

1938-1939 Class A Tournament...

Fremont Ross Tangles With Sandusky In Class A Opener

Meet at 9:30 P. M., Friday as District Tournament Opens at Sandusky; Port Clinton Encounters Mansfield and Shelby Faces Norwalk

SANDUSKY, March 3.—Once again Sandusky becomes the mecca for hundreds of basketball enthusiasts.

Tonight, at 7 o'clock, the Junior High gym will be the scene of the

(Friday Night)

7 p. m., Shelby vs. Norwalk.
8:15, Pt. Clinton vs. Mansfield.
9:30, Fremont Ross vs. Sandusky.

(Saturday)

6 p. m., Tiffin J. O. Home vs. Willard.

7:15, winner Shelby-Norwalk game vs. winner Port Clinton-Mansfield game.

8:30, winner Fremont Ross-Sandusky game vs. Tiffin Columbian.

9:45, Bellevue vs. Ashland.

annual Class A High School tournament. Three games feature the opening session, including the Sandusky-Fremont Ross Skirmish.

In the first contest, Shelby and Norwalk battle. Then, in order, follow the Port Clinton-Mansfield and Sandusky-Fremont Ross games at 8:15 and 9:30 o'clock, respectively.

Average Record

Little is known of the Shelby team. Norwalk has a record of

Fremont Boxers Win In Tourney

Four Fremont scrappers annexed titles in the finals of the Golden Gloves tournament at Bellevue Thursday night and won the right to compete in the Golden Gloves western division elimination at Lima next Monday night.

Granville Tucker, flashy bantamweight, won by a technical knockout over Horward Green, of Bellevue, in one minute of the first round. Norbe Kolbe, veteran featherweight, took a decision from Eldon Whittaker, also of Fremont, who had scored a technical kayo over Joe Fields in the semi-finals.

Phil Huss, light-heavyweight, gained the finals by winning a decision over Bill Street, of

secon victories in 17 starts. During four of the games lost, the score was tied up as the game was in the last minute of play.

Norwalk defeated Shelby this season, 27 to 20.

The Maple-city team has four lettermen—Halter, forward; Berner and O'Donnell, guards, and Colvin, center. Scoring honors are divided between Halter, Berner, O'Donnell and Bill Martin.

Port Clinton boasts a record of 15 games won in 20 starts. Two defeats were by one point. Lettermen are Don Woodrich, who leads scorers with 189 points, Jack and Jim Smith, Gene Bolte, Jim Sims, Eddie Sztuk and Malcolm Starkloff.

Lyons Leads Scorers

Mansfield has a record of 10 victories in 16 contests. Jack Lyons is the leading scorer with 56 field goals and 20 free throws for 132 points. Tommy Scott had 129 points, Dave Shelley 112, and Jack Dugger 76.

Sandusky's mark shows 11 tilts won in 15 starts. Blue Streaks tied with Findlay for the Buckeye League pennant.

Fremont comes here with a season's mark of eight games won in 15 played. Ross High finished fourth in the Buckeye League standings, with two wins and six setbacks.

Bob Shaw, towering center, leads the Little Giants with 166 points. He has an average of over 11 points for 15 games played. Al Rollins, forward, is second in the scoring column with 84 points.

Won Two Games

During the conference season, Sandusky defeated Fremont here, 40 to 27, and in the final regular scheduled tilt at Fremont was forced to step to win a close 26-24 decision.

Tentative starting lineups:

	Sandusky	Pos.	Fremont	Ross
Bryant	F		Rollins	
Balconi	F		Ruland	
Barnett	C		Shaw	
Oglesby	G		Brunover	
Thomas	G		Manahan	

Officials: N. A. Smith (Ohio Northern), and F. W. Bacon (Wabash). Scorer: George Daniel (Lorain) and timer: Howard Rawdon (Oberlin).

