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Ross' Paeth promises better basketball

Norm "Biz" Paeth made no bones about it . . . he promised better basketball but remained mum on victories for his Ross High School basketball team.

Paeth, in his second year at the Ross helm after spending several successful seasons as coach at Sandusky St. Mary's, watched the Little Giants struggle to a 4-15 record during his first year efforts to familiarize the players with his system.

This year, the familiarity is there, but Ross's competition took upward strikes, too.

"It's hard to judge what

this season will be like," the straight shooting Paeth said, "as for victories, I can't tell you. I can only promise that you will see better basketball."

Why?

"Because we have better players this year — the kids have grown up."

"Grown up" mentally but the physical growth is more evident.

"Our center from last year (Steve McGilton) is going to be at guard," Paeth began, "when we (assistant Coach Steve Krynock makes up the 'we'), first saw the kids

this year, we said, 'Wait a minute,' because we thought we had some pretty good height."

"We saw a couple of kids at 6-3 but then we realized that most of our opponents have at least one kid who is 6-3 or 6-4 or 6-5 or more," he continued, "and then we realized that we may be taller than we were last year, but we are still the smallest team around."

The Little Giants are also short on experience with only three lettermen back.

McGilton is back gunning for his third letter for Ross. An All-Buckeye

Conference performer last season, he will be moved out to guard this season but will occasionally be at a forward slot.

Tom Wolesslagel, a junior, was moved up to the varsity from the junior varsity midway through the 1977-78 season and earned his first letter. The guard is expected to be one of Ross's floor generals.

Kevin Cook, senior, 6-2, is the other letterman. He started some games last season but played sparingly at other times.

During preseason scrimmages, Paeth says his team had played very

well in two and poorly in a third.

"We are still making a lot of turnovers," he admitted, "but I can live with them because they are aggressive turnovers. We are trying to run a little more this year and we commit the turnovers when we are trying to get the ball out and go."

The Little Giants lost quickness with the graduation of leading scorer Tim Price and the bigger kids on the Little Giants are fairly slow.

"But we can get up and down the floor," the Ross coach insisted. "We won't be able to run like Admiral King but we will be able to run."

Paeth said defensively, his team will stick with the man to man and use a half-court "rat" defense. It's actually a half-court zone but Paeth detests the word "zone" when referring to basketball.

Ross opens play Tuesday at Fostoria and Paeth says that anyone of eight players could start. He hopes to be able to use his bench quite frequently.

Cook and junior Mike Held, 6-2, are prime forward candidates along with senior Mike Schlea (6-0). Junior Jerry Ameling is in a battle with Rob Bollenbacher for the center spot. Both juniors stand 6-3. Senior Henry Davis is another center possibility.

Wolesslagel, Gregg Hedden, Brian Szakovits, Randy Bury, Adam Caskey, and Jeff Eicher are the guards. McGilton, Wolesslagel, Hedden, Eicher, and Szakovits are probably the top five.

"You could see a number of combinations of starters during the season," Paeth

admitted as he took the route that many coaches follow during the early season.

In the Buckeye Conference race, Paeth feels that Admiral King, Findlay, Elyria, and Mansfield will be in a battle for the crown.

Against Fostoria, he feels that his team will match up pretty well in height.

"Joe Browning and Scott Nye are back from last year and both are good ball players," he said. Both players are 6-3.

After the Tuesday opener, the Little Giants will jump into conference play by traveling to Mansfield on Friday.



THE ROSS cage team. Members include, front row from left, Mike Schlea, Gregg Hedden, Randy Bury, Brian Szakovitz, Adam Caskey, Tom Wolesslagel, Jeff Eicher, Dana Szymanowski; back

row: assistant coach Steve Krynock, Ron Allen, Rob Bollenbacher, Hank Davis, Mike Held, Jerry Ameling, Kevin Cook, Steve McGilton, head coach Norm "Biz" Paeth, reserve coach Tim Pettorini.

Brookfield blanks Badin for title

By GEORGE STRODE
AP Sports Writer
DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Tailback Darwin Ulmer

running was the big reason that Badin suffered its first loss in 12 contests this season. Brookfield, whose stadium is located on the Penn-

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Ross scalps Redmen

Little Giants win season opener 49-47

By BOB DIRASIO
N-M Sports Writer
FOSTORIA — Little Giant coach, Norm "Biz" Paeth, must have been in the same mood as was Browns' coach Sam Rutigliano after Cleveland upset the Rams on the lakefront Sunday.

Showing his pleasure with his team's upset win, Rutigliano honored 17 players with the traditional game ball, a Browns record.

Paeth's gesture wasn't quite as dramatic as Rutigliano's, but after his team's 49-47 thrilling victory over Fostoria last night it had the same effect.

No, Paeth didn't shower

the entire team in the ritual. In fact, he singled out only one member of the squad. And it wasn't center-turned-guard Steve McGilton, who popped for 22 points, including six in the crucial final three minutes.

It was assistant coach Steve Krynock. After Gregg Hedden canned two charity tosses with 4:12 remaining in the game, putting the Little Giants ahead for the first time in the game, 41-39, Krynock suggested it was time for Ross to look inside on offense.

The strategy worked as all but two of McGilton's 10 fourth quarter points came from within six feet of the

hoop. Moreover, all but Mike Held's jumper from the right baseline were from the very high percentage area.

"If I gave away a game ball," said Paeth, "Steve (Krynock) would get this first one. The real key was for us to look inside. It paid off for us, especially with McGilton."

McGilton easily paced all scorers, but it took his fourth quarter burst to do it.

"He's our money guy," says Paeth of the senior sharp-shooter, who was a steady influence to a sometimes rugged Little Giant attack. The Little Giants committed 20 turnovers.

"After getting Fostoria to make a turnover, we would give it right back to them," said Paeth. "A lot of that had to do with indecision. But that is typical of a first game—I hope."

After falling to a 14-6 first quarter deficit, largely because of an ineffective offense, the Little Giants caught fire and pressed their way to 24-23 halftime deficit. Seventeen second-quarter points paced the charge.

But an eight point third quarter slowed the Little Giants and the Redmen went ahead 34-31. At the start of the final period the Redmen built a quick 38-33 lead, but after a tip-in by guard Jeff Latham with

6:23 remaining, the Redmen did not score another two-point until 1:11 left.

Meanwhile, McGilton, Rob Bollenbacher, Tom Woleslagel and Held, who topped Ross with 10 rebounds, were playing aggressive defense and alert offense. The momentum had switched. The Little Giants scored 18 fourth-quarter points to squeak out the season opening victory.

But it wasn't that easy as the Redmen missed two jumpers in the final seconds.

"This is a game of momentum," said Paeth, "and you hope to have it at the end of the game."

"They (Fostoria) really had control most of the game, but we kept packing away—and then we got the momentum going."

Ross 49, Fostoria 47
Score by quarters
Ross 17 17 8 15-49
Fostoria 14 16 13-47

Scoring
ROSS: Woleslagel 4-9-8, McGilton 10-22, Bollenbacher 3-6-6, Held 2-3-5, Hedden 2-2-6, Ameling 1-0-2; totals 22-5-49

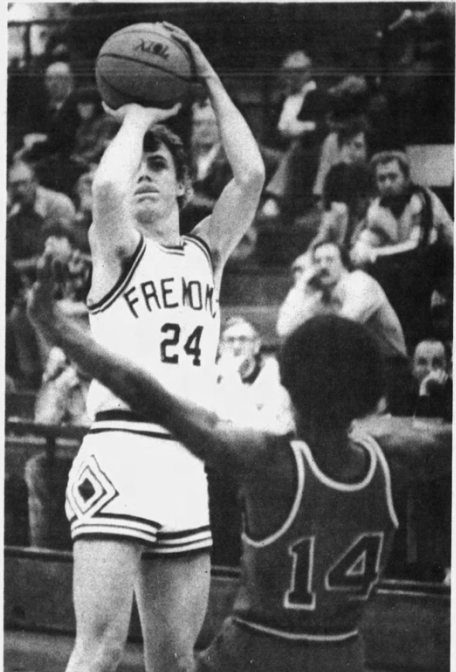
FOSTORIA: Browning 5-11-11, Nye 5-10-10, Tucker 3-6-6, Lynch 5-2-12, Latham 2-6-6, Burk 1-0-2; totals 21-47

Season record: Ross 1-0, Fostoria 0-1
JV Game
Fostoria 67, Ross 62

Score by quarters
Ross 17 9 12 15-43
Fostoria 18 15 12 17-42

Scoring
ROSS: Eicher 3-6-6, Nossaman 1-0-2, Rodenhauer 3-3-9, E. Johnson 3-6-6, T. Johnson 1-2-4, Harrison 3-6-6, Simms 3-0-6, Paxson 1-0-2, Collier 1-0-2; totals 19-5-43

FOSTORIA: Bruce Barringer 2-0-4, Boff 0-2-2, Brian Barringer 7-18, Drake 0-1-1, Loomis 2-1-5, Searies 4-12-12, Grime 0-1-1, Russell 0-2-2, Warman 0-2-2, Joseph 1-3-4, Ubalde 0-0-14; totals 23-16-42



NICE FORM. Junior guard Gregg Hedden eyes the bucket as Fostoria's Tracy Spencer attempts to stop him during action last night in Ross's season opening win. Hedden scored six points on the night. (N-M photo by Scott Maynard)

Where did Sparky go awry?

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ironically, Sparky Anderson felt it was his best job of managing. The front office of the Cincinnati Reds didn't agree—and fired him.

Throughout his nine seasons managing the Reds, Anderson got along famously with his players, the press and the public. In fact, he will probably be remembered as baseball's most popular—and successful—manager of the 1970s.

So where did his seemingly secure world go awry?

In the end, it was an August nose dive—capped by criticism from catcher Johnny Bench—that probably cost him his job.

After pulling strings to keep the pitching staff Reds in the National League West zone, Anderson maneuvered

they stumbled to a 4-10 start in 1977 and fell 14 games behind.

Even with the mid-season addition of Tom Seaver, the Reds never recovered and finished 10 games behind. Late in the season, Anderson survived one of his few serious player squabbles when two-time MVP Joe Morgan fumed for days after being removed from a game in San Francisco, his hometown.

Anderson entered the 1978 season knowing he was on the griddle.

There were signs early that he was starting to unravel. One of his first acts was to bar the press from the clubhouse 35 minutes before each game. A longtime media darling, he suddenly drew some of the strongest criticism he encountered in Cincinnati.

But the most serious turn of events occurred when Bench spoke out during the August skid, saying that Anderson



SPARKY ANDERSON

Little Giants upset Tygers 60-58

MANSFIELD—"It was a good one," was about all jubilant Biz Paeth could say. "It was a good one."

A good one was a near staggering 60-58 double overtime upset over the Mansfield Tygers by Paeth's Ross Little Giants in the opening Buckeye Conference basketball game.

"Everybody contributed," bubbled the exuberant Ross coach. "The scouts were especially helpful—they even told us which basket to take at the beginning of the game."

All that and a pair of clutch layups in the second overtime by Jerry Ameling and Steve McGilton, along with an avalanche of second half fouls against the Tygers gave the Little Giants their second win of the basketball season.

Paeth had to be happy, and his players doubly so. It has been several years since Ross has managed to put together back to back wins.

"A couple of the kids were so happy," Paeth said, "that they cried after the game. I tell you, you have to play down here to know how it feels to win down here."

"I told the kids before we went out that let's win this thing and then we don't have to worry about coming back here till a year from January."

Ross shot 38 free throws in the game as the Tygers' rough and tumble game style caught up with them, especially in the second half. Thirty-five of the charity tosses came in the second half with Ross hitting on 20.

The game was tied at 48 at the end of regulation as Bernard Feagin of Mansfield dropped in a bucket with 17 seconds to play. In the first overtime, McGilton's bucket with 17 seconds remaining tied the game at 52 and sent it into another three minutes of play.

With 2:07 remaining in the second

extra session and Mansfield up 56-55, Ameling broke loose under the bucket and dropped in the go-ahead bucket. It was the only two points of the game for the Ross junior. There was 1:16 to play and the Tygers never caught up.

McGilton hit a bunny with 33 seconds to play and Tom Woleslagel's free throw with eight seconds to play gave Ross a 60-56 lead.

Four of the five Mansfield starters fouled out. McGilton played the final seven minutes of regulation and both overtimes with four fouls.

"And he managed to take two charging fouls from them to boot," Paeth grinned about McGilton's play.

Ross, facing a Mansfield front line of 6-6, 6-5, and 6-3, outrebounded the Tygers 37-30 with Mike Held grabbing eight, Rob Bollenbacher seven, and Greg Hedden six.

Del-Ray Feagin, the Tygers' 6-6 center, was held to four free throws in the final quarter by Bollenbacher.

Hedden, who Paeth called Ross's "Little John Havlicek," came off the bench to score 16 points to go with his rebounding. McGilton had 15 points and Woleslagel 14.

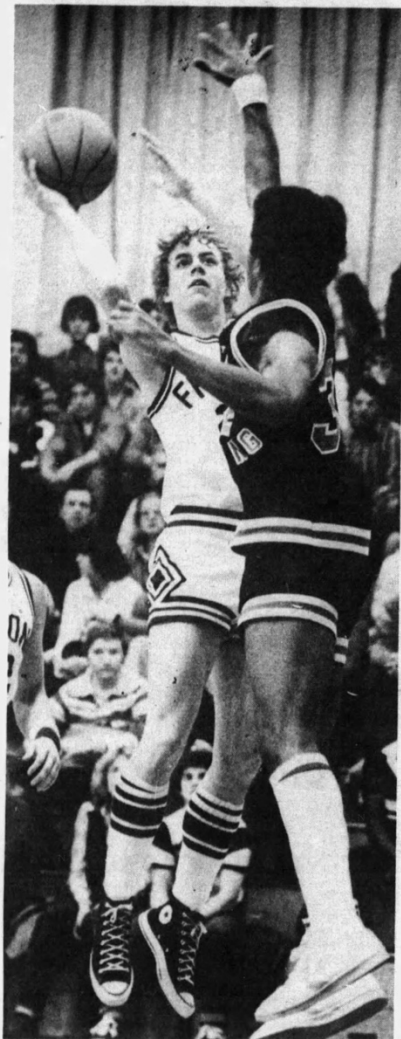
"Brian Szakovits went in during the third quarter and hit a couple of baskets on steals that turned the game around for us," Paeth praised.

"Our defense was really tough all night, though," the Ross coach continued, "we used a rat (don't call it a zone, it's a rat) and the man to man. When it got tough, though, the man to man did the job."

