

1964 Season Review...



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ROSS HIGH lettermen back with the wrestling squad for the 1963-64 campaign are, front row, l to r: Jim Haas, Ed Smith, Gary Meggitt and Leon Lomax. Back row, l to r: Dick Nitschke, Mike Frantz, Chuck Scharie and Coach Mal Mackey. The Little Giants open their season this Friday at home at 7 p.m. against Arcadia. Jim (Pete) Michaels is Mackey's assistant.

Ross Has 7 Veterans In Wrestling

Fremont Ross opens its wrestling season this Friday night at 7 at home against Arcadia. Seven lettermen are back with Coach Mal Mackey and his assistant Pete Michaels.

The experienced crew includes Gary Meggitt, 112-pounder; Leon Lomax and Chuck Scharie, 120 - pounders; Mike Frantz, 133; Ed Smith, 154; Jim Haas, 165; and Dick Nitschke, heavyweight. There is a sprinkling of experience up and down the Ross line-up.

Scharie earned his letter with the Findlay Trojans and is a transfer here. Frantz and Haas have earned two letters in the mat game.

Fremont had a busy winter schedule, participating in 15 matches—including the Mansfield tournament on December 21, the Buckeye Conference on January 25 and the district on March 6-7.

The conference and district meets are scheduled for Fremont Ross gym.

The full schedule is as follows: Arcadia, Dec. 6, home; Bowling Green, Dec. 12, away; Mansfield tournament, Dec. 21, away; Sandusky, Jan. 7, home; Mansfield Madison, Jan. 9, away; Arcadia, Jan. 18, away; Buckeye Conference, Jan. 25, home; Findlay, Jan. 31, away; Clyde, Feb. 7, home; Mansfield, Feb. 8, home; Port Clinton, Feb. 13, away; Sandusky, Feb. 20, away; Huron, Feb. 28, home; District, March 6-7, home.

The roster follows:
103-pounds: Roy Crayton and Bruce Norton.

112-pounds: Gary Meggitt and Dan Boucher.

120 - pounds: Leon Lomax, Chuck Scharie and Tom Ayers.

127-pounds: Doug Davis and Larry Willis.

133-pounds: Mike Frantz.

138-pounds: Moe Collins, Lew Mackey and Gary Stiger.

145-pounds: Jim Marinis and Herm Kanan.

154 - pounds: George Branco, Ed Smith and Bill Kanan.

165 - pounds: Jim Haas and Jack Krellick.

175 - pounds: Joe Gross and George Vaffis.

Heavyweight: Dick Nitschke and Dave Swanger.



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Fact 'n Folly

What A Steal
They oughta hang Gabe Paul's picture in the post office lobby. Paul's trade of Pitcher Barry Latman to Los Angeles for Slugger Leon Wagner must rank, at this time at least, with history's most cunning schemes of grand larceny. The fact that the Cleveland Indians' baseball club must forward another player to Los Angeles by March 1 is only a feeble attempt to pacify what must be an enraged Angel fan contingent. The player to be named later could be a Willie Tasby-type surplus talent.

Latman, 28, is considered by baseball standards to be in the prime of his career; yet his record has not been an impressive one since he won 13 and lost 5 for the Tribe in 1961. He was 15-25 over the last two seasons.

Wagner, 29, has averaged 30

home runs and 90 runs batted in in the three years he has toiled with the Angels. Few major league stars can claim such credentials.

A preview of the 1963 season finds Wagner in left field, Vic Davalillo in center and one whale of a fight in right field. There are, at this moment, fighting for a berth in the outer garden such names as Al Luplow, Tasby, Willie Kirkland, Tito Francona, Bob Chance and Tommy Agee. And Paul said he is still interested in obtaining a right-handed hitting outfielder.

Somebody's gotta go.

New Rule

The one major rule change in high school basketball seems to be off to an unpopular start. The new rule is this: when the ball goes out of bounds for any reason, or when the offensive team commits a traveling or dribbling violation and the ball is given out-of-bounds to the opposing team, the clock shall be stopped.