Purple Impressive In Win Over First Round Opponent

Face Tiffin Columbian at 8:30 P. M. Saturday; Blue Streaks Outclassed by Smooth-Working Little Giants; Losers Rally; Fails in Wild Close

By JERRY LISKA
News-Messenger Sports Editor

A smooth-working Fremont Ross team Friday night became a threat in the Class A district tournament at Sandusky, by winning the highly-contested Saturday game. Saturday, 34-33, in a timid opening battle that was in doubt until the final gun. The victory sends the Purple quint into a quarter-final battle with Tiffin Columbian at 8:30 p. m. Saturday.

Tradition and a determined burst of the offense down the Blue Streaks who had twice beaten Ross in the regular season and finished as a runner-up with a 10-2 record for the Buckeye league championship. It was the third consecutive year in which the Purple quint had been defeated twice in the regular campaign and then topped the other two in the tournament. This year sends the champion to Columbus. Last season, Ross scored two wins over the Blue Streaks in the regular season and then beat them in the tournament. The year before that, the Blue Streaks beat Ross twice in the regular season and lost to Ross in the district play-off.

For the Sandusky-Fremont game, Shelly defeated Norwalk, 36-34, in an overtime period and Mansfield, 20-19, in a year's time, downed Port Clinton, 33-20. Both were upper bracket games. Mansfield is set for Saturday night, Saturday night meeting Shelly at 7:15 o'clock.

Deserved Win

Tiffin Junior Order faces Willard and Bellevue tangles with Ashland in opening games for those tourney teams. Saturday night, Mansfield in the upper bracket, Bellevue is favored to through the lower bracket.

The Little Giants were entirely deserving of the win as they outplayed the Blue Streaks in every out-set. With Johnny Ruland and Bob Brunover showing the tempo of the Rossmen in the first period,

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

8 p. m., Tiffin J. O. Home vs. Willard, 7:15, Shelly vs. Mansfield, 8:30, Fremont Ross vs. Tiffin Columbian, 9:15, Bellevue vs. Ashland, FRIDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS: 8:30, Troy 36, Norwalk 34 (overtime), Mansfield 33, Port Clinton 25, Fremont Ross 31, Sandusky 33.

each dropping in a pair of field goals, the Purple quint moved in front, 10-4, before the period ended. The score was knotted, 19-19, at the half and Ross was ahead, 26-25, at the three-quarter mark. The running score would seem to indicate that play was hapless in the second half, but after six times and Sandusky forged into the lead three times. But actually the Little Giants far outdistanced the Blue Streaks in floor-work and ball-handling. Dick Manahan, who has seen his day, was the fulcrum of the Ross attack, turning in a brilliant series of rebound work, leading the Purple fast break down-floor and shining on defense until he went out on four penalties in the fourth quarter. Tom Collins, who likewise proved a thorn in Sandusky's side, also was lost to the Little Giants on personals in the final canteen.

3rd Period Thrill

Bob Shelly and Ross faced the Fremonters with tall points each, while Ed Bryant, tall negro forward, was the star with 14 points. The entire Ross personnel, including Collins, Shaw, Ruland, Manahan, Brunover, and Gale Berger, played superior ball, chipping up Sandusky's rangy team. The Blue Streaks, however, and cutting through the Blue Streaks defense repeatedly with fast, accurate passes. Most of Sandusky's 10 fielders were scored from beyond the free throw circle. The Blue Streaks were not from the charity stripe, converting 16 of 18 chances. Irv Barnett, Sandusky's star, which was held to only one basket, that a real goner from the side.

Sandusky's most serious bid came early in the third quarter, when three consecutive Blue Streak free throws by Ruland, 24-23. But Ruland tallied a free throw and Carroll took a nifty pass from Manahan to double for a basket, tying the score. Then Shaw added a free throw up shot, showing the Little Giants the way. But Fleming scored a charity shot for Sandusky and Shaw popped in a fielder from the free throw line. Ross lead, 29-25, as the third quarter ended.

Sandusky Halves

Ruland opened the fourth period with a long shot giving the Purple a 31-29 lead. But a 10-0 Blue Streak free throw on Manahan's fourth shot and George Balcomb snipped one in from the free throw line, putting Sandusky behind only, 31-38. Brunover, in a beauty from the free throw line, was the key to the free throw that meant the game. Barnett fired one in from the free throw line and Balcomb sank a free throw, making it only 34-31. In favor of Ross, Bryant avenged a long shot with a minute to go, putting Sandusky behind, 34-33. The Blue Streaks last chance came from the free throw center circle by Ernie Thomas that hit the rim and bounded off. With 20 seconds to go, the Blue Streaks off the desperate Sanduskyans in a wild skirmish close to the Fremont free throw line.

