

1938 State Tournament...

FREMONT ROSS WILL PLAY IN FIRST BATTLE

Faces Norwalk at 7 P. M.
In Class A Tourney
At Sandusky

SANDUSKY, March 4.—The annual Class A high school basketball tournament, having an entry list of 11 teams, gets under way here Friday night at the junior high gym, with an opening session of three contests.

Eliminations start at 7 o'clock, with Norwalk and Fremont Ross battling. An hour later the Willard and Tiffin Junior Order cagers take to the court. Final game tonight is between Mansfield and Tiffin Columbian, Buckeye league champion, at 9.

Second round play Saturday night follows:

6—Shelby vs. Ashland.
7—Sandusky vs. Norwalk-Fremont.

8—Willard-Junior Order vs. Tiffin Columbian-Mansfield.

9—Port Clinton vs. Bellevue.

Semi-finals are to be held next week Friday, and the following night, March 12, finals are scheduled, the winner to represent this section at Columbus in the state classic.

Fremont is Favored

On paper, Fremont Ross is picked over Norwalk, Willard to take Junior Home and Tiffin Columbian to beat Mansfield.

Ashland high, defending champion for two years, is not counted upon to survive its first skirmish with Shelby Saturday night. Followers at Ashland have been watching their team establish its worst cage record in 26 years.

Although Sandusky high's Blue Streaks are not listed for play until tomorrow night, local fans are expected to join in with the throng attending tonight attractions. Special interest is centered around the first game, inasmuch as Sandusky tackles the winner of the Norwalk-Fremont Ross combat.

A new high for single session attendance is anticipated for Saturday night. Sandusky should prove a slight drawing card locally, and either opponent surviving tonight's round—Norwalk or Fremont—is sure to attract a good sized delegation of rooters.

"No Chance"

Coach Ed Gabel of the Fremont five announced his lineup would be unchanged for the tourney opener, with Bud Beeker and Charley Wolfe, at forward; Bob Shaw, at center, and Fred Rice and Mernie White, guards.

The Ross quintet went through an easy drill and were in top shape for the clash. However, Coach Gabel radiated no particular good cheer shortly before the game, asserting "It's a cinch we'll never get past the first round."

Little Giants Will Meet Sandusky In Second Round

Coach Ed Gabel's Cagers Hand Maple Leafs Walloping as Class A District Meet Gets Under Way at Sandusky; Mernie White Leads Attack

Fremont Ross high's dangerous Little Giant five became the dark horse of the class A district tournament at Sandusky Friday night, following their impressive 52 to 34, 28-point victory over Norwalk high.

On their victory the Little Giants ride into the second round to encounter a doubtful Sandusky Blue streak five at 7 p.m. Saturday. It will be the fifth game of the meet for the Sandusky quint.

Second Round

Although Sandusky's season record has been extremely poor the Blue streak five showed marked improvement in the latter part of the campaign, and several weeks ago held Ross to a 29-26 victory. Shultz and his team, the unbreakable team along with Ross and Sandusky, will clash at 6 p.m. In the lower bracket, Tiffin Junior Order, a surprise victim over Weeksville, a 31-27 winner Friday night, will tangle with Mansfield, which upset Tiffin Columbian, 29 to 22, in the initial round at 8 p.m. and Painesville and Berlin, rated as the two strongest teams in this part of the state, will come to grips in a death struggle at 9 p.m. The two teams bring an 18-point lead of Little Blue. Four loose games during the regular season, and last week Bellevue defeated Fremont, 26 to 16.

Faces

Mernie White, playing an alert, fast game, paced the Little Giant triumph over Norwalk as he caged 14 points, while his two best free throws, Burdette, Bemer and Charley Wolfe pressed White for top honors, with Becker hoping four field goals and four free throws, as far as he could. Wolfe getting 12 points on five baskets and two free throws.

Fremont started a little shakily, with Norwalk taking a three-point lead and controlling the ball for the first four minutes. Then the Little Giants swept into action and rolled nine points in a minute, while coker the fulcrum of the attack. In the second quarter, the Little Giants swelled their total to 27 points while holding Norwalk to 14 points.

Ross tallied 11 points in the third quarter, while Norwalk was limited to five. In the final period, after the Little Giants had taken the score beyond the 45 mark, Coach Ed Gabel sent in his reserves. Norwalk at once began to find range and accounted for 12 points during the period.

Fouls Slow Up Game

Numerous fouls slowed up action, especially during the second half, as both teams were called 16 against Norwalk. Out of 19 attempted the Maple Leafs connected for 12 while the Fremonters cashed in on 16 to 26.

Norwalk was first to score, O'Donnell flipping a foul shot. Shaw had the first scoring opportunity from the free line, but failed on his attempt. Callan, who had loafed in for a field goal and Cal Fifeir's cagers led, 3-0. Fremont got back. White made good the second of a pair of free throws and Becker rang up an under basket goal to tie the score.