About his scouts' help, Paeth said, "They had noticed that against Ashland, Mansfield had played well during the second half at their own end of the court. So we took our end in the first half and played at their end during the second half."

It worked . . . Mansfield will testify to that.

Owens rips Ross again



GREGG HEDDEN of Ross shifts the ball to his right hand while going up for a shot against Keith Russell of Marion Harding Friday evening at Ross High School. Hedden ended up with 13 points but Ross's two-game winning streak fell by the wayside. (N-M photos by Dan Bomeli)

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor
Marvin Owens just loves to visit Fremont.

And Ross just hates to see the speedy little guy in town.

Owens, who pulverized Ross for more than 250 yards rushing in Marion Harding's 27-0 Harmon Stadium win on the gridiron, dropped in the key points down the stretch as the Presidents pulled away late to end Ross's longest basketball winning streak in several years at two, 82-63.

Owens, a 6-0 senior (depending on who is holding the yardstick) canned four straight free throws to extinguish a late Ross rally. Owens' four straight points gave the Presidents a 72-61 lead after the Little Giants had tip-toed to within seven at 68-61 with two minutes left in the game.

"They spurted," observed Ross Coach Biz Paeth, when asked about the latter stages of the game. "Let's face it, besides our poor shooting, we just got beat by a better team."

Paeth did not mince his words but he did not put his team down.

"They (Harding) shot well and hit the boards hard. They are a good team," the Ross coach insisted. "I can see why they almost beat Lima Senior (a 75-70 loss in double overtime)."

Ross dropped in 20 of 60 shots while the Presidents, with six double figures scorers, hit 35 of 65 shots for a torrid 54 percent.

Steve McGilton of Ross led all scorers with 25 points, but only one other Little Giant, Gregg Hedden with 13, reached double figures.

Lamar Ross and Ed Robinson had 14 points apiece with Owens, John Brady, and Henry Starks canning a dozen apiece. Keith Russell had 10 for the

Presidents before fouling out with 5:39 to play.

The Presidents, now 3-1 and 2-0 in Buckeye Conference play, and Ross (2-1 and 1-1), started slowly... so slowly that the teams had to punch the scorekeeper awake when the two teams did untrack.

With five minutes of the game recorded in history, Ross held its next to last lead of the night 5-4. At the end of the first eight minutes, Ross trailed 18-15.

"I thought we played well the first quarter," Paeth offered, "outside of the first few minutes. Then, all of a sudden, we went cold and they continued."

The Little Giants led again 21-20 on Jeff Eichler's free throw and a bucket. Rob Bollenbacher's free throw tied the game at 22-22 a minute later at the four-minute mark and that's the point where the

Presidents began their "continuance."

A 10-point run gave Harding a 36-26 lead with less than a minute to go in the half. The closest Ross was to get to the Presidents the rest of the game was 42-63 midway through the third period. At that point, Starks rifled in a shot and Owens (there's that guy again) dropped one in from the middle for a 46-36 Harding lead.

Ross pulled close with time running out, chopping a 64-49 Harding lead to 68-61. Randy Bury's long jumper and McGilton's drive brought it to the seven-point deficit for Ross.

Enter Owens and out went the lights for Ross.

The score was closer than the final margin indicated. The Presidents ran off 14 of the last 16 points scored in the contest.

Harding controlled the boards 47-36, with 15 of the rebounds on the Presidents' offensive end.

The Little Giants will travel to Lorain Senior next Friday before returning home a week from today to host Findlay.

VARSITY GAME
Score by quarters

Harding	18	20	16	28	82
Ross	15	11	18	19	63

Scoring

HARDING: Ross 7-0-14, Robinson 4-6-14, Owens 4-4-12, Booker 1-0-2, Brady 6-0-12, Starks 5-2-12, Carter 3-0-6, Russell 5-0-10; totals 35-12-82:

ROSS: McGilton 9-7-25, Woleslagei 1-2-4, Bollenbacher 2-4-8, Ameling 1-0-2, Held 1-2-4, Hedden 4-5-13, Szakovits 0-2-2, Bury 1-0-2; totals 20-23-63.

Season record: Harding 3-1 (2-0), Ross 2-1 (1-1).

JV GAME
Score by quarters

Harding	12	4	3	9	28
Ross	12	11	8	4	35

Scoring

HARDING: Rock 2-0-4, Ross 6-3-15, Klepzig 1-0-2, Tillett 1-1-3, Hill 1-2-4; Totals 11-6-28;

ROSS: Johnson 3-4-10, Nossaman 1-0-2, Meyer 1-0-2, Simms 1-0-2, Eicher 4-0-8, Widman 3-1-7; totals 15-5-35.



BASKETBALL BALLET. The ball is in the air and so are the players in this high school basketball ballet. Steve McGilton (22) of Ross and Keith Russell (32) of Marion Harding are the leapers and Rob Bollenbacher (42) of the Little Giants is watching to see how high they go.

United States and English cold but tied in Cup play

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Englishman Buster Mottram survived a tense, grueling 4½-hour match in quickly dropping temperatures Friday to even the score at one match apiece in the Davis Cup championship round against the United States.

Mottram defeated American Brian Gottfried 4-6, 2-6, 10-8, 6-4, 6-3. Earlier, 19-year-old American sensation John McEnroe topped John Lloyd 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

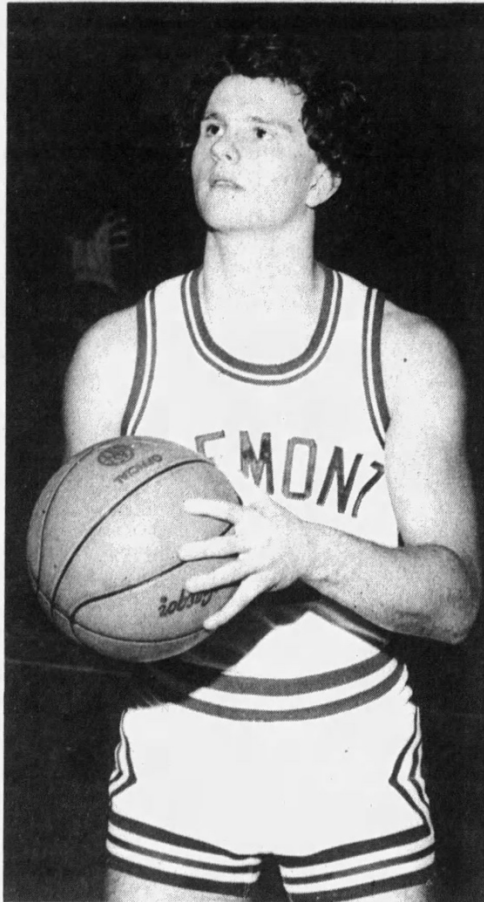
It was an extraordinarily cold day in this Southern California desert community. The high temperature during the first match was 52 degrees under a bright sun that had not yet melted ice patches on the court nor the snow cap atop nearby Mount San Jacinto. When the Mottram-Gottfried match ended, the mercury had dropped to 38.

McEnroe was a powerhouse as he opened the match with two aces and took

the first nine points before Lloyd got a decent hit in. The American, who is the youngest player here but also the highest-ranked, took a 5-0 lead in the first set, bolting forward after each serve and covering the net with lightning reflexes.

"Tony told me to keep the pressure on the whole match and that's what I did," McEnroe said later, referring to team Captain Tony Trabert. This was McEnroe's first appearance as a singles player in the Davis Cup, although he has played doubles. "I had chills when they played the national anthem at the beginning."

Lloyd's play improved considerably by the third game and he forced long battles at deuce through three games. He held for 1-5, yielding one point. McEnroe served the set out easily, though.



ROSS'S STEVE MCGILTON
... Leading BC scorer

Rockets lose opener

OAK HARBOR — Clay spoiled the Oak Harbor Rockets' girls basketball team's debut Wednesday, taking a 45-30 verdict.

The Rockets, with Sandy Kline and Terri Blausey doing the bulk of the scoring, outscored the Eagles in the first and fourth quarters but were outgunned 26-6 in the middle two stanzas.

Sue Buehler and Mary Jaco with 11 points apiece, led the well-balanced Clay attack. Kline ended up with 14 for the Rockets and Blausey finished with a dozen.

Clay outrebounded the Rockets 42-24 with most of the rebounding coming on the Eagles' offensive board.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Clay	12	14	11	8-45
Oak Harbor	12	4	2	12-30

SCORING

CLAY: Buehler 4-3-11, Jaco 3-5-11, Ward 3-0-6, Imhoff 1-2-4, Menten 1-0-2, Tansha 4-0-8, Szabo 0-1-1; Schnedden 1-0-2; totals 17-11-45;
OAK HARBOR: Kline 6-2-14, Gyde 1-0-2, Blausey 4-4-12, Hetrick 1-0-2; totals 12-6-30;
Season records: Clay 2-0, Oak Harbor 0-1;
JV game: Clay 26-6

HOLIDAY

the similarities end.

St. Joe is coming off a terrible thumping at the hands of Perkins last Friday, while the Fliers are coming off their first "w", a 51-46 stunner at Mohawk.

"We are looking for a solid performance," said Streak coach Denny Faber. "We need a solid performance. It was a bit discouraging last Friday."

"But, it is still early in the season," said Faber, adding that his squad hasn't been together as a family yet. Because of injuries, most notably to senior guard Jeff Gottron, and illness, which sidelined Doni Paradiso, the Streaks have not had a set lineup yet this year.

"After looking over our stats I noticed we have not had a set lineup yet. It's hard to get that continuity; that feeling of playing well with each other, especially with the type of patterned offense we attempt to play," Faber said.

That continuity may be here as

practice time.

"Maybe we needed that (Friday's 86-52 shellacking) before the players realized the importance of court balance," explained Faber. "As for our rebounding, we are just going to have to improve on that."

In addition to the two fundamental problems, St. Joe needs to "stress more patience on offense," a bundle of turnovers and poor shot selection were the primary culprits in the Perkins massacre.

Leading the see-saw Streak offense is senior forward Dan Hoffman, whose scoring average dipped from 22 ppg to 17 because of his six-point night against Perkins. Hoffman, more than anyone, will benefit from court-leader Gottron's return. Hoffman's partner in scoring is Jeff Molyet. Molyet, a smooth, quick shooting guard, is averaging 15.7 ppg.

Heading the Flier charge are Butch Magers (16.3 ppg), Dave Newsome (10 ppg) and Steve Nofitz (10.7 ppg).

Lorain, then Findlay for Ross

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Double your pleasure, double your fun ... play two basketball games instead of one.

Not a catchy little jingle for chewing gum, but a big bite to chew and digest for Biz Paeth's Ross basketball team.

Paeth's players will travel to Lorain Friday night and then be in town Saturday to host Findlay in back-to-back Buckeye Conference games. Whether it will be "double your fun" for Paeth and his crew is another question.

Does Paeth like the idea of the double duty weekend?

"It's hard to prepare for two teams," he admitted, Wednesday, "and I have mixed feelings about it (playing two games in two days)."

"At least that is one thing the Sandusky Bay Conference did for me — get me used to double weekends," he grinned.

Paeth was referring to his days as the leader of Sandusky St. Mary's basketball charges.

Lorain is 1-2 in the conference after a Tuesday loss to Admiral King. Ross is 1-1 in the BC and 2-1 overall while the Steelmen are 1-3. Still, Paeth is impressed with Lorain.

"It was good to be able to see them Tuesday," he said while talking about his

eye-to-eye scouting report for Friday's foe. "Lorain really impressed me."

"They shot the ball well and they handled the Admiral King press well. They handled the ball well, were well prepared, and they knew what they wanted to do."

But Admiral King, one of the preseason picks to win the conference title, still had a bit too much for their cross-town rival.

With Lorain first and Findlay next, how is Paeth getting his squad ready for this weekend.

"We prepare for both teams," he divulged, "but don't tell the kids that's what we are doing."

"We don't mention Findlay until Saturday morning when we will bring the kids in at about 11 o'clock," Paeth continued, "then we go over the scouting reports, shoot a few foul shots, and go home."

Ross will match up, size-wise, with Lorain according to Paeth but will be at a size disadvantage against Findlay. The Trojans will start a pair of 6-3 players and a 6-5 cager.

"I'll never buy the excuse that the other team was bigger than us," smiled Paeth. "They (Ross players) spoiled me against Mansfield (Ross won in double overtime 60-58 against a much taller team)."

Dave Rieker is Findlay's big man and will be Ross's problem Saturday. He is the conference's second leading scorer behind Ross's Steve McGilton — 20.6 to 20.0.

Friday, Lorain's Ed Robinson will be the scoring whiz the Little Giants will have to control. Robinson is scoring at a rate of 13.5 per game. Another Steelman, Carl Hartman is dropping in points at an 11 per game clip.

The junior varsity games for both nights will begin at 6:30 p.m.

ROSS NOTES: Co-captain Kevin Cook is still doubtful for this week. He is suffering from a thigh bruise that forced the 6-2 senior to sit out last week's game against Marion Harding.

Ross's probable lineup at Lorain Friday and at home Saturday will have McGilton and Tom Woleslagel at guards, Jerry Ameling at center, with Rob Bollenbacher and Mike Held at the forward slots.

Junior high sports results

Basketball
Fremont White (9th) 50, Fassett 41
Score by quarters
Fassett 5 17 6 13-41
White 14 11 18 7-50
Scoring
FASSETT: Romanno 5-2-12,

Steelmen humble Giants

LORAIN — Ross was hit broadside with the snowball that Coach Biz Paeth watched form Friday night at Lorain High School.

The Lorain Steelmen, although hotter than a red pepper, did not melt the Ross snowball in a lopsided 76-46 Buckeye Conference basketball win over the Little Giants.

"Without a doubt," Paeth said glumly after the 30-point loss, "that is the worst that we have played since I have been here."

Paeth, who watched his team hit only two of 14 first period shots while Lorain ran off nine in a row from the field in the same time span, was mystified.

"I don't understand," he began, "We were ready to play, but it was like a snowball rolling downhill — it got bigger and bigger. Things started bad and got worse."

Ross trailed the torrid Steelmen 40-15 at the half and the game was over at that point. Charlie Mastin went through and over the Ross defense for 20 points and 10 other Steelmen also scored.

While Ross hit only five of 25 from the floor in the first half, Lorain connected on 20 of 31. The Little Giants did not toss in a field goal from the 3:30 mark of the first period until the 5:35 mark of the second, a stretch of nearly six minutes. Only tow charity tosses kept Ross from being shutout in that span.