In facing Columbian Saturday night, the Little Giants run into another Buckyeye team. The Blue Streaks, who had twice been vanquished them twice during the regular season, by scores of 36-38 and 34-33, were not to be trifled with. Tiffin Friday stated that Tom Conrad, center, Bill Kerchner, forward, and Harry Hause, guard, were afflicted with influenza. It was expected Columbian's regular line-up

PORTERS LOSE TO MANSFIELD

Tourney Favorites Rally In Second Half to Win, 33-20

SANDUSKY, March 4.—Port Clinton high school's scrappy basketball team was unable to save off a last-half offensive of the rangy Mansfield high school quintet in a district tournament Saturday night, meeting Mansfield at 7:15 o'clock.

The Porters battled the tournament favorites on even terms through the first two periods.

The count was kept at 5-all at the end of the first period and 9-all at the intermission. Port Clinton was able to make a good showing in the free throw line, getting 10 points out of 11 attempts there.

Port Clinton guard, was the only player on his team to find his shot. The Porters, however, forward, had a fielder and five free throws for seven tallies. Scott, Mansfield forward, was high scorer with 11 points.

With Clinton was greatly handicapped by height. Forward Woodrow, who was the only player to catch Mansfield's lanky players. The Tygers "froze" the ball for much of the first quarter with Port Clinton foul line attempts at possession.

Coach J. Russell Murphy of Mansfield, in a second string team last in the fourth period to give his starting team a rest. Port Clinton's defense was able to attack well for three periods, but grew weary in the last quarter.

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Port Clinton G. F. P.
Woodrich, f 1 0 2
Jack Smith, f 1 5 7
Jim Smith, f 0 5 3
Sims, g 0 2 2
Sims, g 2 0 4
Sims, g 0 0 0
Sutak, f 0 0 0
Starkloff, g 0 0 0
Witt, g 0 0 0
Totals 5 10 20

Mansfield 33 G. F. P.
Sims, g 4 1 11
Dugger, f 2 2 6
Shelly, c 2 1 5
Sims, g 0 1 1
Bair, c 0 0 0
Rudolph, f 0 0 0
Sutak, f 0 0 0
Rose, g 2 0 4
Totals 13 7 33

Score by quarters:

Port Clinton 4 5 6 13—20
Mansfield 5 5 11 13—33

Officials: N. A. Smith (Ohio Northern), W. C. W. (Wabash), Scorer, George Daniel (Lorain), Timer, Howard Rawdon (Oberlin).

HENRY ARMSTRONG TO DEFEND TITLE

HAVANA, March 4.—For the first time since 1915, when big Jess Willard knocked out Jack Johnson in 26 rounds under a blinding sun in Havana, Cuba, a title fight and won the world's heavyweight championship. Cuba will see a world title fight.

Hurricane Henry Armstrong of Los Angeles, is putting his welter-weight crown, the last one left in the world, on the block against another Los Angeles citizen, Bobby Pachon. The bout is set for Saturday night at the local fight arena. Local and local fight experts figure it is likely to go the limit, although Armstrong is an overwhelming favorite.

TRAPSHOOT MEET PACED BY OHIOAN

KANSAS CITY, March 4.—

Darkness left the Class A and B flyer championships of the international trapshooting meet in doubt here last night with shoot-offs scheduled for today. Joe Hiett of Toledo, O., L. L. Hawkin of Fort Wayne, Ind., led

Class A in the target championship with 148 totals, shooting from

scratch.

Targets take the floor against the spring.