What with the numerous free throws being called in today's game and with the clock being stopped repeatedly during the course of action, games now are running on the average of 15 minutes longer.

The reaction here, from what I can gather, is not too favorable toward the new rule. Coach Dick Norman of Ross does not like the rule and Coach Bob Smith of St. Joe has little to say at this time. Fans, generally, do not care for the extra long games.

Last week, the sports scribe in Fostoria tells me, they did not finish a Fostoria varsity game until almost 11 p.m. The reserves started at 7, too.

Lions Lose Pete Beathard To Kansas City

CHICAGO (AP)—Still groggy from the marathon draft which took 21 hours and 43 minutes, the National Football League hopes to enact legislation against such future spectacles.

"I really can't do much about it," said Commissioner Pete Rozell. "It would take a unanimous vote to cut the draft down from the present 20 rounds. And I doubt if we could get unanimous consent against the 20 rounds but we'll certainly bring it up at our meetings in Florida next month."

Elsewhere throughout the league there was moaning and

Ross Pins Arcadia Matmen, 37-5

Fremont Ross opened its wrestling season at home Friday night and coasted to an easy 37-5 victory over Arcadia.

Arcadia was saved from a whitewash when Ron Beach tied Leon Lomax, 4-4, and Glenn Farmer, one of the top wrestlers in the district last year, edged Joe Gross, 4-2, in the 175-pound weight.

In exhibition matches, Roy Crayton, Dan Boucher, Tom Ayers, Moe Collins, Herm Kanan and George Branco all scored Ross high victories.

Fremont will travel to Bowling Green next Thursday for its second match.

Summaries:

103 — Bruce Norton (R) pinned Sam Bechtel in 1:28 of first period.

112—Gary Meggitt (R) defeated Bob Vackety, 6-2.

120 - Charles Scharte (R) downed Galen Bruce, 2-0.

127—Leon Lomax (R) tied Ron Beach, 4-4.

133—Gary Steiger, (R) pinned Daryl Jacobs in 0:36 of first period.

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138—Mike Frantz (R) defeated Bob Peters, 5-0.

145—Jim Marinis (R) defeated Bob Leonard, 3-0.

154 — Ed Smith (R) topped Steve Bishop, 4-0.

165 — Jim Haas (R) pinned Steve Mellott in 1:54 of third period.

175—Glenn Farmer (A) defeated Joe Gross, 4-2.

Heavy — Dick Nitschke (R) pinned Ray Reinhard in 1:10 of first round.

Ross Routs BG Bobcats In Wrestling

Fremont Ross won its second straight wrestling meet in two tries Thursday by pinning a 30-9 lacing on Bowling Green high on the Bobcat mat.

Gary Meggitt, Joe Gross and Dick Nitschke all picked up pins for the Little Giants. The Fremont reserves also won, 21-20.

Ross is idle until December 21 when it will be involved in the Mansfield Invitational tournament. Ross has won this meet in all of the four years it has been held. Other teams entered are Mansfield Senior, Mansfield Madison, Ashland, Findlay, Fostoria, and Lakewood St. Edward's.

Summaries

103 — Rick Barker (BG) defeated Bruce Norton, 3-2.

112—Gary Meggitt (F) pinned Myron Rhodes in 1:42 of third round.

120 — Charles Scharte (F) downed Lynn Apple, 8-4.

127 — Leon Lomax (F) beat Bob Spitler, 3-0.

133 — Gary Steiger (F) beat Steve Sockrider, 5-3.

138—Steve Ohly (BG) took Mike Frantz, 3-0.

145—Jim Marinis (F) defeated Bob Kramer, 3-1.

154—Ed Smith (F) won over Skip Fox, 6-3.

165—Matt Sawyer (BG) defeated Jim Haas, 5-2.

175 — Joe Gross (F) pinned Chuck Neate in 0:25 of second period.

Heavy — Dick Nitschke (F) pinned Von Berlin in 1:02 of second period.

Ross Third In Mansfield Mat Invitational

Fremont Ross for the first time in four years did not bring home the championship of the Mansfield Invitational wrestling tournament. The Little Giants had won the tourney the first three years of its existence, but last Saturday the crown went to Cleveland St. Joseph.