Rob Bollenbacher's 10 points was high for Ross which finished with only 15 of 64 from the field. Lorain wound up with 32 of 58.

Strangely, Paeth took an optomistic view for tonight's game with Findlay at Ross High School.

"The kids feel bad," he admitted, "and there is nothing wrong with that. They feel bad because they know they are better than that."

"The kids are going to remember this — they want to remember it but they don't ever want this feeling again," he said. "We just cannot sit back and sulk over it."

Because of that, Paeth feels that his team will be ready to put on a top notch show against the Trojans.

"I just simply feel good about the game with Findlay," he insisted and did not elaborate further.

Paeth's hope and his team's hope is that another snowball fails to form.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	6	9	11	20—46
Lorain	20	20	16	20—76

SCORING

ROSS: Bollenbacher 4-2-10, McGilton 3-1-7, Held 2-1-5, Hedden 2-1-5, Ameling 2-0-4, Woleslagel 0-3-3, Eicher 2-0-4, Bury 0-6-6, Davis 0-2-2; totals 15-16-46;

LORAIN: Crapo 2-2-6, Hartman 5-3-13, Walker 2-2-6, Ewers 4-0-8, Woodruff 1-0-2, Ceol 2-1-5, Earl 2-1-5, Mastin 10-0-20, Coates 2-0-4, Jones 1-2-4, Lizchak 1-1-3; totals 32-12-76;

Season records: Lorain 3-3 (2-2); Ross 2-2 (1-2);
JV game: Lorain 55-41

Findlay outshoots Ross 88-62

By BOB MARKER
N.M. Sports Editor

Findlay's shots fell, Ross's didn't, and the Little Giants sank to 2-3 after an 88-62 setback Saturday to the hot-shooting Trojans.

"We gotta shoot better if we are going to be competitive," Ross Coach Biz Paeth said as he sorted out his feelings moments after his team's third straight loss. "When we get some sort of a break, we cannot capitalize on them."

The Little Giants started quickly but faded just as quickly in the Buckeye Conference contest.

Ross got the opening tip, came down the floor, fired up shot, got the rebound, tossed up a short shot, missed, got the rebound, and missed another shorty. That was Ross's only chance for a lead in the game.

Dave Rieker, Findlay's center who had a three-inch height advantage on

any player that Paeth put on the floor, tipped in a Findlay miss on the Trojans' first trip downcourt, and was fouled by Ross's Rob Bollenbacher. Rieker canned the charity toss and Findlay had a 3-0 lead 27 seconds into the contest.

The Little Giants own shooting was as good a defense as Findlay could muster in the early going, and for that matter, the latter going. From a seven for 21 start in the opening stanza, the Little Giants hit four of 11, five of 18, and nine of 19 to finish with 25 of 69 — 36 percent — for the game.

The Trojans countered with 33 of 73, 45 percent, and a torrid 22 of 29 free throws. Ross was 12 of 25 in the latter as the boys in the striped shirts sounded their whistle 54 times — 29 fouls on Ross, 25 on Findlay — in the game that seemed to last for hours.

Findlay led after one period 24-14, stretched that to 38-24 at the half, and put the game away with a 20-11 scoring burst in the third quarter. The Trojans biggest lead of the night was 31 points, 77-46, with four and one-half minutes to play.

Those final minutes after the Trojans took the biggest lead of the night, dragged on for nearly 20 minutes thanks to 11 fouls, 12 time stopping turnovers, and a pair of timeouts.

Bollenbacher, saddled with the job of defending Rieker, who entered the game as the BC's top scorer, played his best game of the season according to the Ross coaching staff. The 6-3 junior scored 13 points before fouling out with 26 seconds to play in the third period. He had picked up his fourth foul with 2:21 to play in the first half. Paeth said that several

of Ross's shots were from too far out but added that the Little Giants knew they had to shoot to catch up.

Steve McGilton paced Ross in scoring with 15 points. Tom Wolesslagel added 10.

The Ross coach had started Gregg Hedden in place of Jerry Ameling to get more shooting punch in the Little Giants lineup.

"I think they will be playing a zone against us," Paeth said moments before the game as his reason for starting Hedden, who normally is the team's sixth man but one of its better shooters.

Findlay did use a zone and it did what it was intended, take the inside game away from Ross. Only during the final minutes of the game did the Trojans play man to man.

"The guys hustled," Paeth insisted. "They really did. We just have to

play better . . . it's that simple. If the shots start to fall, we will be in better shape."

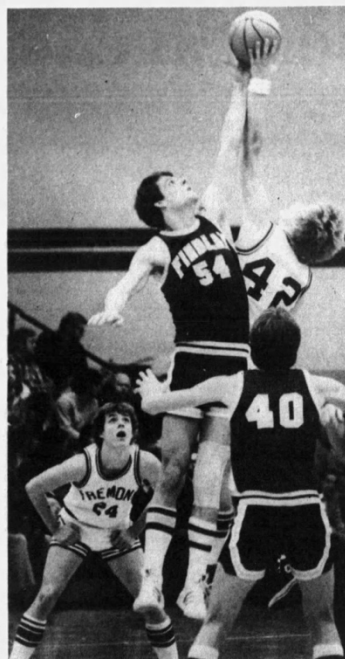
Rieker scored 23 points before fouling out with 6:23 to play to pace Findlay. Rick Maroney added 14 and Rick Acord dropped in 10.

Findlay out-rebounded Ross by a scant 37-34 count.

Ross was guilty of 29 turnovers, two less than Findlay.

In the junior varsity game, Findlay roared to a 27-4 lead at the half and then played consistently in the second half to stop Ross 54-30.

VARSITY GAME	
Score by quarters	
Findlay	24 14 20 30—88
Ross	14 10 11 27—62
Scoring	
Findlay: Acord 3-4-10, Longberry 1-0-2, Rieker 11-23, Maroney 4-6-14, Wiseman 4-1-9, Replode 3-1-7, Kidd 2-2-6, Geyer 2-2-6, Smith 1-1-3, Thomas 1-2-4, Hutton 1-2-4, totals 53-22-38.	
Ross: McGilton 4-7-15, Held 2-0-4, Bollenbacher 6-1-13, Wolesslagel 4-2-8, Hedden 4-0-8, Ameling 0-0-0, Szakovits 3-0-6, Bury 2-2-6; totals 25-12-42.	
Season records: Findlay 5-1 (3-1), Ross 2-3 (1-3).	
JV GAME	
Score by quarters	
Findlay	8 19 12 15—54
Ross	0 4 10 16—30
Scoring	
Findlay: Benedict 1-6-8, Corbin 3-6-10, Focht 1-0-2, Hutton 4-2-11, Labey 1-2-4, McCormick 0-1-1, Neds 1-0-2, Thomas 0-1-1, Wilcox 1-5-5; totals 17-20-54.	
Ross: E. Johnson 1-0-2, T. Johnson 1-0-1, Nossaman 1-0-2, Sina 0-4-4, Eicher 4-0-8, Michaels 1-0-2, Rodenhauer 2-1-5, Paxson 2-1-5; totals 12-6-30.	



WHO'S GOT CONTROL? Findlay's 6-6 Dave Rieker and Ross's 6-3 Rob Bollenbacher seem to be evenly matched on this game-opening tip-off, despite the three inch advantage. Bollenbacher won the tip, but the Little Giants lost the battle 88-62 Saturday night.

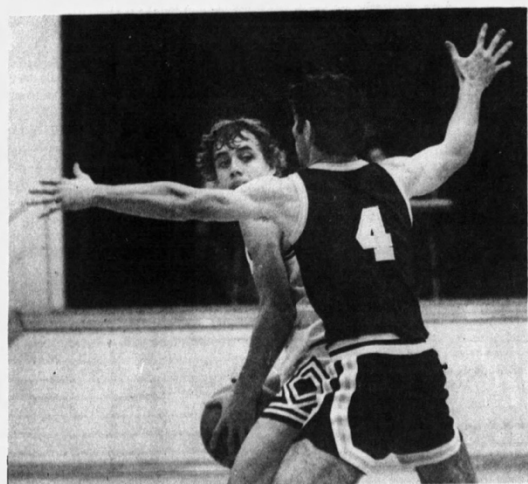
Ziegler stays and wins

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Larry Ziegler's decision to stay on the PGA tour another year has finally paid off.

Ziegler came from behind Sunday to win the \$20,000 first prize in the Central and South American Open golf tournament, played on the wind-swept Cariari International Country Club course.

"I was pretty close to quitting the tour because I couldn't get out of my own way since winning the New Orleans Open in 1976," said Ziegler, who shot a final-round 69 Sunday to finish with a 2-over-par 286 and a two stroke victory. "Everything has been downhill ever since."

"The win here convinced me that I still have some pretty good shots left, and I am definitely going to be back on the tour next year."



Loneliness in the backcourt. Ross guard Gregg Hedden eyes an open teammate as Findlay's Shawn

Wiseman blocks the passing lanes during first half action in Saturday night's Buckeye Conference clash.

Eagles are believers

By BERT ROSENTHAL
AP Sports Writer

The Philadelphia Eagles and Coach Dick Vermeil have made believers of their skeptics . . . and gained a National Football League playoff berth for the first time since 1966.

"Our goal when we came to training camp last July was to win nine games," Vermeil said Sunday. "People said, 'Hey, nine games? You're just not going to get it done.'"

The Eagles finished the 1978 season with exactly nine victories (and seven losses) Sunday, beating

that no division champion may play a wild card team from its division in the second round of playoffs.

The conference championship games will be played Jan. 7 and Super Bowl XIII Jan. 21 at Miami.

Minnesota and Atlanta backed into their playoff berths over the weekend. The Vikings became the NFC Central champions for the sixth year in a row despite a 27-20 loss to Oakland, while the Falcons reached the playoffs for the first time despite a 42-21 loss to St. Louis.

rushed for 121 yards and two TDs.

Bears 14, Redskins 10. Steve Schubert's 73-yard TD run with a punt return and Walter Payton's 44-yard scoring scamper won it for Chicago, 7-9.

Steelers 21, Broncos 17. Pittsburgh escaped with a victory by stopping the Broncos on the 1-yard line on the final play of the game.

Cowboys 30, Jets 7.

"This is the time of the season to get momentum," said Dallas running back Tony Dorsett after the Cowboys, 12-4, tuned up for the playoffs by trouncing

Hustle present, but reward is missing

By CHRIS CELEK
News-Messenger Sports Writer

SANDUSKY — In his heart, Ross Coach Norm "Biz" Paeth knows his team couldn't have played with any more intensity than they did against Sandusky Friday night. Yet, it's the Little Giant's hustle that has him worried.

Surely, he was happy that the Ross players didn't quit during the 60-50 loss to their Buckeye Conference arch rival. But, after four straight defeats Paeth said he's worried that his "kids" might lose their enthusiasm.

"It's hard to keep hustling that way when the reward is not there," he said. "Our kids have been hustling, but it's a lot easier to keep hustling when you win one like this one."

Unfortunately for Ross, they didn't get their reward. That also bothered Paeth.

"It was our own fault. When we forced mistakes we didn't take advantage," he

said of the fourth quarter that saw Ross reduce a 11-point Sandusky lead to just four before allowing the Blue Streaks to reopen the point spread.

"We had enough opportunities. We just could not capitalize on their mistakes."

Ross trailed by just seven after three super sub, Jim Hallock, increased the Sandusky lead, but only momentarily. Gregg Hedden canned a 15-footer at the 6:45 mark, and then stole Streak Lydell Hollinger's inbounds pass to score from in close.

A minute later, Hollinger fouled Steve McGilton, Ross's leading scorer, who stroked in the two freebee shots, making it a 46-43 ball game.

Hallock, who came off the bench in the second half and contributed 11 points, connected on two straight shots, one set up by a Ross turnover, to give Sandusky command of the contest. The Blue Streaks never relinquished that com-

mand.

In all, Ross missed four of five freebee shots, and failed to work five Sandusky turnovers to their advantage in the last two minutes.

Rob Bollenbacher's rebound and layup had Ross down by only three 52-49, with 1:22 on the scoreboard clock. Brian Szakovits' foul at 1:19 started a series of Little Giant miscues that Sandusky turned into their third win of the season.

The Blue Streaks quickly had a 58-49 advantage following a foul charged to Hedden and the deadly shooting of Leon McDougle, who finished with a game-high 18 points.

McDougle bagged three field goals, including the game's final basket, to hold off the Little Giants. Hedden made good on a free throw with 19 seconds to play. It was the last scoring opportunity Ross had.

While Sandusky made nearly as many mistakes as Ross did (the Streaks turned

the ball over 24 times; Ross gave it away 19), Paeth said his team's low shooting percentages had as much to do with the loss as anything.

The Little Giants scored on 21 of 49 (43 percent) of its shots from the floor, and eight of 14 (57 percent) from the foul line. Sandusky shot 26 of 65 (41 percent) from the floor and hit on eight of 20 (40 percent) free throws.

"We're doing the same things a lot of other teams are doing except one — and that's shooting the ball," the Ross coach concluded.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Ross	14 8 15 13—50
Sandusky	14 16 14 16—60
SCORING	
Ross — Hedden 5-9-13, Bollenbacher 5-0-10, Held 1-0-2, Wolesslagel 1-0-2, McGilton 6-5-17, Szakovits 2-0-4, Bury 1-0-2; totals 21-8-50.	
SANDUSKY — Erhardt 2-1-5, Everett 1-2-4, Hollinger 6-0-12, McDougle 7-4-18, J. Hallock 5-1-11; totals 26-8-60.	
Season records: Ross 2-4 (1-4), Sandusky 3-4 (2-3).	
JV game: Sandusky 62-50.	

Elyria shakes off stubborn Ross 75-71

ELYRIA — Elyria shook off a 58-55 Fremont Ross lead in the final period to win its third straight game 75-71 in a Buckeye Conference test Friday.

"We played really well," Ross Coach Biz Paeth said quietly after the game. "It was the best game of the season for us."

"I can't think of what the difference would be because we were awfully close to what we wanted."

Dave Capers was the biggest apparent reason for the Pioneer win. Coming off the bench and experiencing a scoreless first period, Capers canned seven of 10 second period shots and tallied 16 in all for the quarter. He ended up with 28 points.

"That was one of the most outstanding

performances I have seen since I have been coaching," Elyria leader Dick Roth said while searching his memories of 10 years in the coaching wars.

Ross, with Steve McGilton, Gregg Hedden, and Tom Wolesslagel carrying the charge, bolted back from a 39-36 halftime deficit to grab the three-point lead at the end of three periods. McGilton ended up with 16 points and Hedden and Wolesslagel 14 apiece in the balanced Little Giants attack.