The summary:

Sandusky (33) FG FT TP

Balcomb, f 3 3 9

Barnett, c 1 2 4

Thomas, g 1 0 1

Fleming, c 2 3 7

Rudolph, f 0 0 0

Totals 10 13 33

Ross (34) FG FT TP

Buland, f 2 1 5

Ruland, f 1 0 3

Shaw, c 3 3 9

Manahan, g 0 1 1

Carroll, g 1 1 3

Bryant, f 0 0 0

Totals 13 8 34

Score by quarters:

Sandusky 10 15 8 33

Ross 10 15 8 34

Officials: Bacon, (Wabash), and

Smith (Ohio Northern).

Fremont Ross Defeats Columbian, 24-22, to Reach Class A Semi-Final Play

A battle-scarred but undefeated Fremont Ross cage team Monday began drill for its semi-final battle with Bellevue high's Redmen Friday night. The Redmen, third in the state tournament at Sandusky after defeating another bombshell into the annual tournament, were beaten by the sturdily built Rossers, 24-22.

In the second round, the Little Giants of Columbus, Ed Gobel over highly-rated Buckeye league entries, 24-22. The Redmen sends the champion to the state tournament at Columbus Friday night. The Redmen, 10-0, will meet Sandusky, 34-53, in a scorching final game Friday at 7:30 p. m. It was duplicate in the second round tag with Columbus, 24-22.

In Bellevue, which scored a 35-31 second round victory over Adena Saturday night, Ross meets another

of northwestern Ohio's top-ranking quintets. The Rossmen boast the best won-lost record in this sector with Bellevue high's Redmen.

Friday night, the Redmen, third in the regular season, the sturdy Bellevue basket players probably will be favored in the semi-final.

The Redmen are a favorite.

The two teams clash at 8:30 p. m. Friday.

Snaps "Opponents"

Massillon, Mansfield, the defending champion, which will likely skip to two victories in the usefully weak upper bracket, will meet the Redmen in the semi-final game Friday at 7:30 p. m. It was duplicate in the second round tag with Columbus, 24-22.

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by Fremont, but Bob Shaw kept the Little Giants in the game with

the help of his two substitutes, Jim Vaffie, substitute guard, was

the hero of the game.

Port Clinton and Shelby,

In Bellevue, which scored a 35-31

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team that had

from the field nine times and the gun boomed.

counted four gift shots.

Fremont had 11 at the quarter, 11-8 at the half and 20-15 at the three quarters mark, but the lead was never held by the visitors during that span.

The tilt was one of the roughest in the history of the semi-final games, with a total of 41 fouls called, 21 against Columbian and 20

against Tiffin. Columbian's

three field goals and two free

throws by him, and Dick

Manahan, guard, were lost to Fremont on

forward, and Connell, center, were

chased to the Tiffin bench for the

second period.

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Kerchner Knopped

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Shaw Lopped

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count was snarled again.

Big Bob followed with another gift shot and

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Manahan drove in to bucket a field-

er and was in while pumping

the ball. He missed a free

throw, leaving Ross in front, 11-8,

at the intermission.

Light Drills

In the third period, Brunover

scored a clear shot for Tiffin,

but it was a foul shot.

It was Vaffie who

placed Manahan in the Ross line-

up. Jim Vaffie, substitute guard,

got a clear shot for Tiffin, but it

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Championship Round Is Goal Of Little Giants In Tourney

Purple Quint, Redmen Meet in Semi-Finals at 8:30 P. M.; Winner Will Probably Face Mansfield for Title Saturday; Ross "Favored" in Bellevue

Fremont Ross high's rampaging Little Giants return to Sandusky Friday night to see what further mischief they can play in the Class A district cage tournament as they tangle with Bellevue high in a semi-final clash at 8:30 o'clock.

Tagged for an early demise in the pre-tourney chatter, the Purple hoopers of Coach Ed Gabel have successfully battled through two rounds, downing Sandusky, 34-33, and Tiffin Columbian, 24-22, to acquire a respectable "dark horse" rating.

A Ross conquest of Bellevue's Redmen, thus shoving the Little Giants into the finals Saturday night, probably against Mansfield, would not be in the nature of a startling upset. The Little Giants cut down the Redmen, 28-26, on Bellevue Central's court several days before the regular season closed.

Regular Line-up

Coach Ed Gabel said his regular line-up of Johnny Ruland and Al Rollins, forwards; Bob Shaw, center; and Dick Manahan and Bob Brunover, guards, undoubtedly

would take the floor against the Redmen.