Toledo Clay was second and Fremont third. Ashland finished fourth. Following were Mansfield Senior, Fostoria, and Mansfield Madison.

Gary Meggitt was runner-up in the 112-pound class, Ed Smith took second in the 154-pound division and Dick Nitschke was runner - up in the heavyweight class.

St. Joseph won with 92 points, Clay had 54 and Ross 50.

Sandusky Mat Club Visits Ross

Sandusky's veteran wrestling team comes to town next Tuesday to do battle with the Fremont Ross Little Giant mat crew which has won two regular season appearances and placed third in the Mansfield Invitational.

The meet at Ross gym will begin at 6 p.m. Fremont will be away next Thursday in a meet against Mansfield Madison.

The Little Giant mat crew features good balance up and down its line-up and has been a pleasant surprise thus far to Coaches Mal Mackey and Pete Michaels.



IN A BAD predicament is Ross' 112 - pound wrestler Gary Meggitt. Holding the advantage here is Sandusky's Dave Dudzik. He did not hold the margin long. Meggitt came out of the hold

in fine shape and went on to whip Dudzik by a 4-0 decision in Tuesday's wrestling meet at Ross. The Little Giants clobbered Sandusky 28-10.

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Howard Pay Now Believed To Top Yogi's

NEW YORK (AP) — It seems only a short time ago when Yogi Berra was teaching Elston Howard, a converted outfielder, how to position himself behind the plate. This year, the pupil will be taking down more money in salary than his teacher.

When Howard eventually gets around to signing his 1964 New York Yankee contract, it will be for approximately \$60,000. Berra, who has given up the mask and mitt to concentrate all his energies on managing the Yankees, already has signed for a reported \$40,000.

Yogi's highest salary was \$57,500. While Howard declined to reveal his 1963 salary it is believed he drew down \$50,000. He earned every penny of it as attested by his winning the American League's Most Valuable Player award.

"I expect to get a pretty good raise," said Ellie today. "That MVP award ought to be worth something."

"I don't expect any trouble. I've never had any before. The Yankees always have treated me fairly."

Howard said he expects to sit down with Ralph Houk, the Yankee general manager, some time next week. Houk returns from his vacation next Sunday.

Howard was in town repre-

Fremont Undefeated In Duals:

Ross Wrestlers Tie Up Sandusky's Mat Crew 28-10

Fremont Ross trounced Sandusky's visiting wrestling team Tuesday afternoon, 28-10, at Ross high gym. Fremont now has won three straight dual meets and will try to make it four in a row Thursday afternoon at Mansfield Madison.

Fremont won the first four matches and tied in the fifth before Sandusky was able to pick up a victory. Jim Marinas

of the Little Giants was the only Ross boy to win his match by a pin. However, several other local boys had rather easy times with their opponents. Ross' Heavyweight Dick Nitschke did a good job on Gary Knauer, Sandusky's All-American football player who weighs 240-pounds.

Summaries

103 — Bruce Norton (F) decised Terry Holzaefel, 5-0.

112 — Gary Meggitt (F) won over Dave Dudzik, 4-0.

120 — Charles Scharte (F) defeated Phil Amerine, 11-0.

127 — Leon Lomax (F) won over Dave Pasqualine, 5-0.

133 — Mike Frantz (F) drew with George Campbell, 4-4.

138 — Dave LeVier (S) pinned Gary Steiger in 1:50 of three round.

145 — Jim Marinas (F) pinned Dave Schwick in 1:33 of second period.

154 — Ed Smith (F) won over Bill Sharpe, 7-2.

165 — Jim Haas (F) defeated Tony Myers, 4-0.

175 — Bob Scally (S) defeated Joe Gross, 3-0.

Heavy — Dick Nitschke (F) defeated Gary Knauer, 5-2.