Ross held a 60-56 lead shortly after the start of the final quarter but a six-point run by the Pioneers put the Little Giants down for good. Darnell Glover's short jumper from the base line gave Elyria the lead.

Ross was able to close to within one point on three occasions down the stretch after losing the lead.

"They hurt us on the offensive boards," Paeth pointed out. "That Capers must have tipped in three or four on us. We even had position on him but he just jumped over us."

One of Capers' leaps was a stuff shot with seconds to play in the first half.

Elyria controlled the boards 55-41 with 6-6 Kurt Schuetz grabbing a dozen caroms.

"It was a super game," Paeth concluded, "the kids played well — I have no complaints. We just got to get the kids to keep the faith . . . it was a tough loss for us."

Ross canned 24 of 55 shots and stayed

in the game on 23 of 36 from the free throw line. Elyria was 29 of 63 and 17 of 32 at the charity strip. The Little Giants had their lowest turnover total for the season, 18.

In the junior varsity game, Elyria won 51-47. Mike Eicher had 19 points for Ross and Tom Underman had 21 for Elyria.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	17	19	22	13—71
Elyria	18	21	16	20—75

SCORING

ROSS: Hedden 6-2-14, Wolesslagel 4-6-14, Held 2-2-6, McGilton 6-4-16, Bollenbacher 3-2-8, Ameling 0-4-4, Szakovits 0-1-1, Cook 2-2-6, Bury 1-0-2; totals 24-23-71.

ELYRIA: Warden 7-0-14, Capers 12-4-28, Bush 4-7-15, Schuetz 3-2-8, D. Glover 3-1-7, De. Glover 0-3-3; totals 29-17-75.

Season records: Elyria 4-4 (3-3), Ross 2-5 (1-5); JV game: Elyria 51-47.

Ross hosts Woodward

The Ross cagers, caught in the doldrums of a five-game losing streak, will be looking to begin 1979 on the right foot when Toledo Woodward invades tonight at 8 p.m. in a non-conference clash.

"We are concerned about their quickness, especially out front at the guard spots," said Ross head coach Biz Paeth.

Woodward, coming off a loss to Toledo Macomber, has the same team size as Ross and relies on its quickness to press.

Ross, 2-5, is led by senior sharpshooter Steve McGilton. Tip-off for the reserve game is 6:30 p.m.

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Balanced scoring nets Ross 3rd win

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

"Now what the heck is this?" Biz Paeth said as a blank look crossed his face.

Paeth was standing in the middle of the Ross High School coaches' room staring at a raw piece of hamburger that was nestled in a soaked bun. That was the only puzzle that the Ross basketball coach had Tuesday night because only moments before he had walked off the floor with the Little Giants and a 76-59 victory over a dishelved Toledo Woodward.

It was the third win against five losses for Paeth's team and he wanted to talk about it, but he also wanted to know what he was doing with a piece of raw meat in his hand.

Then he found the answer on what had been the wrapper for the rare piece of beef. "Eat this and you're on the way, tiger," is what the label read.

"I got a raw hamburger from Rudy Sprenger," the Ross coach chuckled, "gonna have to take this thing home and fry it a bit more."

It would have been the second "fry" that Paeth had seen Tuesday. His ball club did the other frying.

Slapping a full court press on Woodward early in the final period, the Little Giants burned out any glimmering hope that

the Polar Bears harbored in the Ross gym that was ideal for Polar Bears.

Up 55-44 after leading by as many as 20 at 49-29 in the third period, Ross got a couple of free throws and a pair of baskets from both Gregg Hedden and Mike Held to break open to a 65-47 lead to seal the game.

Ross used a balanced scoring attack, the best of the season, in rolling up its biggest point total of the season. Steve McGilton tossed in 15 points, Hedden finished with 14, Tom Woleslagel had a dozen, and Rob Bollenbacher and Held canned 10 apiece. In all, nine of 10 Little Giants scored.

Ross started slowly but Paeth knew why Ross trailed 12-11 at the end of one period.

"We were getting the ball inside but when we turned around, all we saw was shoulders — we have been used to seeing belly buttons — and we did not know what to do," he mused.

That was no problem in the second eight minutes. Canning 11 of 17 shots after a cold five of 19 in the first period, Ross pulled out to a 34-21 halftime lead. McGilton and Hedden pumped in six apiece and Woleslagel five.

Ross's shooting was warm all night. From that cool start, the Little Giants

ended up with 33 of 74 from the field, nearly 45 percent. That also was the top mark of the season for Ross.

The Little Giants also held a 36-33 margin in rebounding with McGilton and Bollenbacher grabbing eight apiece.

"I think we played a little better," Paeth said, "even though it was in spurts."

"It's a nice way to start the new year," he added.

Ross's next opponent will be Admiral King in the Ross gym this Friday.

Ross also won the junior varsity game 51-37. Rod Meyer, Mike Eicher, and Gary Paxson had 10 points apiece to lead the Ross JVs.

Varsity game

Score by quarters			
Woodward	12	9	17
Ross	11	23	19
	20	59	76

Scoring

WOODWARD: Butler 2-1-5, H. Lewis 4-2-10, Tyberski 1-0-2, Yarbey 8-2-18, Meyer 4-2-10, Sneth 1-0-2, Collier 0-2-2, McCarmack 1-0-2, S. Lewis 3-2-8; totals 24-11-59.
ROSS: McGilton 7-1-15, Bollenbacher 5-0-10, Held 4-2-10, Woleslagel 4-4-12, Hedden 6-2-14, Cook 1-1-3, Ameling 1-0-2, Szakovits 2-0-4, Bury 2-0-4, Eicher 1-10-2, Caskey 0-0-0; totals 33-10-76.
Season record: Ross 3-5;

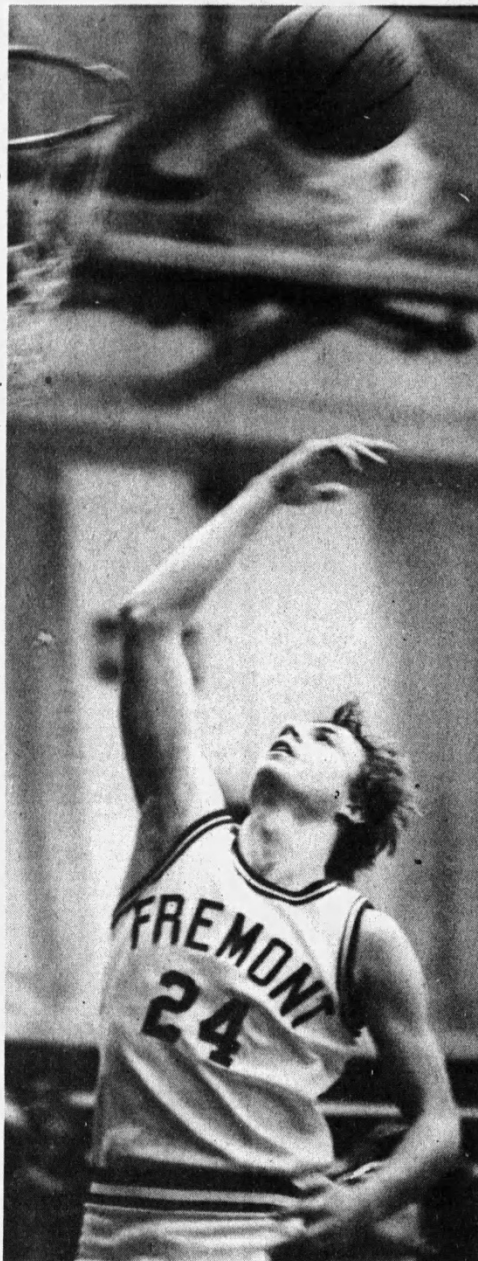
JV game

Score by quarters			
Woodward	10	7	6
Ross	13	16	10
	14	37	51

Scoring

WOODWARD: Barta 1-1-3, Brown 4-1-9, Cogdell 1-1-3, Combs 2-0-4, Hardman 1-0-2, Mims 1-0-2, Person 1-1-3, Reddick 3-0-6, Smith 2-1-5; totals 16-5-37.

ROSS: E. Johnson 1-0-2, T. Johnson 3-1-7, Nossaman 1-0-2, Meyer 5-0-10, Simms 0-1-1, Eicher 4-2-10, Widman 1-0-2, Michaels 1-1-3, Collier 0-1-1, Rodenhauser 1-1-3, Paxson 1-8-10; totals 18-15-51.



EASY TWO. Ross's Greg Hedden is about to score two of his 14 points in the Little Giants thumping of Toledo Woodward last night. Hedden was one of five Giants to hit for double figures. (N-M photo by Scott Maynard.)

LA seeks repeat in NFC title clash



STEVE MCGILTON of Ross is framed by hands during a third quarter scuffle at midcourt. McGilton scored 11 points for the Little Giants but

Admiral King finished on top in the game by a scant two points. (N-M photos by Scott Maynard)

Volunteers scarce in search for rulers of LA Olympics

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The inability to find a chairman and executive director for the 1984 Olympics have caused potentially costly delays in the selection of an organizing committee and in the acquisition of federal funding, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

Four well-known Los Angeles citizens have reportedly turned down informal offers to take the unpaid chairmanship largely because it is too time-consuming, the newspaper said.

Meanwhile, opposition to the hiring of a paid executive director with a professional sports background by national Olympics authorities has hampered that search, the paper reported.

The interim Los Angeles organizing committee allegedly has refused to

name a full 52-member panel without the two top positions being filled. Mayor Tom Bradley apparently is reluctant to request City Council approval for federal funding requests until that committee has been installed. This could result in costly delays in construction of necessary facilities.

Testimony at a Quebec provincial government inquiry into the 1976 Montreal Olympics cited early planning delays as a major cause of the subsequent financial disaster. The delay caused rushed construction schedules, overtime costs. Inflation also was blamed.

The newspaper named the four men who had turned down informal offers of the chairmanship as Litton Industries Inc. board chairman Charles B. "Tex" Thornton, Los Angeles Times board

chairman Franklin D. Murphy, former U.S. Secretary of Labor James D. Hodgson, and former California Angels president and current University of California Board of Regents chairman Bob Reynolds.

Clyde coach search begins

CLYDE — Applications are now being accepted for the head football coaching position at Clyde High School, according to Principal Ron Ray.

Those wanting to apply should send their letter of application and resume to Robert Spicer, superintendent of schools, 106 S. Main St., Clyde, Ohio 43410. Applications will be accepted through the month of January, Ray said.

Comedy draws few laughs at Ross

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Mitch Gillam could not laugh at the comedy he had witnessed and Ross's Biz Paeth could only grimace and see flashbacks of too familiar replays.

Gillam, calling the game a Laurel and Hardy act, was happy to escape the Ross High School gym with a 56-54 victory for his Admiral King Admirals in a Buckeye Conference skirmish. The Admirals, now 8-1 overall and 6-1 in the BC, were forced to the wire before having to hang on to a thread to nudge Ross.

The Little Giants, 3-5 and 1-6 in conference play, had three chances to sink the Admirals in the last 90 seconds of play but failed.

Trailing 55-52, with 2:07 to play, Ross's Rob Bollenbacher canned a jumper from the left corner to cut the Admirals' lead to one. Forty seconds later, Ross grabbed the rebound on the second of two missed free throws by AK's Tom Everson.

With the Admirals in a tight fisted "2-3" zone, Paeth admitted after the game that he wanted his team to work for the good, not the last, shot, preferably from Steve McGilton. However, on the first of three opportunities at an upset win, Gregg Hedden forced up a shot from nearly 30 feet that fell short.

Everson was called for an offensive foul with 23 seconds to play to give Ross another crack at the upset.

"We wanted to get the ball to our money-man, McGilton," Paeth admitted while talking about his team's timeout with those 23 ticks of the clock left. "We were not playing for the last shot — we just wanted the good shot and we wanted to go inside because they had just lost their two big men."

Gillam did some scrambling on the bench after starters Eric Morrison and Paul Vick hit the splinters with their fifth fouls. Ross, however, was not able to penetrate the tight Admirals zone.

The Admirals tipped the ball out of bounds with 13 seconds to play and when Ross put the ball back in play, an overthrow led to a turnover and a foul on Ross guard Tom Woleslagel with 10 seconds to play.

AK's John Rybarczyk hit the first of the one and one but missed the second and Bollenbacher grabbed the rebound. The Ross center got the ball to McGilton who drove the length of the court for a layup that fell short.

Mike Held, trailing the play for Ross got the rebound, lobbed up a 10-foot jumper with a tick of the clock left but that fell short and the game was over before McGilton went up with another

shot and was fouled. The foul had come after the buzzer.

"We had the opportunities," Paeth said while crediting his team with its best floor play of the season. "We played good defense but we just did not shoot again."

Gillam was not a happy guy even in winning.

"It was like a Laurel and Hardy act — balls were bouncing off heads and bodies and they were picking them up and putting them in the bucket," he winced.

"This is not the first time that has happened," Gillam continued. "I'm not taking anything away from Ross, they played a good game."

As far as some of the bounces that Ross turned into buckets, Paeth could only say that it has happened to Ross before this season.

"We were just in the right place at the right time."

Ross led 17-14 at the end of one period but lost the lead for good on a six-point run by the Admirals at the start of the second quarter. The biggest AK lead of the night was at 31-23 with 1:57 left in the first half.

The Little Giants trailed by 43-42 late in the third period and by the one point at 55-54 when the case of "close but no prize" hit them.

Ross canned only 20 of 64 shots with AK taking the same number but hitting 26. The Little Giants hit 14 of 22 free throws and the Admirals four of seven.

Everson ended up with 14 points with Mike Wicks canning 15, mostly from the inside, for the Admirals. Ross had four players in double figures, McGilton and Hedden with 11 and 10 each for Bollenbacher and Held.

In the junior varsity game, Tim Pettorini's charges won their second game in a row, posting a 62-61 victory. The Little Giants were led by Mike Elcher's 17, Eric Johnson with 16, and Shawn Simms with 15.

