

1957 Class AA District Tournament

Rossford, Sandusky AA Tests Start; Ross High Booked Friday

Action starts tonight in the AA tourney at Rossford with Fremont Ross ready to take the court Friday night against the favored Clay crew.

The schedule this evening calls for Holland and Maumee to meet at 7:15 and Perrysburg and Whitmer to get together for an 8:30 date.

Friday's card pits Fostoria and Oak Harbor at 7:15 and Ross against Clay at 8:30.

The Little Giant cagers have been working hard all week in preparation for the encounter, hoping for an upset. Their "usual" brand of basketball will not suffice against Jim Routson and the other tall Clay boys, but an effort like that which upset Findlay, the Buckeye Conference titlist, could do the job.

Surprise Welcome

Coach Al Ziemke's boys would like nothing more than to surprise the Clay quintet, a winner over the Ross-men earlier in the season.

Two more games are scheduled Saturday night, Genoa meeting the Perrysburg-Whitmer survivor at 7:15 and Bowling Green, one of the hottest teams in the area at the moment, taking on the Holland-Maumee survivor at 8:30.

The Clay-Fremont winner will meet the Perrysburg-Whitmer vs. Genoa survivor at 8:30 on Friday, March 1, after the contest between the Fostoria-Oak Harbor survivor and the Bowling Green-Holland vs. Maumee winner at 7:30.

No other sessions will be played, two winners advancing to the Toledo district the following week.

The sectional AA meet is played at the Rossford field house,

best route being to travel to Lima City on Route 20 and then watch for the sign leading to Rossford.

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Clyde goes into action tonight at Sandusky, meeting Port Clinton at 7 o'clock in an AA meet, and Sandusky St. Mary's and Bellevue vie at 8:30.

Paramount 5 Runs Up 115

Paramount Alleys sharpshooters ran up 115 points Wednesday evening in the City Basketball league against Farm Bureau, Gary Chudzinski, ex-St. Joe star leading the scorers with 23. Five other Paramount cagers were in double figures.

Farm Bureau scored 52.

In the other game Lutz-Hobbs-Reino took Lindsey Elevators 80 to 74 in a well played game.

Bob Ruppert with 20, Charlie Mayer with 19 and Don Little with 18 paced the winners. Gordon Saam had 24 for Lindsey.

Buckets by Ruppert and Little in the closing seconds won the Lutz-Hobbs-Reino.

Two more games are scheduled this evening at Ross high girls' gym.

Scores:

Paramount (115)			Farm Bureau (52)		
	G	F T		G	F T
Mayle	8	0 16	Peters	5	0 10
Doren	8	3 19	Wise	2	0 4
Roth	9	0 18	Smith	9	0 18
Gray	6	0 12	Shearer	2	3 7
Brutche	5	0 10	Haubert	6	1 13
Chudzinski	11	1 23			
Thayer	1	2 4			
Chambers	2	0 4			
Pastorius	3	3 9			
Merrill	0	0 0			

52 0 115

24 4 30

Clay Defeats Ross Cagers

Season Ends, 68-58;
Oak Harbor Victor

The end of the basketball trail for 1956-57 came for Ross high's Little Giants at Rossford Friday night when the quintet put up a valiant but futile effort to stay in the Class AA tournament. Clay won from Ross 68-58.

In the other game Oak Harbor pulled a surprise to some people but not to followers of the Ottawa countians when Paul Muenzer's Rockets upset Fostoria in a 60-57 thriller.

With this victory Oak Harbor goes to the semi-finals, meeting the winner of tonight's Bowling Green-Maumee game next Friday at 7:15.

Clay also qualifies for the semi-final taking on the winner of the Genoa Whitmer game at 8:30 next Friday.

Bowling Green and Maumee meet tonight at 8:30 after the Genoa-Whitmer scrap at 7:15.

Game Rough

The Ross-Clay contest was a bruiser all the way, getting out of the hands of Referees Harrer and Bush at times. Ross lost John Level, Clarence Glover and Tom Sherman on personals and Baumgartner and Pyle were thumbed out for Clay.

Jim Routson spearheaded the attack of the favored Clay team, getting 18 points, 15 of them in the final quarter.

Routson made the last three points for Clay in the third period, then used his six feet six inch height to advantage to tally 15 straight points in the fourth period. He had been covered like a blanket until personal fouls took their toll of the Ross defense.

Clay took a 15-10 lead at the quarter and was ahead 29-21 at halftime. Each scored 18 in the third period, and Clay added two more of its lead in the last frame, 21-19.

Al Price and Freddie Middleton paced the Little Giants with 19 and 18 points, respectively. Level, who had scored 30 in the earlier Clay game, had only four counters Friday night, before fouling out.

Rich Dewitz, Neil Meinke and Gary Baldwin turned in neat scoring efforts for Oak Harbor, 18, 10 and 14, to whip favored Fostoria.

Oak Harbor trailed at halftime 27-32, but had a 25-15 third period to gain a lead. Fostoria couldn't catch up in the last period.

The crowd at Rossford's big field house was 1,352.

Oak Harbor			Fostoria		
	G	F T		G	F T
Baldwin	2	10 14	Nesbitt	6	1 13
Dewitt	3	12 18	Shanks	5	4 14
Szakovits	0	4 4	McDonald	1	2 4
Thorbahn	3	2 8	Roth	5	0 10
Johns	3	0 8	Page	2	4 8
Meinke	4	2 10	McClellan	3	2 8
Totals	15	30 60	Totals	22	13 57

Oak Harbor	15	27	32	60
Fostoria	15	32	47	57

Fremont			Ross			Clay		
	G	F T		G	F T		G	F T
Level	1	2 4	Lee, B.	2	8 12			
Glover	3	2 8	Routson	11	13 35			
Walter	0	4 4	Baumgartner	4	3 11			
Price	6	7 19	Myers	1	2 4			
Middletton	7	4 18	Pyle	3	0 6			
Sherman	2	1 5						
Totals	19	20 58	Totals	21	26 68			

Fremont	19	20	58
Ross	10	27	39
Clay	15	29	47