championship in his first year as head coach at Ross. Prior to this year, Moore had spent two seasons as assistant coach at Ross, three years as an assistant at Greenville High School, and two years as the head coach at Berea, Ky.

The head coach for the North squad will be Bill Rice of unbeaten Walsh Jesuit while, in addition to Moore, the assistants will be Dave Pierce of Mansfield Senior, and Morris Tipton

from Orrville.

"I was notified at noon Monday," Moore said about learning of his appointment. "It should be a good experience for me working with all that talent."

"As far as my coaching assignment, I will probably handle the offense line."

Calling his selection a surprise, Moore said that the North staff will meet soon to select the roster for the team.

Moore is the second Ross coach in the last three years who will have coached in the annual summer classic. Tom Holman, who handled the head job at Ross for two seasons before departing for Ohio Northern University, coached in the classic in 1975.

Victory not all that pleasing for Gregg

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Much like a well-known coach he once played for, Forrest Gregg's disposition is not good when his Cleveland Browns play poorly—not even after a victory.

Gregg smiled easily

soft and unconvincing as he noted. "We have another football game to play and I promise you we're going to improve, especially on offense."

Gregg was upset despite

three lost fumbles and a pair of Houston interceptions.

"I'd have to say I'm happy we won the football game, but I'm not impressed with the way we won it," said the man who won a 13-10 victory over the

Houston Oilers Sunday

... in all the aftermath



PETE MOORE of Ross and Dave Pierce of Mansfield Senior will give the Buckeye Conference strong representation in the annual North-South game.

Sports in Brief

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

LOS ANGELES — Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn informed the Atlanta Braves he was withholding final approval of the signing of free agent outfielder Gary Matthews pending a hearing into tampering charges.

TENNIS

HOUSTON — Wojciech Piekarski of Poland defeated Spain's Manuel Orantes 7-5, 7-6, 7-3 in the Grand Prix Masters singles tournament.

BOXING

NEW YORK — Duane Bobke signed a contract to fight Ken Norton in a bout with Muhammad Ali in February at Madison Square Garden.

Dorsett wins TD club award

CLEVELAND (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner



ROSS'S JIM SMITH
... Another all-state selection

Second All-Ohio team for Smith

Jim Smith, Ross's 250-pound offensive and defensive tackle for the Buckeye Conference football champions, was named to the United Press International (UPI) All-Ohio High School Football Team.

Smith was selected for the first team defense at tackle. The Buckeye Conference lineman of the year was joined on that team by Elria's Hurbert Oliver at linebacker.

Cincinnati Moeller dominated the offensive team selection followed on the heels of a fine team defensive berth on the Associated Press All-Ohio team for Smith making him the first Ross player since Bob Brudzinski and Rob Lytle in 1973 to make both wire service teams on the first units.

Other Buckeye Conference players

making the first teams included Andy Schramm of Findlay and Cliff Belmer of Mansfield Senior as running backs on the first offensive team and tackle Luther Henson of Sandusky at offensive tackle.

Terry Bates, Ross's record setting tailback, and offensive guard and linebacker Mark Gysan were given special mention to the team.

Cincinnati Moeller dominated the offensive team selection for the All-Ohio team. Quarterback Tim Koegel and tackle Jim Brown were named as the back of the year and lineman of the year, respectively. Moeller Coach Gerry Faust, who guided his team to its second consecutive Class AAA state title, was named as the coach of the year.

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Season tickets for Ross games

Season tickets for Ross boys and girls basketball home games went on sale today at Tremper's.

Tickets for the 10 home games on the boys schedule are \$15 for adults, a savings of \$5 if tickets were sold at the gate game basis, and \$9 for students, a savings of \$3.50.

For the girls, season tickets are \$12 for adults for eight home games and \$7 for students.

Also on sale at Tremper's, are single tickets for Friday's home opener against Marion Harding.