VARSITY GAME

Score by quarters
Admiral King 14 19 12 11—56
Ross 17 12 12 13—54

Scoring

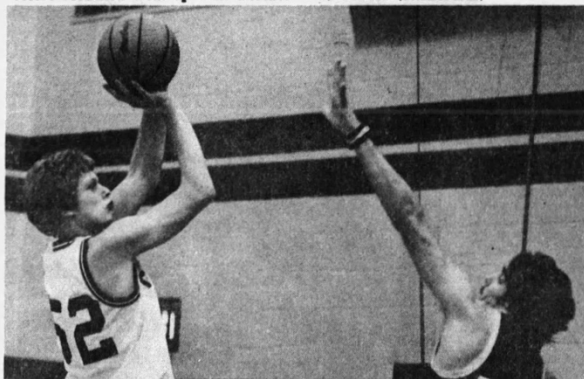
ADMIRAL KING: Morrison 3-6, Everson 7-14, Wicks 7-15, Vick 3-6, Nieves 0-0-0, Rybarczyk 2-3-7, Simmons 4-0-4; totals 26-4-55;
ROSS: McGilton 3-11, Bollenbacher 4-2-10, Held 5-0-10, Woleslagel 1-2-4, Hedden 4-3-11, Cook 2-2-6, Ameling 1-0-3; totals 20-14-54.

JV GAME

Score by quarters
Admiral King 12 12 20 17—61
Ross 13 14 15 20—62

Scoring

ADMIRAL KING: Wilson 1-0-2, Jacobs 2-0-4, Fekete 0-2-3, Suttles 4-2-10, Rositano 5-6-16, Duffy 4-3-11, Rainey 4-0-14, Long 0-2-2; totals 29-21-61;
ROSS: E. Johnson 6-4-16, T. Johnson 1-3-5, Nossaman 0-2-2, Meyer 1-1-3, Simms 7-1-15, Elcher 6-5-17, Paxson 1-2-4; totals 22-18-63.



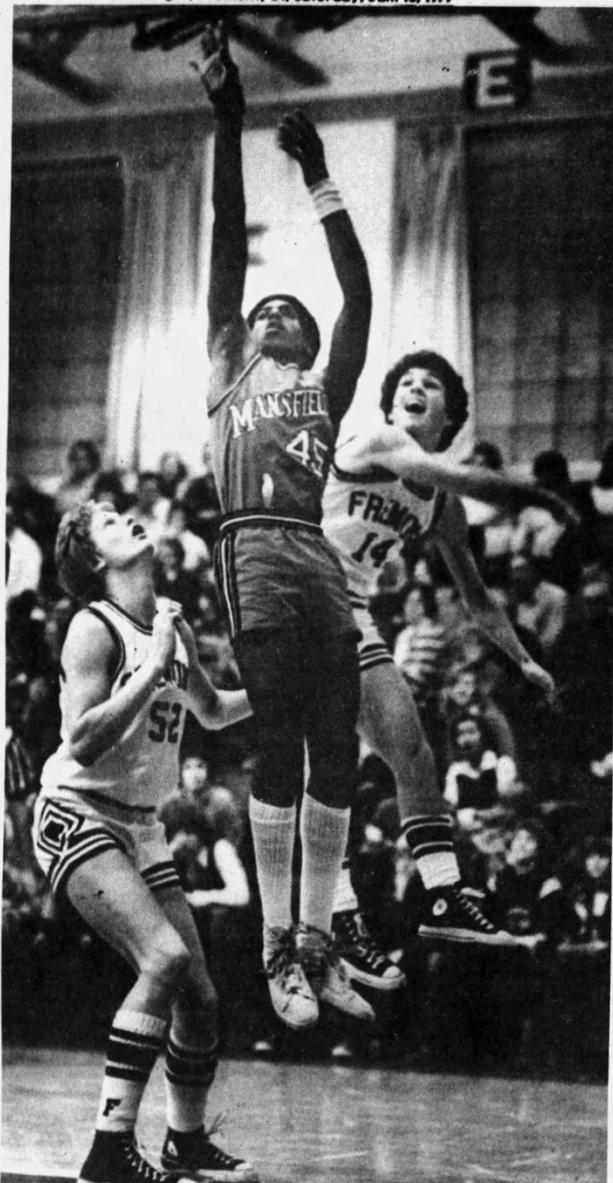
MIKE HELD gets set to loft a jumper over the outstretched arm of Admiral King's Paul Vick. Held, a Ross junior,

was one of four Little Giants hitting double figures. He had 10.



IT MAY BE basketball but Ross's Gregg Hedden gets his feet into play during first period action at Ross High School Friday night. Hedden scored 11 points and Steve McGilton 29 as Ross won its fourth game of the season. (News-Messenger photo by Dan Bomell)

Ross carves out 72-71 OT victory over Mansfield



THERE IT GOES. Mansfield's Russell Holmes gets off a jumper despite being between two Ross de-

fenders. Mike Held of Ross is at the left and Jeff Eicher comes in from behind. (N-M photos by Dan Bomeli)

McEnroe eases to GP triumph

NEW YORK (AP) — John McEnroe, now the favorite in this tournament, played without much verve but beat fellow American Harold Solomon 6-3, 6-2 Friday in the third round of the \$400,000 Grand Prix Masters.

Earlier, Mexico's Raul Ramirez saved himself from a totally dismal finish by beating Italy's Corrado Barazzutti 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

In night action, No. 2 Eddie Dibbs was to play sixth-seeded Brian Gottfried to determine the No. 1 and 2 rankings in their round-robin group. McEnroe, who leads his group, partly by virtue of Jimmy Connors' default Thursday night, will play the loser of the Dibbs-Gottfried match in Saturday's semifinal. Eighth-seeded Arthur Ashe will play the winner.

Perhaps resting on his laurels after beating Connors 7-5, 3-0 the night before when the defending champion retired with a blistered foot, McEnroe was not

nearly as tough as he can be. He broke service in the fourth game of the opening set.

He did not break again until the fifth game of the next set and although the result never was much in doubt, he gave Solomon many opportunities.

In the final game McEnroe reached match point four times, blowing the point three times, chiefly through lack of aggressiveness. Once he double faulted, and twice he had to stave off break-point.

But he set up the fourth match point with a forehand volley hit cleanly into the corner, and followed it up next point with a backhand drop volley.

Ramirez, whose third-round result meant the difference between an \$18,000 prize for last place or \$24,000 he received for fifth or sixth, depending on the other competitors results, said he'd had a talk with himself at his hotel the night before, saying, "Am I this bad?"

Ross 'hooks one' from Mansfield

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Biz Paeth was unable to use his hook which caused one goof to turn into two rights, paving the way to a 72-71 overtime win for Ross over Mansfield Friday night at the Ross High School gym.

That's not as confusing as it sounds. It is when you add a sneak theft, a blown layup, and garbage can basket for the Little Giants.

All played a part in the final three hectic minutes of the dramatic Little Giants victory, their fourth in 10 games and the second against six losses in Buckeye Conference play.

Jeff Eicher made up for a goof that nearly had him on Paeth's hook in the overtime with two crucial baskets. One, an off-balance one-hander from the key brought Ross even at 67 and the second, from 15-feet on the right base line to tie the game at 69. The second shot threatened to draw rain, it was so highly arced.

"He (Eicher) was coming out," Paeth admitted as a smile crawled across his face. "He had tried to reach behind a guy just before that and he had scored. After he made the basket, we were trying to find ways to keep him in."

But the Tygers, who had tasted a double overtime loss at the hands of the Little Giants earlier in the season, grabbed the lead again at 71-69 on 6-6 Del-Rey Feagin's tip with 1:10 to play in the extra session.

Twenty seconds later, Mansfield seemingly had control of the game when Ross's Tom Woelagel's driving layup rolled off the mark. Tyger Coach Jim Goode herded his team into a four-corner offense with 50 seconds to play. That offense is designed to stall.

Woelagel made up for the missed bunny 20 seconds later as he stole the ball from the Tyger's Tommy Murphy at mid-court. The Ross junior again missed the layup but the Little Giants' Steve McGilton, trailing the play, picked up the "garbage" and put it back into the can to tie the game at 71-71. On the play, McGilton was fouled by Dave Givand.

The Ross senior calmly sank the charity toss — the 13th in 15 tries for him in the game — to give Ross the one-point lead with 27 seconds to play.

The Tygers still had a shot at the win but after trying to set up a shot, Jack Cline's jumper from the right corner

was short. Ross's Rob Bollenbacher grabbed the rebound at the five-second mark, looped it out to Brian Szakovits and Ross had the game.

"I thought we had lost it," Paeth admitted amid the confusion of congratulations in the Ross locker room. "When we went up by four and had a chance to go up by six, twice, maybe three times, and didn't, I felt the momentum change."

Paeth was talking about a 65-59 lead his team frittered away with 50 seconds to play in regulation. Cline's jumper cut Ross's lead to 65-61 with 35 seconds to play and when Mike Held of the Little Giants was called for traveling on a layup that would have given Ross a 67-61 lead, Paeth could see the momentum flowing into the Tygers.

Tyger sophomore sensation Russell Holmes tipped in a miss with 30 seconds to go and tied the game with a jumper from the right side with eight seconds left in regulation.

Ross was unable to get the ball in-bounds within five seconds and the Tygers had the ball with three seconds to play.

"I just told the kids," Paeth recalled during a Mansfield timeout, "to deny the ball inside and then pray that it would not go in."

The Ross prayers were answered when Murphy's shot fell off the iron.

That's when Paeth's hook was foiled by Eicher's two make-up goals and McGilton was in the right place to clean up on Woelagel's theft.

"It's about time we won one like this," the Ross coach insisted. "Losing like this has happened to us so it was time for us to get lucky and win one."

Jerry Ameling drew his share of praise from the Ross coaches. Taking over for Bollenbacher, who was hampered by fouls, Ameling tossed in a season high 10 points and pulled down six rebounds.

McGilton responded with his best game of the season, scoring 29 points and grabbing 15 rebounds.

In the junior varsity game, Ross won its third straight game, downing Mansfield 57-56 after being up by as many as 13 points in the third period. A last second shot by the Tygers failed to fail to preserve the Ross win.

Shawn Simms and Mike Eicher had 16 points apiece for the Little Giants JVs.

Ross box scores

VARSITY GAME

Score by quarters

Mans	15	14	16	20	6-71
Ross	9	24	14	18	7-72

Scoring

MANSFIELD: D. Feagin 5-0-10, McDowell 2-5-9, Murphy 5-0-10, Walton 3-1-7, Holmes 8-2-18, E. Feagin 4-0-3, Givand 3-0-6, Williams 0-1-1, Cline 1-0-2; totals 21-9-71.

ROSS: McGilton 8-13-29, Bollenbacher 2-0-4, Held 2-2-6, Hadden 3-5-11, Woelagel 2-4-4, Eicher 2-4-4, Ameling 2-4-10, Szakovits 0-0-0; totals 21-30-72.

Season records: Ross 4-6 (2-6), Mansfield 3-2 (2-4).

JV GAME

Score by quarters

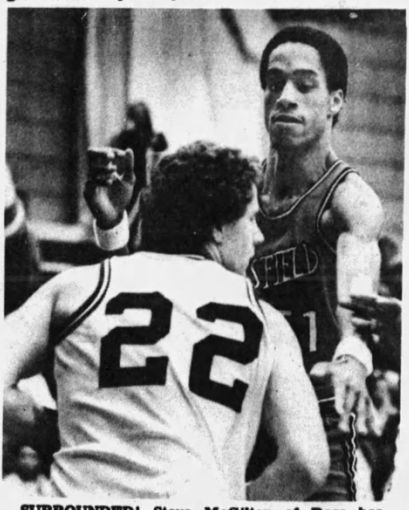
Mansfield	5	14	19	18	56
Ross	12	16	14	15	57

Scoring

MANSFIELD: Elswick 6-1-13, Gamble 2-0-4, Hoke 5-2-12, Jefferson 3-1-7, Kocheliser 1-0-2, Polman 2-0-4, Springfield 3-0-6, Taylor 4-0-6; totals 26-4-56.

ROSS: E. Johnson 3-0-6, T. Johnson 1-0-2, Nossaman 1-3-5, Meyer 3-0-6, Simms 8-0-16, Eicher 7-2-16, Widman 0-2-2, Rodenhauer 1-0-2, Paxson 0-2-2; totals 24-9-57.

Season records: Ross 4-6 (4-5), Mansfield 6-3 (5-3).



SURROUNDED! Steve McGilton of Ross has nowhere to go as Mansfield's Del-Rey Feagin closes in on him. McGilton had just hauled down a rebound for the Little Giants.



SURROUNDED. A trio of Tiffin Columbian Tornadoes surround Ross' Steve McGilton as he attempts to get a shot away during second half action of the Little Giants 79-60 defeat Saturday night.

Tornadoes trip Ross 79-60

Sluggish Little Giants puzzle Paeth

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Columbian lulled Ross to sleep in the first three quarters and then knocked the slats out from under the Little Giants to turn a close game at the half into a romp for the Tiffin school.

The 79-60 win for Columbian shocked Ross Coach Bill Paeth and left him searching for the reason his team seemed to play in a stupor.

"It was like they (Columbian) had the night off Friday and we had played," Paeth said with a puzzled look on his face. "It was like we were tired and we should not have been."

Ross was forced to sit idle Friday when Marion Harding called off its game with the Little Giants because of icy road conditions. Columbian squared off against Northern Ohio League rival Willard Friday, losing 66-52 but saving enough to humble Ross Saturday night.

"We really looked bad in the first and fourth quarters," Paeth said. "In that first quarter we gave them four fast break buckets and in the fourth, they got six fast breaks on us. We just got lost in transition (offense to defense)."

"It seemed like we had guys between their guys and the ball on the long pass," Ross assistant Coach Steve Krynock reasoned, "but they would always seem to get a little

bit faster to get the ball."

The Tornadoes got to the ball quicker and singed the nets far better than the Little Giants. Columbian hit 33 of 67 shots — over 49 percent — with a pair of pesky guards doing the damage.

Rick Robbins dropped in 11 of 24 shots for 24 points and grabbed nine rebounds — six off the offensive boards — to lead the duo. Fourteen of Robbins' points came in the second half pullaway for the Tornadoes.

Dave Hostette complemented Robbins with 15 points, all in the second half, eight coming in the third period as the Tornadoes broke away from a 28-27 halftime lead to outscore the Little Giants 22-13.

The Little Giants scored well over the Tornadoes' "2-3" zone, but lost the ball on numerous occasions while trying to force the ball inside during the second 16 minutes. Columbian's 6-6 Brian Zeiter was the main culprit to Ross's effort to go inside. He forced numerous errant passes when Ross tried to lob the ball over him.

Steve McGilton and Gregg Hedden were Ross' main offensive threats, scoring 18 and 16 points, respectively. Ross, however, hit only 23 of 62 shots, 37 percent. The Little Giants were able to capitalize on only 14 of 23

free throws while Columbian canned 13 of 17 at the charity stripe.