CAGE Results

College Basketball

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Villanova 84, St. Francis, N.Y. 48

Georgetown, D.C. 87, Canisius

78 Providence 89, Massachusetts

73 Harvard 81, Worcester Tech

71 Pittsburgh 91, Peru Nationals

69 St. Joseph's, Pa. 66, Lehigh

46 Cornell 97, Florida Southern

87 Maine 77, New Hampshire 76

Davidson 70, VMI 58
Oklahoma City 91, New Or-

Little Giant Grapplers

Defeat Madison, 28-10

Fremont Ross' wrestling crew powered its way to victory No. 4 in a row Thursday afternoon whipping Mansfield Madison, 28-10, in Mansfield.

It was the second victory of the week for Fremont and both were by 28-10 scores. Sandusky lost here Tuesday.

The undefeated Little Giants tackle Arcadia on Saturday, January 18, and will host the Buckeye Conference meet on January 25.

Dick Nitschke, who has not lost a dual meet match this season, was the only Fremont-er to win by a pin.

Summaries

103—Frank Norton (F) defeated T. Gilmore, 6-0.

112 — Gary Meggitt (F) beat G. Gilmore, 5-0.

120 — Chuck Scharte (F) decisioned Birch, 5-2.

12 7— Leon Lomax (F) drew with Thompson, 0-0.

133—Mike Frantz (F) defeated Danuloff, 4-0.

138—Ron Wolf (MM) defeated Gary Steiger, 10-6.

145 — Jim Marinas (F) beat Mawharr, 3-0.

154—Ed Smith (F) took a 5-0 decision from Mahler.

165 — Jim Haas (F) defeated Young, 10-0.

175—Dick Tedd (MM) pinned Joe Gross in 0:58 of third period.

Heavy — Dick Nitschke (F) pinned Fairchild in 0:57 of second period.

Sports

On TV

Little Giants Still Unbeaten In Wrestling

Fremont Ross kept alive its undefeated string of dual matches Saturday by blasting Arcadia, 41-6, on the Arcadia mat. Fremont now has four boys who have not lost in dual competition after four meets.

Still unbeaten are Gary Meggitt, 112-pounds; Chuck Scharte, 120-pounds; Leon Lomax, 127-pounds; Jim Marinas, 145-pounds; Ed Smith, 165-pounds; and Dick Nitschke, heavyweight.

Bruce Norton, Meggitt, Marinas, Smith and Nitschke won their matches Saturday by pins.

Ross' next competition is Saturday when the Little Giants will host the Buckeye Conference wrestling meet.

Summaries

103—Bruce Norton (F) pinned Bechtel in 0:42 of third period.

112 — Gary Meggitt (F) pinned Grossman in 1:45 of second period.

120—Chuck Scharte (F) defeated Bruce, 4-3.

127—Leon Lomax (F) won over Beach, 6-4.

135—Mike Frantz (F) downed Sheridan, 8-0.

138—Peters (A) defeated Gary Steiger, 5-2.

145—Jim Marinas (F) pinned Lawrence in 0:56 of second period.

154—George Branco (F) defeated Bishop, 4-2.

165—Ed Smith (F) pinned D. Framer in 1:15 of third period.

175—G. Farmer (A) defeated Jim Haas, 6-2.

Heavy — Dick Nitschke (F) pinned Reinhart in 0:11 of second period.

Ross Ties Findlay 17-17 On Mats

Fremont and Findlay wrestlers came out even Friday night at Findlay. As a result of the 17-17 tie, Ross remains unbeaten this season in dual meet competition. Findlay's Trojans now sport a 4-1-1 record.

Mike Frantz of Ross gave Findlay's Rod Rice his first defeat in the 135-pound class and Jim Marinis pinned a first loss on Bob Bushong in 147-pound grappling.

Results of the meet are:

105 pounds—B. Norton (R), decisioned Ron Salsbury, 5-0.

114 pounds—Gary Meggitt (R) decisioned Larry O'Brien, 6-0.

120 pounds—Ron Minard (F) decisioned Tom Ayers, 5-3.

129 pounds—Pat O'Dell (F) decisioned Leon Lomax, 3-2.

135 pounds—Mike Frantz (R) decisioned Rod Rice, 3-0.

140 pounds—Tim DeHaven (F) decisioned Gary Stiger 3-1.