In the other semi-final game Friday, Mansfield encounters Willard at 7:30 p. m., climaxing what has been a "May-pole dance" for the Tygers in the "cinch" upper-bracket.

Unquestionably, Bellevue has the best team in the tournament "on paper." In Capt. Billy Houle, guard, and Glen Hime, forward, the Redmen boast two of the most polished players in northwest Ohio. These two are flanked by three smooth performers in Leininger, forward; Flenner, center; and McClain, guard.

"Fears" Fremont

Bellevue will take Fremont seriously in Friday night's tussle, which is a thing the Redmen neglected to do in their first meeting this season. Staring at such news that "Fremont Ross is favored over Bellevue," printed in the home town sheet, the Redmen will be a plenty tough crew to handle. It has been several seasons that Bellevue has come right out and admitted the superiority of any foe. Which has the tinge of Coach Verne Hoffman strategy.

Coach Gabel's Purple five will have to bear down all the way just to stay in the game with Bellevue. To get by the Redmen, the Little Giants will have to play superlative ball, the same kind that has marked their efforts since the last start against Bellevue.

The championship battle is slated for 8 p. m., Saturday with the winner to gain a berth in the Class A state tournament in Columbus next week.

MAYOR BURTON BANGS STRIKE

CLEVELAND, March 10.—AP—The American Bowling Congress' 39th annual tenpin tournament opened on the up-beat.

Mayor Harold H. Burton, who prepared for the worst with a statement that he hadn't tangled with splits and spares for 30 years, last night raised the curtain on the 58-day classic with a perfect strike.

A crowd of approximately 2,600 fans attended ceremonies inaugurating the keglers' marathon for prizes totaling \$184,000. More than

Scrappy Redmen, Officials Prove Too Much For Purple

Ed. Gabel's Club Builds 9-4 Lead Early In Game But Unable To Find Hoop In Second Half; Bellevue Charged With Only 7 Fouls In Semi-Final

By JERRY LISKA
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Fremont Ross high's cage team was hacked out of the running in the Class A district tournament at Sandusky Friday night by a scrappy Bellevue quint, 20-17, in a game which at times seemed to be officiated by a couple of boys named Jones whose acquaintance with basketball was pure hearsay.

The defeat ended the Little Giants' tournament prowl which caused embarrassing setbacks for Sandusky and Tiffin Columbian in the first two rounds and which had made the Purple quint favorite to gain the championship title Saturday night. Instead, Bellevue will be the lower bracket's nominee against Mansfield in the clash which will send the victor to the state tourney in Columbus next week.

Mansfield gained the finals by a decided 26-14 victory over Willard in the upper-bracket semifinal Friday night. The Tygers, defending champions, won in the final seconds of play and after an illegal substitution that was unchallenged by Willard.

Take 9-4 Lead

The Ross-Bellevue game was a repetition of the clash between the two teams just before the regular season ended, won by Ross, 28-26. It had speed, fire and fight and the

READY FOR ACTION

When the Ross-Bellevue clash reached its climax late Friday night and there were strong symptoms of a riot, Sandusky police blasted a radio call for squads to "pounce" on the Junior High gym, according to sources in Fremont who intercepted the signal on short wave.

only thing that failed to hit its mark was the shooting of both teams. Skirmishes were plentiful, including a couple of fan-player skirmishes.

After trailing in the opening minutes of play, Ross forged into the lead and held a 5-4 margin at the close of the first period. At the outset of the second quarter, the Little Giants built up their advantage to 9-4, but Bellevue bataded back to give Fremont a lead of only 11-10 at the intermission.

The third quarter was a tight-scoring chapter, with Bellevue picking up four points to Fremont's three to knot the count at 14-all. Sensing the co-operation of the officials, Bellevue started the fourth period with a spurt that put the visitors in front. Captain Billy Houle hanged in a long shot, Glen Hime plunked in a one-hander from the free throw circle and Don Leininger barged in for a short shot to give Bellevue a 20-14 lead with less than two minutes to play. Bob Shaw, who led Ross with six points, held his fielder and Dick Mahan sank a free throw to cut Bellevue's margin to 20-17, but seconds later the gun blasted the end of the game.