In lightning-like precision the Purple Legitators, four times back, White and Becker, alternating fielders, Norwalk called for time out, and resumed with its scoring ace, Norm Call, who received a standing ovation. After the regular season point-getting, calling a beautiful one-handed hook over his head, the two-pointers call, Fremont led, 9-3. Bemer added a foul two and before the period was over, the score stood at 9-6 favoring Fremont.

There wasn't much interest as the game continued. While with three buckets and Becker, a pair of charity tosses and a goal paced the Little Giants the second period, established the 27-14 half time decision. Call annexed two fielders and the same number of free throws.

Fremont Holds Lead

Fremont held an 11-5 lead period second. Admittedly, White led the attack again with five points.

Budy and Bemer, with six and five points, respectively, and Becker, who also led, their respective teams during the final quarter.

Summary:

	F. P.	W	L
Ross	5	2	2
Bemer	4	2	2
Shaw	1	2	4
White	6	2	14
Rice	0	1	1
Callan	0	1	1
Rollins	0	3	3
Buland	0	0	0
Kochy	0	0	0
Deppen	0	0	0
Total	17	18	32
Norwalk	6	1	1
Call	4	2	10
Hall	0	1	1
Colvin	0	0	2
Bemer	2	2	6
O'Donnell	1	1	3
Brady	2	2	5
Starke	1	3	5
Total	11	12	34
Score by quarters:			
Ross	9	27	38
Norwalk	6	14	19
Officials	A. N. Smith (Ohio Northern), and Jay Winters, (Ohio Wesleyan).		

EAGON'S MARK IS SHATTERED

BERKLINE, O., March 5.—**P**—Oberlin and Kenyon each had 11 qualifiers for the finals today in the Ohio Conference swimming championships, with the splashing lords from Gambier ranked as top-heavy favorites for the conference title, defended by Case.

Case and Wooster each had seven qualifiers and Kent State five.

Five conference records were broken in yesterday's preliminaries, four of them by two Kenyon swimmers, Henry Sebach and Bill Griffin.

Sebach set a new mark of 24.3 seconds for the 50-yard free style and of 57.6 seconds for the 100-yard free style. He set both old records last night.

Griffin swam the 150-yard backstroke in 1:43.3 to lower the old record of 1:50.9 held by Feazel of Case, and paddled the 440-yard free style in 5:45.8 to break the old mark of 5:44.9 set by George Eagon of Kenyon, former Fremont Ross star.

Carl Swanbeck of Oberlin broke the 200-yard backstroke record of 2:32.2 for the 220-yard free style, swimming the distance in 2:31.

BARLUND BEATS YOUNGER BAER

NEW YORK, March 5.—**P**—In the confusion, "Dazy" Vance once remarked, "I found myself in the world series."

In the confusion at the Garden last night, Buddy Baer fought him out for the heavyweight picture. Gunnar Barlund, the enduring Finn, fought himself in, and Al Ramo, Barlund's trainer, was the one who came out on top.

Ramo's mishap gave the battle an authentic light-comedy touch.

As Referee Billy Cavanagh pushed the beaten Baer to his corner in the ring, the Finn leaped into the ring to greet Barlund, tripped on one of the ropes and fell, flat and out with a sprained ankle.

To hardened ring-siders, Gunnar's technical knockout victory in 1:39 of the seventh was as astounding as a sight of a trainer being carried out of the arena. A short-ender in the wagering, Barlund carried the fight to the massive younger brother of Max and Eddie, the ring roosters of last year, which he lost on Baer's stinging punching and his own low blows.

Training Camp Jottings

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—It

seems likely Letty Gomez will be opening game pitcher for the New York Yankees. Arriving yesterday, Letty revealed he finally had signed for \$20,000, the same salary he got in 1938. He took a \$10,000 advance, which was old salary back by pitching for it.

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CLEARWATER, Fla.—George Jeffcoat, Brooklyn rookie, looks like a lot more of a pitcher than when he was viewed last spring. After having his appendix removed last summer, he weighed 300 pounds, he says, and reported to camp with 187 pounds to put behind his fast one.

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NEW ORLEANS—Oscar Vitt, Cleveland manager, today posted a standing reward of \$5 for players who would catch a foul ball with his signals during training season games, to be split between the batter and runner. "Five dollars would be a good sum to have in a tight ball game," Vitt declared.

TAMPA, Fla.—Cincinnati's players are finding that their new manager, Bill McKechnie, and Coach Hank Gowdy won't stand for the old ways. The new manager, the Reds went through a drill yesterday that was described as the most strenuous in eight years the club has trained here.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Frankie Frisch, St. Louis Cardinals manager who has learned from experience that playing second base requires fairly good weight, and that a "chubby" was disappointed when Stu Martin reported weighing only 155 pounds and still weak from a winter illness.

Messenger Bowling Contest