147 pounds—Jim Marinis (R) decisioned Bob Bushong, 2-1.

156 pounds — Greg Goldsmith (F) decisioned Ed Smith, 2-1.

167 pounds—Jim Haas (R) decisioned Bill Miltko, 5-0.

177 pounds—Ed Beers (F) decisioned Joe Gross, 4-0.

Heavyweight — Doug Rhodus (F), Dick Nitschke (R), drew, 2-2.

The Fremont reserves defeated Findlay 21-12.

Giants Trip Clyde, 34-10:

Fremont Wrestlers Remain Undefeated

Fremont Ross' undefeated but once-tied wrestling team hurdled another foe at home Friday night and defeated Clyde, 34-10. Ross has won six dual meets and tied with Findlay. ^N

The Little Giants are home today (2 p.m.) against a good Mansfield squad.

Turning in pins for the Little Giant grapplers were Bruce Norton, Mike Frantz, Jim Marinis and Dick Nitschke. Clyde's Frank Perrin also recorded a pin. Other Fremonters winning were Gary Meggitt, Leon Lomax, Gary Stiger and George Branco, who captured a victory after being moved up from the reserves.

Summaries

103—Bruce Norton (R) pinned Jim Wettrick in 1:34 of third period. ^N

112 — Gary Meggitt (R) decisioned Hector Mendola 7-0.

120 — Merrill Smith (C) decisioned Chuck Scharte 2-0.

127 — Leon Lomax (R) decisioned Dave Laurendeau 5-0.

133—Mike Frantz (R) pinned Lonny Mott 0:25 of third period.

137—Gary Stiger (R) decisioned Romaro Vargas 3-2.

145—Jim Marinis (R) pinned Don Black in 1:25 of third period.

154—George Branco (R) decisioned Glen Bentrin 3-1.

165—Jim Hass (R) drew with Tom Miller 1-1.

175—Frank Perrin (C) pinned Joe Gross in 1:17 of the second period.

Heavyweight — Dick Nitschke (R) pinned Tom Kowalski in 1:52 of third.

Ross Drops First Dual Mat Meet

The undefeated dual meet string of Fremont Ross' wrestling team went by the boards here Saturday afternoon as Mansfield came out on top, 22-15.

Buckeye Conference champions Gary Meggitt and Mike Frantz of Fremont won, while Don Daugherty, Don Stehle and Ron Parr, BC Champions from Mansfield protected their reputation.

Parr was held to a tie by Dick Nitschke, who has not been defeated in dual competition this season. Ross is at Port Clinton Thursday.

Fremont reserves defeated Mansfield, 39-8.

Summaries

103—Ferguson (M) over Bruce Norton, 5-0.

115—Gary Meggitt (R) defeated Dopps, 5-0.

120—Don Daugherty (M) won over Charles Scharte, 2-1.

127 — Knackstedt (M) took Leon Lomax, 8-4.

133—Mike Frantz (R) pinned Den Daugherty in 1:40 of second period.

138—Marlin (M) defeated Gary Stiger, 2-0.

145—McCartney (M) won over Jim Marinis, 5-0.

154—George Branco (R) drew with Watson, 3-3.

165—Jim Haas (R) beat Bradley, 2-0.

175—Stehle (M) won over Joe Gross, 5-1.

Heavy — Dick Nitschke (R) drew with Parr, 1-1.

Ross Rips Redskins In Wrestling

Fremont Ross wrestling crew chalked up victory No. 7 in nine starts Thursday at Port Clinton, beating the Redskins 30-13. Fremont Reserves also won, 35-12.

Ross used two boys from the reserve squad, Tom Ayres, 120-pounds, and Heavyweight Dave Swanger. The latter won his match by a pin and Ayres won on a decision. Jim Marinis and Jim Haas of Fremont also pinned their opponents.

Ross will take on Sandusky next Thursday on the Blue Streaks' mats.

Summaries:

103—Bruce Norton (R) defeated Bill McGowan, 5-2.

112 — Gary Meggitt (R) beat Tom Jones, 5-0.