Seven Fouls

Whistle-blowers Bacon and Smith apparently were watching the sceneries when they weren't facing down the court. The Little Giants, the most器ous Bellevue crew which employs a rollicking, slam-bang offensive had only seven fouls called against it, which the writer believes sets a new high for Redman innocence on the hardwood. The ironical part of the shindig was that whenever a Redman happened to shake off two or three Bellevue players who swarmed all over him in the scoring zone, a foul would be called on the Purple cager for his self-defense.

Only on one occasion did Whistle-blowers Bacon and Smith call stops on Guard Marvin of Bellevue, who did some of the feakest waltzing with the leather that your correspondent has ever seen executed outside a ballroom.

Besides the unnoticed elbowing and shoving that was characteristic of the Bellevue play, the Little Giants were harassed by the obviously rabid Bellevue fans. Bob Brunover had words with one citizen who strutted belligerently onto the floor, while another Redman brawler rushed onto the court and shoved Dick Mahan near the close of the game. He was whisked away by pals after being halted by Coach Ed Gabel. The latter situation nearly precipitated a

riot, which undoubtedly would have followed if Bellevue lost.

Shooting Off Form

The Purple suffered extremely poor luck in their shooting, especially in the first half when numerous tosses by Shaw and Brunover careened off the hoop after coming dangerously close. However, it must be said that Al Rollins, tall senior forward, was the only Little Giant who followed-up consistently. Rollins got a number of close chances, but they failed to drop. He was runner-up to Shaw with five points.

Both teams played whirlwind floor games, although the ball-handling of the Little Giants seemed more accurate. Shaw lacked a little of his usual zip, the aftermath of an attack of influenza that confined him to his home on Thursday.

The game closed the season for the Purple, who won 10 out of 18 contests, playing a much better brand of basketball than indicated by their record. The true form of Coach Gabel's quint was revealed in the Class A tourney in which Fremont defeated Columbian and Sandusky. Bellevue's legal foes who each had downed the Purple twice during the regular campaign.

The summary:

Ross (17)	FG	FT	TP
Rollins, f	2	1	5
Ruland, f	0	1	1
Shaw, c	3	0	6
Houle, g	0	1	1
Mahon, g	1	0	1
Carroll, f	1	1	3
Totals	6	5	17

Bellevue (20)	FG	FT	TP
Leininger, f	2	2	6
Hime, f	2	0	4
Flemmer, c	1	0	2
Houle, g	1	0	2
McClain, g	2	0	4
Baur, c	1	0	2
Totals	9	2	10

Score by quarters:

Ross	5	6	3	3-17
Bellevue	4	6	4	6-20

Officials: Bacon (Wabash); and Smith (Ohio Northern).

CLASS B CAGE MEET SLATED

Pairings for the Class B independent cage tournament to be held at Stamm school gym Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were announced Saturday by Fred Hague, WPA recreational leader at the school.

Only two of the five Fremont teams included in the 10-team field tangle in the opening round, which will be played Tuesday and Wednesday. The first round pairings:

Tuesday
Catalia vs First Brethren (Fremont), 7 p. m.
Ex-Trades (Fremont) vs Lakeside, 8 p. m.

Company B (Fremont) vs "R" Club, Marblehead, 9 p. m.

Wednesday
Ramblers (Fremont) vs Weller-Wonderly (Fremont), 7 p. m.
Patterson Hatcheries (Lindsey) vs Clyde Independents, 8 p. m.
The semi-finals will be played Thursday at 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock, with the championship game slated for 8:30 p. m., Friday. Losers in the semi-finals will face Friday at 7:30 p. m.

WOMEN'S TOURNEY TO CLOSE SUNDAY

Singles and doubles events of the annual Fremont Ladies Bowling League tournament will be held at Pastime alleys Sunday, beginning at 2 p. m. All events prizes also will be awarded after the tourney closes. The team event already has been staged. Executive committee of the loop will meet at Pastime Sunday at 1 p. m., to complete the prize list.