Early in the final quarter, Ross cut Columbian's lead to 50-42 before three crucial turnovers took the wind out of what appeared to be a Ross spurt.

Eric Gosche began the suffocation process for Columbian with a bucket to put the lead to 10. A Ross turnover led to a fast break bucket by Robbins to put the visitors up by 12. Another turnover did not cost Ross but a third Little Giant miscue led to a bucket by Eric Rohrbach and that Columbian sport that took less than a minute, sealed Ross's seventh loss in 11 games.

"I don't know if we were not intense enough," Paeth said. "We should have been able and ready to go. If I have to give credit, though, to Columbian, they are a good team but we just have no excuse for the way we played."

The win for Columbian avenged a defeat handed out by Ross last season — a loss that snapped the Tornadoes' 13-game winning streak.

Columbian also won the junior varsity game 45-39 despite a comeback by the Little Giants. Ross trailed 16-6 after one quarter but, midway through the final period, a jumper by Mike Eicher gave the Little Giants a 36-35 lead.

Jack Bargheiser had 14

Fellon 2-4-8, Rohrbach 5-9-12, Peiffer 1-2-1, Edburn 1-0-2, Robbins 11-2-24, Martin 1-0-2, totals 15-15-79.

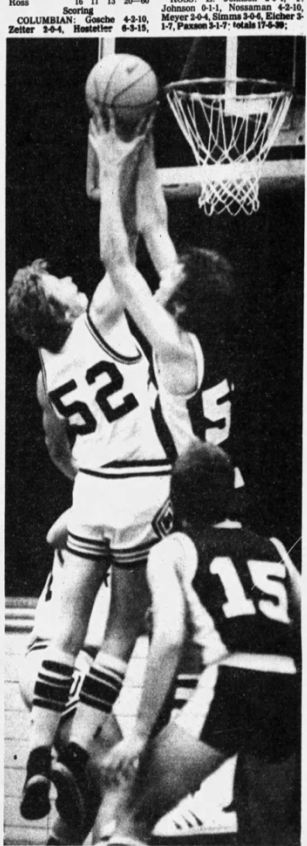
ROSS: McElton 7-4-18, Hedden 6-4-16, Bollenbacher 3-2-8, Wolskiel 0-0-0, Hild 2-0-4, Eicher 0-2-2, Stakovits 0-1-1, Bury 4-0-8, Caskey 0-1-1, Harms 1-0-2, totals 25-14-60.

Season records: Columbian 7-4, Ross 4-7.

JV GAME
Score by quarters
Columbian 18 4 13 12-45
Ross 6 11 9 13-39

Scoring
COLUMBIAN: Kim 12-4, Peck 2-7, Coker 2-4-8, Smith 1-2-4, Bargheiser 4-6-14, Garpiel 4-2-10.

ROSS: E. Johnson 2-0-4, T. Johnson 0-1-1, Nossaman 4-2-10, Meyer 2-0-4, Simms 2-0-4, Eicher 2-1-7, Paxson 1-1-7, totals 17-4-60.



HIGH ALTITUDE WRESTLING. Ross' Mike Heid and Tiffin's Tim Peiffer stage a battle of the boards during first half action of Saturday night's non-conference clash.

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'Saturday Night Blues' strike Streaks

By BOB DIBIASIO
N-M Sports Writer

SANDUSKY — Will the real St. Joe cagers please stand?

Playing in an incredibly inconsistent fashion that would stump any "To Tell the Truth" panel, the Streaks, fresh from a Friday night triumph, had another case of the Saturday Night Blues as Perkins powered past St. Joe 61-49 in a Sandusky Bay Conference clash.

For the second straight weekend the Streaks have recorded impressive Friday night wins — only to run out of gas and sputter on Saturday. "I

sure would like to know why we struggle on Saturday nights," said a puzzled Streak cage boss Denny Faber.

The loss dropped St. Joe to 5-4 overall and 2-4 in SBC action. Perkins keeps its hold on the SBC top spot with a 5-1 record. The Pirates are 7-5 overall.

For those Streak fans who braved the fog (which seemed to seep into the Pirate gymnasium and settle around the St. Joe hoop), the feeling of déjà vu existed as the Pirates ran past the Streaks and built a 34-13 lead at intermission. The first-half barrage was identical with

the last matchup of these two teams, a game Perkins easily won 86-52 on Dec. 8.

A pair of Jeff Gottron freebies at the 5:34 mark of the first period put the Streaks ahead 4-2. It was to be the Streaks last lead of the game as Perkins rifled off 12 unanswered points to bolt in front 14-4 at the first stop.

A combination of poor shooting, one of ten from the field, and a sluggish zone defense, which didn't rotate quickly enough thus giving the Pirates uncontested jumpers, put the Streaks in too deep a hole too early.

A switch to a man-to-man defense didn't stop

three minute scoring drought, could manage only nine points.

"You'll definitely have trouble winning games by scoring only four and nine points in the first half," said Faber, shaking his head. "They were seemingly too big for us; they had too much balance. And we were impatient offensively the whole first half."

"But give the credit to Perkins, they are obviously a fine team," offered Faber. "We have to become more consistent for a total of 32 minutes."

St. Joe slowly worked on Perkins' 22-point lead and

fast break layups against the St. Joe press pushed the lead to 16 and deflated all Streak momentum.

Despite outscoring the Pirates 36-26 in the second half, the Streaks earned only 19 of 61 field goal attempts (32 percent) for the game. Perkins netted 30 fielders and a solo freebie. Perkins also won the battle of the glass, grabbing 41 caroms to St. Joe's 29. The Streaks managed only eight offensive rebounds, none in the first half.

Hoffman paced the Streak scoring with 16 points. Gottron and Doni Paradiso added nine each.

Disc basketball

The Old Fort high school faculty will test their basketball ability against the disc jockey-dominated team of WIOT-FM 105 Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Old Fort gymnasium.

Admission price is \$1 for the game which will feature radio personnel from the Toledo rock-n-roll station. A game between the Old Fort senior boys and girls will precede the 8 p.m. action. The event is sponsored by the Old Fort student council.

Ross loses by three to MH

MARION — Ross's good half was overshadowed by its bad half and the result was a 65-62 setback by Harding in a Buckeye Conference boys basketball game Tuesday.

The game was a make-up of last Friday's postponed contest.

The Little Giants committed 16 turnovers in the first half as the Presidents, behind a triple-headed attack, grabbed a 36-26 lead at the half.

The poor first half was compounded by poor free throw shooting and both led to the Little Giants' eighth loss in a dozen games said Ross Coach Biz Paeth. Ross hit only 10 of 23 from the line.

"The missed fouls and the turnovers were key factors," Paeth admitted but added, "the fouls are intangibles that you have to put up with."

Ten days ago, Ross had canned 30 of 41 free throws in an overtime victory over Mansfield.

Ironically, Ross's poor charity toss night, was almost offset by its best field goal performance of the season. The Little Giants, with Steve McGilton hitting for 21 and Gregg Hedden for 15, hit 26 of 51 shots, 53 percent, from the field.

Harding also canned 26 fielders but won the game with 13 of 21 at the charity stripe. Five of Ross's miscues at the line were on the front end of one and one situations. Three of the missed bonus tosses were in the final eight minutes.

The closest Ross came in the final half to taking the lead was at 40-39, Harding, with a minute left in the third stanza. The quarter ended with the Presidents up 44-40.

In the final period, the Little Giants whittled the Harding lead to two points several times — the last at 56-54 with 3:17 to play — but were never able to get the tying bucket.

"I thought it was a well-played game," Paeth said. "We ran well and shot well

outside of our free throw shooting.

"It was the same result," the Ross coach continued, "as the first game at Ross but instead of losing by 19 this time, we went down there and lost by only three.

"I think we are headed in the right direction but it's just a case of getting over the hill."

Lamar Ross led the Presidents with 21 points. It was rumored that Ross was ill and would have missed the Friday game had it been played. Henry Starks had 12 and Keith Russell added 14 for the Presidents.

McGilton grabbed 10 rebounds for the Little Giants but Harding held a 33-23 edge in that department.

Ross lost a heartbreaker in the junior varsity game. Billy Canada of Harding sank a pair of free throws with no time left in the game to give his team a 46-44 win over the Little Giants. Before the charity tosses, Canada had been hitting only 13 percent of his free throws.

Mike Eicher led the Ross JVs with 20 points and Todd Johnson added 12.

Ross will host Lorain Senior Friday in another Buckeye Conference game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	14	12	14	23—62
Harding	18	18	8	21—65

SCORING

ROSS: Hedden 5-5-15, Woleslagel 4-0-8, Held 2-1-5, McGilton 10-1-21, Bollenbacher 2-0-4, Bury 3-2-8, Harms 0-1-1; totals 26-10-62;

HARDING: Robinson 3-2-8, Starks 6-0-12, Ross 7-7-21, Russell 7-0-14, Brady 1-2-4, Carter 2-2-6; totals 26-13-65;

Season record: Ross 4-8 (2-8), Harding 5-7 (3-7).

JV GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	12	9	10	13—44
Harding	8	16	9	13—46

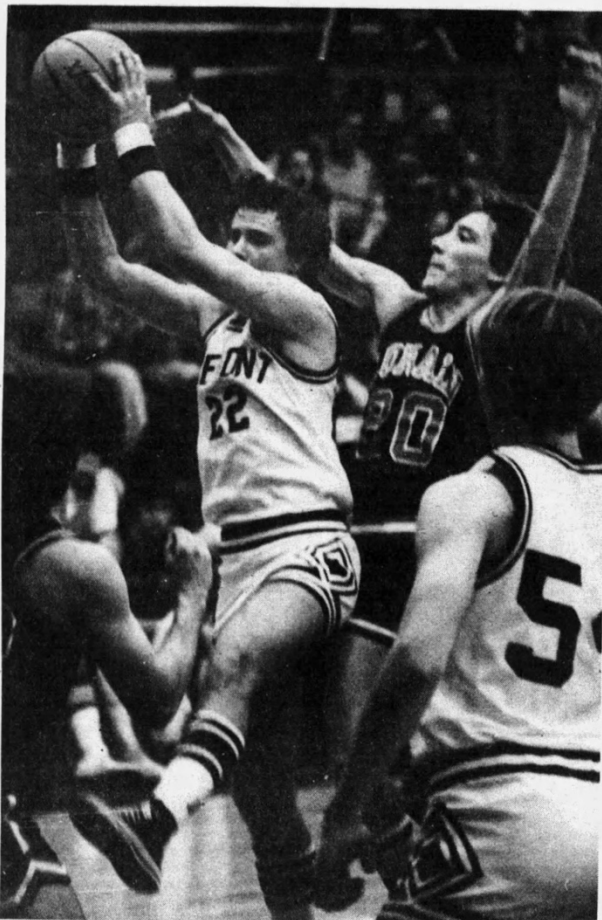
SCORING

ROSS: Eicher 7-6-20, Nossaman 1-0-2, E. Johnson 1-0-2, T. Johnson 6-0-12, Widman 1-0-2, Simms 1-2-4, Paxson 1-0-2; totals 18-8-44;

HARDING: Simmons 1-3-5, Ross 4-2-10, Hill 5-0-10, Klepzig 2-0-4, Rock 0-2-2, Wygle 1-0-2, Canada 1-2-4, Snowden 3-3-9; totals 17-12-46;

Season records: Ross 4-8 (4-6), Harding 3-9 (2-8).

'Gap time' takes win out of Little Giants



STEVE MCGILTON of Ross (above photo) goes into the air to snag a rebound against Lorain Senior Friday night at Ross High School. Ray Ewers (20) is the Lorain man beaten on the play while Ross's Jerry Ameling is just coming into the picture. Below,

Randy Bury (32) of Ross has the ball but teammate Gary Harms (30) wants to get into the act while two Lorain players stand by the action. (News-Messenger photos by Scott Maynard)

By RICK RIMELSPACH
N-M Sports Writer

All coaches hate to see what Ross coach Biz Paeth called a "gap time." That's when your team gets extremely cold while the other team scores unanswered points. For Fremont, the fatal gap time came in a five minute third quarter stretch where Lorain Senior's Steelmen outscored the Little Giants 14-1 en route to a 72-62 win.

Ross had a 33-28 lead shortly after the start of the third quarter. Lorain, sparked by guards Carl Hartman and Scott Crapo, scored 11 straight points to take a 39-33 lead. Steve McGilton hit a free throw to break the Little Giant scoring drought, but the Steelmen came right back with three quick points, and they never looked back.

Paeth noted that once Lorain got the lead, they knew what to do.

"They play well with a lead because they're used to it. We don't, but that comes with success, and we'll get there," he added.

Lorain coach Dale Reichert had nothing but praise for Ross' effort.

"They are a much improved team from the last time we played them (Lorain beat Ross by 30 points earlier this year). They outthrust us and outplayed us for the first two quarters," Reichert said.

That's when the Steelmen decided to go to another offense, the triple stack, according to Reichert.

"That freed Ray (Ewers) and Charlie (Mastin) inside, and our shooting really improved," he added.

Lorain, the league's best shooting team, hit 47 percent for the game after a chilly 5-15 first quarter. The Little Giants, led by a red-hot McGilton, shot 50 percent in the first period

to grab a 17-12 lead. McGilton canned all five of his first quarter field goal attempts.

Ross continued to build their lead in the second period. After Tom Woleslagel missed the second of a one-and-one, McGilton grabbed the rebound and put it in to give Ross its biggest lead of the night 28-21 midway through the second period. But the Steelmen gave an indication of things to come as they rallied to cut the Fremont lead to 31-29.

After the disastrous third quarter where Ross was outscored 16-8, both teams opened up their offenses in the final period as 50 points were scored.

McGilton scored 17 of his game-high 25 points in the first half. The only other Little Giant in double figures was Randy Bury with 10.

The battle of the boards was almost even with Lorain pulling down 35 while Ross had 33. Lorain's Mastin had a dozen, and McGilton, Bury, Gregg Hedden and Rob Bollenbacher each grabbed five rebounds.

Paeth was fairly pleased with Ross' floor shooting (39 percent) except for that third period gap time. The Little Giants were hot from the foul line, hitting 20 of 24.

The Steelmen are still in the thick of the Buckeye Conference race at 7-3. Ross, now 2-8 in league play, is 4-9 overall.