120—Tom Ayres (R) decisioned Craig Kiser, 5-2.

127—Dennis Pursell (PC) won over Leon Lomax, 4-2.

133—Efrin Lopez (PC) pinned Doug Davis in second period.

138 — Larry Kokinda (PC) pinned Gary Stiger in third period.

145—Jim Marinis (R) pinned Jim Hackworth in second period.

154—Ed Smith (R) defeated Bob Ferguson, 7-4.

165—George Branco (R) defeated Tracy Bunning, 7-4.

175 — Jim Haas (R) pinned Roger Moore in second round.

Heavy — Dave Swanger (R) pinned Bill Colley in second period.

Wrestlers

Win 26 To 12

Fremont Ross completed a two-meet sweep of the Sandusky wrestling crew Thursday night on the Blue Streaks mats, winning 26-12, after the Reserves whipped Sandusky 28-22.

The Little Giants, who fell rather hard to Sandusky in football last fall, settled some old scores this winter season by taking two basketball games, both swimming meets and the two wrestling decisions.

Fremont ends its wrestling season at home next Thursday against strong and district champion Huron. Huron will be one of 21 teams visiting Fremont on March 6-7 for the renewal of the district meet which qualifies boys for the state tournament.

The Little Giants hold an 8-1-1 dual meet record this year.

Coach Mal Mackey's lads recorded two pins. Leon Lomax and Mike Frantz each won their matches by a fall.

Summaries

103—Frank Norton (R) defeated Stewart, 3-0.

112 —Gary Meggitt (R) won over Dudzik, 4-2.

120—Charles Scharte (R) beat Amerine, 8-0.

127—Leon Lomax (R) pinned Pasqualine in 51 seconds of second round.

133—Mike Frantz (R) pinned Russell in 50 seconds of first round.

138—LaVier (S) defeated Gary Stiger, 4-0.

145—Jim Marinis (R) defeated Whittaker, 3-0.

154—Ed Smith (R) won over McGinnis, 6-3.

165—Myers (S) beat George Branco, 9-5.

175—Scally (S) defeated Jim Haas, 6-1.

Heavy — Knauer (S) edged Dick Nitschke, 4-3.

GIANTS LOSE TO HURON:

District Meet Next For Ross Grapplers

Having finished their season with a 'better-than-expected' 8-2-1 won - lost record, Fremont Ross' Little Giant wrestlers hope to improve upon their second place finish in last year's district wrestling tournament held here.

Ross dropped its finale Thursday at home, 21-17, to district defending champion Huron.

"This year's team surprised me," commented Coach Mal

Mackey. With all the inexperience we had I didn't think we'd do as well. Now we have a good chance in the district."

The district meet will be held at Ross gym next Friday and Saturday and 22 schools will participate.

Mackey mentioned such boys as Dick Nitschke, Mike Frantz, Frank Norton, George Branco, Leon Lomax and Jim Haas as having come round in fine style at this point of the season.

Fremont lost only to Mansfield and Huron, each by a few points.

The Fremont Reserves also won, 31-11, and brought their closing record to 5-1.

Grid 'Fame' Inducts Seven

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Seven new members of pro football's Hall of Fame will be inducted here next Sept. 8 in ceremonies preceding the annual Hall of Fame game.

The latest members, announced Thursday, include six players from the 1920s and 1930s and Art Rooney, founder and owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers. All are living.

In addition to Rooney, the others are center George Trafton, tackle Ed Healey, tackle Roy (Link) Lyman, August (Mike) Michalske, fullback Clark Hinkle and halfback Jimmy Conzelman.

Life-size busts of the members will be cast in bronze and a huge action mural will be created and placed in the hall in Canton, birthplace of the National

Summaries

103—Frank Norton (R) defeated J. Carver, 7-0.

112 — Wentz (H) over Gary Meggitt, 4-3.

120 — Harrison (H) over Charles Scharte, 7-5.

127—Leon Lomax (R) defeated McNally, 6-2.

133 — Mike Frantz (R) won over C. Carver, 3-0.

138—Gary Stiger (R) defeated Sowecki, 3-0.