Varsity game	
Score by quarters	
Lorain	12 17 16 27-72
Ross	17 14 8 23-62
LORAIN: Crapo 2-6-10, Hartman 6-7-19, Ewers 5-2-12, Coates 2-0-4, Ceol 1-1-3, Earl 5-2-12, Mastin 6-6-12; totals 27-18-72.	
ROSS: Eicher 1-0-2, Cook 0-3-3, McGilton 11-3-25, Bury 4-2-10, Held 1-0-2, Caskey 0-2-2, Hedden 2-5-9, Woleslagel 2-3-7, Harms 0-2-2; totals 21-20-62.	
Season record: Ross 4-9 (2-8), Lorain 6-5 (7-3).	
JV game	
Lorain 42, Ross 38	
Score by quarters	
Lorain	8 5 15 14-42
Ross	16 11 4 7-38

Scoring
LORAIN: Ward 6-1-13, Yurovich 3-1-7, Bentley 0-5-5, Ballard 5-0-10, Melander 1-2-4, Cumberlegg 0-1-1, Ritter 1-0-2; totals 16-10-42.
ROSS: Eicher 7-0-14, Nossaman 2-0-4, Meyer 2-0-4, E. Johnson 1-0-2, T. Johnson 1-0-2, Widman 2-1-5, Paxson 2-0-4, Michael 0-2-2, Collier 0-1-1; totals 17-4-38.
Season record: Ross 4-9, Lorain 7-6.

How AP top 10 teams fared

- AP'S TOP TEN
CLASS AAA
2. Kettering Alter 63, Day, Jefferson 55
 3. Can. McKinley 69, Can. Catholic 53
 4. Cleve. St. Joseph 95, Wickliffe 47
 5. Celina 65, Van Wert 34
 6. Tol. Scott 70, Tol. Cent. Cath. 53
 - Col. Milflin 73, No. 7. Col. East 70
 - Sandusky 66, No. 8. Findlay 81
 9. Groveport 66, Gahanna 52
 10. Marietta 69, Upper Arlington 59

- CLASS AA
1. Portsmouth 82, Greenup, Ky. 56
 2. Young, Rayen 93, Young, South 60
 3. Cleve. Latin 76, Mentor Lake Cath. 59
 4. Uhrichville Claymont 76, Sandy Valley 56
 - Steubenville 61, No. 5. Steubenville Cent. Cath. 57
 - Orrville 49, No. 6. Millersburg W. Holmes 39
 - Marion Elgin 57, No. 7. Bucyrus Wynford 36
 - Willard 83, Bellevue 67
 10. Wheelersburg 50, Minford 41

- CLASS A
1. Indian Valley S. 43, Garaway 33
 5. Canal Winchester 54, Fairfield Union 50
 6. Zaniesville Rosecrans 75, Danville 36
 7. Mogadore 94, Portage SE 47
 10. Southington 101, Grand Valley 45
- Other teams were idle.

Perkins takes over first in SBC race

SANDUSKY — Perkins took over sole possession of the lead in the Sandusky Conference with a 72-56 win over the Margaretta Polar Bears.

Perkins used a stingy defense and a balanced scoring attack to chalk up their sixth conference win against just one loss. St. Mary's fell one game behind Perkins with a 73-64 loss at Huron.

Perkins outshot the Polar Bears 50 percent to 33 percent along with taking a 46 to 33 edge on the boards. After a 14-14 deadlock in the first quarter, Perkins gradually pulled away from Margaretta.

Tony Kromer of Perkins led all scorers with 19 points with Margaretta's Doug Cobb tossing in 16. Kromer also took top honors with 13 rebounds, followed by Cobb and Gary Kuns with 10 apiece.

The Perkins JV squad squeaked past Margaretta 43-42 in the initial contest.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Perkins	14 12 17 29-72
Margaretta	14 6 13 23-56
PERKINS: Grathwol 2-0-4, Bixler 3-2-8, Butler 1-0-2, Widdoes 5-0-10, Kromer 9-1-19, Dwell 7-0-14, Mullins 5-5-15; totals 32-8-72.	
MARGARETTA: Kuns 3-3-8, Bodey 5-1-11, Cobb 5-6-16, Kevin Zahel 2-1-3, Kent Zahel 7-0-14, Day 0-1-1; totals 22-12-56.	
Season records: Perkins 8-5 (6-1), Margaretta 2-10 (6-7).	



McGilton takes BC scoring lead

Steve McGilton of Fremont Ross has taken over the lead in the Buckeye Conference

AP high school cage poll

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Here is how a panel of sports writers and broadcasters rates Ohio high school basketball teams for The Associated Press this week (10 points for first to 1 point for 10th):

CLASS AAA

1. Cincinnati Withrow, 13-0, 291 points.
 2. Kettering Alter, 12-1, 254.
 3. Canton McKinley, 13-1, 220.
 4. Celina, 15-0, 197.
 5. Cleveland St. Joseph, 13-2, 156.
 6. Findlay, 13-1, 114.
 - 7 (tie). Toledo Scott, 11-2, and Groveport, 13-1, 83.
 9. Marietta, 10-2, 52.
 10. Warren Western Reserve, 12-2, 40.
- Other schools receiving 10 or more points: 11. Cincinnati Elder 34, 12. Cleveland West Tech 33, 13 (tie). Springfield North and

scoring race after scoring 46 points in two conference games last week.

The Ross senior is now scoring at an 18.2 per game clip, two-tenths of a point ahead of Findlay's Dave Rieker. Lorain's Ray Ewers is third in the race with a 15.6 while Ross's Gregg Hedden is 14th with an 11.5 ppg.

In other BC stats, Admiral King is the leader in team offense while Findlay is topping the league in defense. King is scoring at a 67.6 clip while the Trojans are allowing only 54.6 points per game.

In individual stats, Cory Earl of Lorain is the shooting leader with a 58.8 percentage from the field. Carl Hartman of Lorain is the top free throw shooter with 83 percent and Ed Robinson of Marion Harding leads in assists per game with 6.1.

Rieker is the leading rebounder, hauling down 11.3 per game.

Paeth has pace problem

How do you slow down and keep moving at a faster pace?

It's a problem and Ross boys basketball Coach Biz Paeth says his team faces it when Sandusky visits the Ross gym Friday night for a Buckeye Conference encounter. The junior varsity game begins at 6:30 p.m.

"They like to play a lot of one and one and run," Paeth said Wednesday, "so we have to slow them down and at the same time keep ourselves moving."

In the first meeting of the two teams, Sandusky stopped the Little Giants 60-50 despite not having Leon Sizemore, one of the team's better shooters in the lineup.

"They are different now," Paeth continued, "they have Sizemore now."

Paeth and his team have great respect for the 6-2 senior but Sizemore's 6-3 running mate, Lydell Hollinger will be a big problem.

Hollinger had been on a tear recently. During one game, Hollinger hit 18 consecutive shots (both free throws and field goal attempts) with most of the field goal attempts coming from the perimeter.

"We have to put pressure on Sizemore and Hollinger," Paeth said while revealing little about his defensive plans for the game, "but in most games, those two shoot and if they

miss, the other three swat it in."

Paeth was in awe when speaking about the Sandusky rebounding game.

"Against Elyria last night (Tuesday, a 60-52 loss for the Blue Streaks), they had 12 offensive rebounds in the first half," he said. "It's been several weeks since we have had 12 offensive rebounds in one game!"

Paeth will go with the lineup he opened with last week against Lorain Senior. Jerry Ameling will be in the center with Kevin Cook and Steve McGilton at the forwards. Tom Woleslagel and Gregg Hedden will operate from the guard slots.

Mike Held and Rob Bollenbacher, starters up until the Lorain game, will come off the bench. Paeth made the move last week while trying to give his team's rebounding game a shot in the arm.



McGilton's 25, big rebounds key Ross's win

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Streaks fought back from 37-30 deficit with 2:44 remaining in the third period to take a 51-47 lead with 4:30 to play in the game.

Ross took 50 seconds to score after that point but Randy Bury's 22-footer from the left of the key started the Little Giants off on the winning nine-point run.

McGilton followed with the front end of a one and one to make it 51-50 Sandusky with 3:26 to play.

Ross took the lead on the next return trip downcourt on a McGilton shot that threatened to bring rain. He looped it high over the left corner of the board for a 52-51 Ross lead with two minutes to play.

A Sandusky miss set up Ross's key play of the run. Hedden drove the right base line, tossed up a shot two strongly over the rim but got away with it when McGilton went up, took the ball in mid-leap, and banked it in for 54-51 Ross lead.

That shot put the Little Giants over a hill that Paeth has wanted to climb for some time.

Bollenbacher came up with his two key rebounds in the final minute on missed fouls by Hedden and McGilton. After the first rebound with 1:05 to play, Ross slowed the tempo down and Bury was fouled with 29 seconds to play. He sank one of two for a 55-51 lead.

McGilton was fouled with 11 seconds to go, but missed the shot. Bollenbacher surrounded the ball and four seconds later McGilton's free throw iced the contest.

Cook and Hedden took the momentum away from the Blue Streaks in the final minute of the first half. Cook's only bucket of the game from 20 feet out brought Ross even at 20 with a minute to go. Fifty seconds later, Leroy Sizemore stuffed a layup on Ross but Hedden popped in a 35-footer to tie the game at the half as the buzzer went off.

Hedden scored only four points in the game but held the dangerous Lydell Hollinger of the Streaks to only two points. Hollinger had been on a tear in recent games — in one he hit 18 shots in a row from the field and free throw line.

Ross hit 20 of 47 shots while Sandusky was 21 of 51.

The Little Giants will face Elyria next Friday at the Ross gym.

VARSITY GAME Score by quarters

Sandusky	16	6	17	12—51
Ross	9	13	21	13—56

SCORING

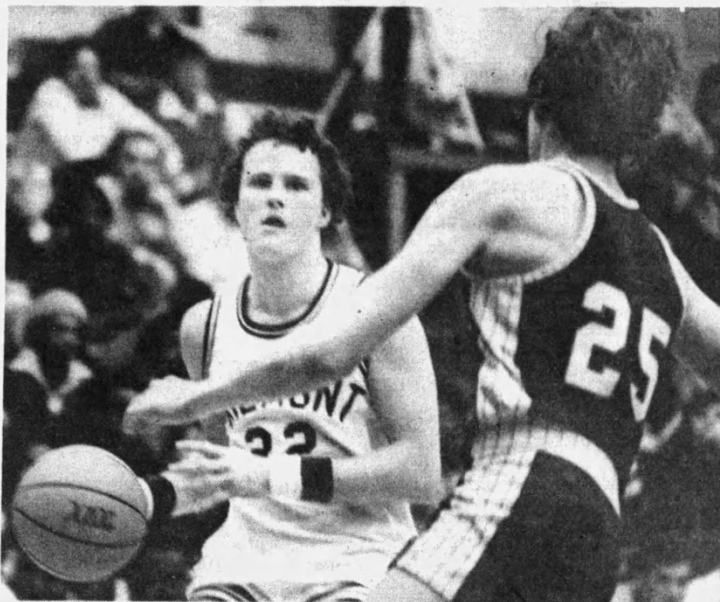
SANDUSKY: Sizemore 6-1-13, Lemons 2-2-6, Hallock 6-2-14, Hollinger 1-0-2, Keys 1-0-2, McDougle 5-4-14; totals 21-9-51.
ROSS: Cook 1-1-3, McGilton 9-7-25, Hedden 2-0-4, Woieslagel 3-2-8, Ameling 3-1-7, Harms 0-2-2; totals 20-16-56;
Season records: Ross 5-9 (3-8), Sandusky 6-9 (4-8).

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Sandusky	10	15	6	16—47
Ross	9	10	12	5—36

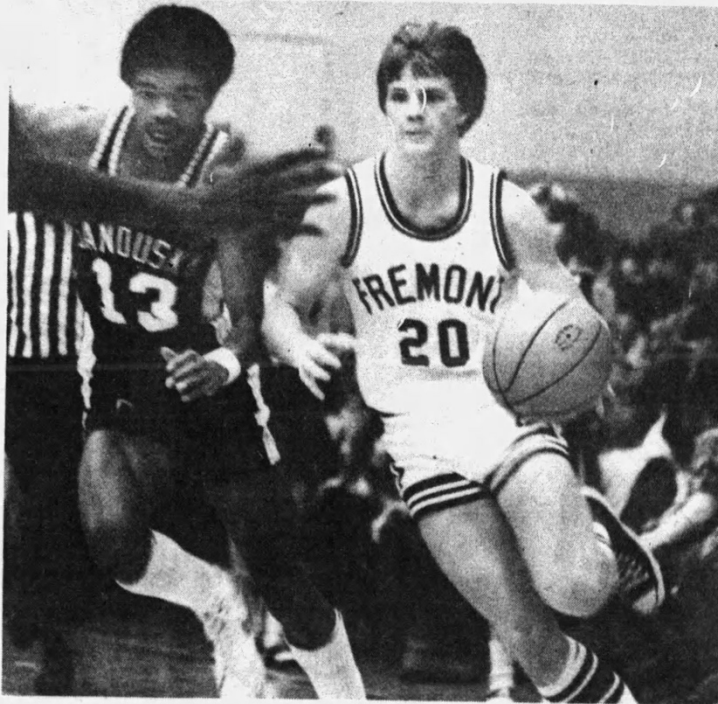
SCORING

SANDUSKY: Walk 1-0-2, Jenkins 3-0-6, Newell 3-2-8, Liebenenthal 2-3-7, Gilchrist 0-2-2, Young 8-6-22; totals 17-13-47.
ROSS: E. Johnson 4-0-8, T. Johnson 2-0-4, Nossaman 1-0-2, Meyer 3-0-6, Simms 4-1-9, Michael 3-0-6, Collier 0-1-1; totals 17-2-36;
Season record: 4-10 (3-8), Sandusky 8-6 (7-4).



STEVE MCGILTON (above) of Ross picks out a spot to go to while being guarded by Sandusky's Jim Hallock.

Below, Tom Woieslagel of Ross drives around Sandusky defender Fee White. (N-M photos by Scott Maynard)



Little Giants sting Sandusky

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross ran off the last nine points of the game to trim Sandusky 56-51 Friday night at Ross High School and give Biz Paeth a one feather start on a purple and white war bonnet.

The win upped Ross's record to 5-9 ... nothing to shout about, except if you have been around Ross and its basketball program the past few seasons. The five wins represent a one-game improvement over the 1977-78 team, Paeth's first as the head coach.

"That's one of those feathers," Paeth beamed afterwards. "We had them and did not let them go."

To do that, Paeth had to let the "rat" loose and pull the "cat" out of the bag. Mixed in with the Ross animal act was 25 points by Steve McGilton, 10 rebounds and a big bucket by Kevin Cook, along with nine rebounds, including two of the biggest, by Rob Bollenbacher, and a stingy defensive performance by Gregg Hedden.