145—John Sharpe (H) pinned Jim Marinis in 1:56 of third round.

154 — Perrin (H) over Ed Smith in 0:56 of the third round.

165—Harmon (H) over George Branco, 4-1.

175—Jim Has (R) over Leopold, 5-3.

Heavy—Dick Nitschke (R) and Kohler tied at 1-1.



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INFORMAL chat with guest speaker Harold Anderson of BGSU was held before the start of the Ross Boosters Winter Sports banquet last night at the high school. Left to right, Art Reed, booster president; Mal Mackey, wrestling coach; Anderson; Dick Norman, basketball coach; and Bill Faunce, swimming mentor.

Boston Heavy Playoff Choice Over Royals

BOSTON (AP)—The Boston Celtics open a drive for their eighth consecutive Eastern Division playoff championship tonight when they meet Cincinnati in a best-of-seven National Basketball Association series.

The Celtics, defending NBA champions and the league victors the past five years, rule an 8-5 favorite to whip the Royals despite having been idle for nearly two weeks. In addition, Cincinnati won the regular season's series, seven games to five.

But the experts are counting on big Bill Russell as the key to Boston's hopes. He is about over a pulled Achilles tendon and is reported still fuming over his third place finish in the most valuable player balloting by fellow players.

Russell placed third behind Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson and San Francisco's Wilt Chamberlain.

Bob Cousy—the little man who won't be there—has picked the Celtics to beat Cincinnati in five or six games.

Cousy retired a year ago after being the playmaker behind seven straight Celtic Eastern crowns and six world titles in seven seasons.

"I'm not exactly what you'd call an impartial witness," said

Winter Sports Lads Praised:

Ross Athletes Honored At Fete, Hear Anderson

More than 200 athletes, parents, coaches and friends turned out Monday night to honor the Ross high school winter sports participants during the annual Ross Boosters banquet in the school cafeteria.

Guest speaker was Harold Anderson, former successful basketball coach and now athletic director at Bowling Green State university. George Sting, principal of Lutz elementary, served as toastmaster and had a friendly and funny barb for many of those who took an active part in the program. The Rev. J. R. Walter, pastor emeritus, First United Presbyterian church, gave the invocation, and the welcome came from Arthur Reed, booster president.

Greetings were delivered by Superintendent R. B. Oldfather, on behalf of the board of education; Assistant Superintendent Hugh Whittington; Clarence Cooper, Ross high principal; and John Tittsworth, faculty manager of athletics.

Each of the three winter sports coaches introduced his squad and made special awards. Tittsworth introduced the cheerleaders.

The swimming squad, coached by Bill Faunce, finished a successful campaign with a 9-3 won-lost record and laid claim to the Buckeye Conference title and district championship. Coach Mal Mackey's wrestlers won nine, lost two and tied one and were runner-up in the district. The cage squad under Dick Norman, won 15, lost 8 and was runner-up in the district

tournament. All of the lads drew praise for their efforts, and Tittsworth noted that on the 57 district schools trying for eight trophies in the winter sports tournament season, Ross was able to claim four of these awards.

Norman announced that Senior Dave George was elected honorary captain of this year's team by his teammates. The Most Valuable Player award, voted upon by the team, went to Senior Wally Smallets, an All-Buckeye Conference selection.

Faunce gave out three awards to the top swimmers who participated in the all-events program held at the end of the season. Those who finished one-two-three in competition were, in order, Jim Foreman, Larry Sloan and Bob Lloyd. Mackey awarded the Most Valuable Wrestler trophy to Mike Frantz, senior, who was a district champion and winner of two matches in the state tourney. Most Improved Wrestler was George Branco.

Anderson based his talk on 'The Pyramid of Success', the five building blocks, as he explained, which go to make up a champion.

On the first row of the pyramid are industriousness, friendship, loyalty, cooperation and enthusiasm. Next come self-control, alertness, intentness and initiative. Following are condition, skill or fundamentals and team spirit. Fourth are confidence and poise, and finally, and most importantly, is competitive greatness. Anderson said great athletes are not born — but made.

Bauer Picks