"I think just about everyone we played contributed something positive in his own way," Paeth said as he savored a hamburger and the victory.

Paeth abandoned a 1-3-1 zone after the first period and went to a tight man-to-man in the final three periods.

"They were going to the offensive boards too well against the 'rat' (Paeth's word for a zone — a word and defense he hates to use)," he explained, "and when we went to the man, we were able to get position better for the rebounds."

That was an understatement. Ross's clawing, scratching defense ripped off 47 rebounds, 23 more than the Blue Streaks.

"That was it," Paeth said, "we outrebounded them and played three quarters of good man-to-man defense."

The Little Giants failed to wilt when the Blue
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Haley's Comet to visit Ross in historic repeat?

By **BOB MARKER**
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Seeing a Ross basketball team beat Elyria is like getting a glimpse of Haley's Comet — it just doesn't happen too often.

Jan. 2, 1970. That's a date that lives in Ross history and Elyria infamy. That was the day the Little Giants defeated Elyria 47-46 . . . it was the first victory for Coach Alex Clark.

That team had guys like John Lewis, one of Ross's all-time leading scorers, Dave Kridler, Denny Shearon, Russ Zimmerman, Tom Brough, Kerry Pitts, Denny O'Brien, and others.

That basic makeup is the only team that has beaten a Pioneer team in this decade. It was tantamount to finding hair on a frog on seeing black roots on Farrah Fawcett-Majors' head.

It just doesn't happen. At least not in the last 18 games, it hasn't.

To win that game, Ross had to survive a mid-court shot that swished the nets by an Elyria player to win it. The shot was ruled to have been taken after time ran out.

Times change. So do players and coaches.

Biz Paeth has the Little Giants reins this season and this year's Little Giants are a change from Paeth's first team last season and from the ones in the time span from Ross's "impossible win" to this one.

One change . . . Ross had five victories this season;

more than the previous two years combined. And in the first meeting of the Pioneers and the Little Giants this season, Ross came close to seeing Haley's Comet before losing 75-71.

The second time Elyria got hold of Ross in the 1969-70 season, the Pioneers mauled the Little Giants 61-39.

Paeth has a rather large sign in the Ross gym reminding his team of Elyria's domination of the Purple and White. The eyes of the Ross players cannot escape seeing the reminder.

It's a subtle reminder . . . Paeth is not haranguing his troops with the fact.

But he may have a problem come Friday when the Pioneers visit Ross. The flu and cold bug has been doing a little dribbling act through the Little Giants ranks and Ross can ill afford that fella.

"Bollenbacher (Rob) and Harms (Gary) both missed Tuesday's practice," the Ross coach said. He gave his team time off Monday after Friday's 56-51 win over Sandusky.

"Mac (Steve McGilton) and Ameling (Jerry) have colds and Cookie (Kevin Cook) just told me (Wednesday afternoon) that he did not feel too well," Paeth said. "And Randy Bury had a sore muscle in his hip."

Not all of those guys are starters for Paeth but the way the Little Giants' leader shuffles players in and out, there isn't a

benchwarmer on the Ross bench during a game.

"I believe we will be ready to play," Paeth continued, "although I don't know whether it will be 100 percent."

"We have been using several players the last few games, so I am not worried about stamina."

Elyria will have its problems. Leading scorer Dave Capers will not play — he has a broken ankle. Capers scored 16 points against Ross in the second period alone in the first meeting and wound up with 28 points for the game.

In Tuesday's win over Ashland, the Pioneers were without senior letterman Tony Frye and whether he will be in the lineup is a mystery to the Ross coach.

The Pioneers used a man-to-man defense against Ross in the first game but Paeth said that Elyria has used a straight "2-1-2" zone during the last two games.

Zone or whatever, Ross will be up against a defense that is psychological in the fact that the Pioneers have that 18-game winning streak against them.

The Pioneers, now 7-9 for the season, are ripe for the Little Giants, the only thing remaining is for the Little Giants to do is grab that bright spark in the sky in order to relive Jan. 2, 1970, a day in history and infamy.

Elyria at 19 and still counting Giants



IT WENT IN. Tom Woelagel of Ross gets set to let fly with a long jumper during the late stages of the fourth quarter. The shot by the junior guard went in to cut Elyria's lead to 61-59 with less than two minutes to play. (N-M photos by Scott Maynard.)



THE HEAD tells the story. Steve McGilton walks dejectedly off the floor after missing a free throw that would have tied the game and set up a possible winning shot. McGilton scored 17 points as a Ross comeback bid failed.

Pioneers survive frantic Ross charge

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

It probably wasn't the first time in high school basketball in which there seemed to be three teams on the floor but Ross Coach Biz Paeth knows where his team finished in the three-team race with Elyria, third. The Pioneers pulled out a 65-64 victory after squandering a 17-point lead.

The third team? The men in the stripes — officials Gordon Schutt of Fostoria and Chris Steiner of Toledo. That team finished first in reality but Elyria got the "place" that counted most in the Buckeye Conference clash.

Both Paeth and Elyria Coach Dick Roth agreed that the whistle tooter had lost control of the race. Roth thought his team was robbed of its offense in the second half.

The game boiled down to the last second and rested on the shoulders of ailing Ross senior Steve McGilton. The cold plagued McGilton was fouled by Elyria's Tony Frye after Frye's bucket had put the Pioneers ahead for the final time in the game with 10 ticks of the clock left.

After Elyria was granted a timeout, McGilton's free toss was short and the Pioneers had stretched their winning streak over Ross to 19 games dating back to Jan. 2, 1970.

"I don't care," Paeth said, "if I had to play this game over again, I would not have wanted any other player at the line."

Twenty-four seconds before his miss at the charity stripe, McGilton had riven the base line for a layup and Ross's third lead of the night 64-63. The Little Giants had led 2-0 seven seconds into the contest and 62-61 with 80 seconds left.

Roth was calmly boiling after the win. "The officials let the game get away," Roth said, "they overreacted to the technicals."

"We could not do anything in the second half and they (Ross) could do just about what they wanted. There was no way we could run our offense because we'd get called for a foul," the Elyria first year coach said.

The first half was a different story for the Pioneers. Canning 18 of 32 from the floor, Elyria threatened to put Ross down for the county with a 40-27 lead at the half.

"I was completely satisfied with our first half," Roth said. "They had to shoot from way out over our zone. I think Woelagel (Tom) hit four in the first half (actually three) but we will let him from that far out (25 feet)."

The second half was just as terrifying as the first half was satisfying for Roth. In fact, it was "technically" all wrong.

Four technical fouls were distributed evenly by Schutt and Steiner against the two teams. One of Ross's technicals was on Ross Athletic Director Dick Sherman.

The call on Sherman came midway through the third period when he went onto the court to aid Woelagel who had been knocked to the floor. Sherman waited until time was out before going onto the court but apparently berated the officials for not stopping play earlier to aid the fallen Ross player. He was slapped with a technical when one of the officials claimed Sherman brushed against him.

Ross fell behind 47-30 at that point and still trailed 57-42 at the quarter's end.

Ross began to move and the officials' whistles began to drive Roth up the wall. The Little Giants went on an

11-2 scoring rampage behind the shooting of Gregg Hedden, Gary Harms, and McGilton to cut Elyria's lead to 59-55 with 6:17 to play.

Steve Bush's first technical helped Ross to a five-point play to get the game that close. Hedden hit three straight free throws including the technical and Rob Bollenbacher canned a layup to bring Ross to within four.

Sophomore Tom Underman hit his 18th point for Elyria to put his team up 61-55 with 3:35 to play, but another foul and a technical on Bush gave Ross four more points and a 61-59 deficit with 2:37 to play. McGilton hit two free throws and Woelagel lobbed in a 25-footer on the four-point play.

Two Elyria turnovers and a Jerry Ameling free throw with 1:59 to play brought Ross to 61-60 and Harms' 18-footer from the left side gave Ross the lead.

An Elyria turnover gave Ross the ball but with Ross in a slow down, Roger Balser stole the ball from Hedden and laid it in for a 63-62 Pioneer lead with 35 seconds left. Ten seconds later McGilton gave Ross its final lead of the night, but it took Frye only 15 seconds to hit his team's winner.

After that, all Elyria had to do was sweat out McGilton's free throw.

"I tell you this was a crazy game," Paeth said while trying to collect his thoughts. "I really don't know what else to say."

That was enough. McGilton had 17 for Ross with Harms hitting his Ross high with 12. Hedden also finished with 12 and Ross held a 41-37 rebounding edge.

Elyria drilled in 29 of 53 shots and Ross, 24 of 53. Ross will host Whitmer Tuesday in its final home game of the season.



A quick walk

Brad Scully, representing the Shore Athletic Club, right, crosses the finish line to win the mile walk event of the Millrose Games at New York's Madison Square Garden Friday evening. Scully, a former pig farmer from Virginia, clipped more than three seconds off the world indoor record winning in 5 minutes 55.8 seconds. See page B-7 for more details. (AP Laserphoto)

Ross box scores

Varsity Game

SCORE BY QUARTERS		22	18	17	8-65
Elyria					
Ross		15	12	15	22-64

Scoring

ELYRIA: Balser 1-0-2, Warden 5-1-11, Appleby 1-2-4, Underman 9-0-18, Frye 2-0-4, Glover 5-1-11, Bush 6-3-18; totals 29-7-51.
ROSS: Eicher 1-0-2, McGilton 6-5-17, Bollenbacher 3-2-8, Held 0-2-2, Hedden 3-6-12, Woelagel 4-0-8, Ameling 1-1-3, Harms 6-0-12; totals 24-16-64.
Season records: Ross 5-10 (3-9), Elyria 8-9 (6-7).

JV Game

SCORE BY QUARTERS		10	19	10	12-51
Elyria					
Ross		11	14	16	6-47

Scoring

ELYRIA: Fitzpatrick 7-2-16, Galloway 2-2-6, Hales 4-8-16, Binkley 3-5-11, Frye 1-0-2; totals 17-17-51.
ROSS: E. Johnson 3-0-6, Nossaman 1-0-2, Meyer 5-0-10, Simms 5-5-15, Eicher 4-0-8, Widman 1-0-2, Michael 1-0-2, Paxton 1-0-2; totals 21-8-47.
Season records: Ross 4-11 (3-9), Elyria 6-10 (6-7).



UP AND IN. Ross's Steve McGilton flies through the air during fourth quarter action Friday night in a Buckeye Conference game at Ross High School. The Ross senior scored 17 points in the 65-64 loss.



I SEE HIM, TOO. Jerry Ameling (back) of Ross sneaks a peek at teammate Gregg Hedden (24) as the

ball sails away during second period action Tuesday night at Ross High School. (N-M photos by Dan Bomeli)

Last second shot nips Ross

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

It was a soap opera that Biz Paeth hated but he had to absorb the second chapter, bitter as it was, Tuesday night as his Little Giants basketball team lost to Whitmer on a last second shot 45-43.

Just last Friday, the Little Giants were felled by Elyria 65-64 on a bucket 10 seconds from the end of the contest. Ironically, Paeth and his assistant Steve Krynock felt that both winning shots came when Ross had the particular scoring play defended very well.

"I don't know what to tell them," the Ross coach said while gesturing to the stonily silent Ross locker room. "The poor kids . . . I don't know how they keep coming back, but they will again."

Mark Grimes' soft one-hander from eight-feet out on the right side of the key gently settled through the net as time ran out, handing Ross its 11th loss in 16 games. The Panthers moved one game above 500 at 9-8.

"I thought we played super defense the whole game," Paeth and Krynock said, "and we played that out-of-bounds play just like we wanted."

The Ross coaches were referring to Whitmer's inbounds play beginning with 10 seconds left in the game. The Panthers had chewed off 94 seconds after the first of two last minute timeouts to set up the play.

On the fateful inbounds play, the ball went to guard Gregg Barney of the Panthers. Barney got into trouble and still had the ball with four seconds to play. But from the top of the key, Barney snaked a pass through the middle to Grimes who turned and lofted in the game-winner.

"We probably played too good of defense on that play," Paeth tried to smile, "because we made them use up the full 10 seconds. That wasn't a set play that they ran."

Ross was playing without the services of its leading scorer, Steve McGilton, but Paeth refused to speculate on how the game would have gone had the cold-stricken senior been in the lineup.

"I think we really played very well without Mac," the Ross coach said.

Krynock interjected with, "The first three minutes of the game were

probably the best played basketball I have seen here in two years."

He may have been right.

Ross hit its first four shots from the field and led 10-2 near the five-minute mark of the period. A Whitmer shift to 1-3-1 and 2-3 zone defenses took the movement of the Little Giants offense away and the Panthers roared back to tie the game at 10.

The game was tied again at the half 22-22 and Whitmer's first lead (25-24) of the game came on a three-point play by Ken Millen 48 seconds into the second half. The biggest Panther lead of the game was five, 34-29 a minute into the final period.

The Little Giants ran off six unanswered points to grab the lead at 35-34. Rob Bollenbacher's layup off a feed from Tom Woleslagel after a Woleslagel steal and layup had trimmed the Panthers' lead to 34-33. Another Bollenbacher bucket off a perfect pass under the bucket from Mike Held gave Ross the lead with five minutes to play.

Ross went up by three twice — 39-36 and 41-38. The latter on Gary Harms' bucket with 2:13 to play.

The loss overshadowed a good night by Held who grabbed six rebounds and canned four of five shots for nine points. Woleslagel ended up with 14 points to lead the Little Giants while Grimes with 15 and Joe Larkin with 13 paced Whitmer.

Ross was outrebounded 36-31 with Bollenbacher's seven retrieves leading the Little Giants. Ross was 17 of 45 from the floor while Whitmer hit 21 of 54. Both teams were guilty of 20 turnovers.

Krynock summed up Ross's night of play succinctly.

"It was just like a job where you work but never get paid."

Only a soap opera could have had a sadder ending.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Whitmer 10 12 10 13-45

Ross 14 9 7 14-43

SCORING

WHITMER: Baker 2-4, Barney 1-4-2, Grimes 7-13, Larkin 6-13, Lynn 2-4-4, Millen 3-1-7; totals 21-3-45.

ROSS: Cook 1-2-4, Bollenbacher 4-9-8, Held 4-1-9, Hedden 3-6-6, Woleslagel 4-6-14, Harms 1-0-2; totals 17-9-41.

Season records: Whitmer 9-8, Ross 5-11; JV game: Whitmer 47-28.



GOING AROUND. Tom Woleslagel of Ross used his left hand to drive past Whitmer defender Jeff Springer. Woleslagel led the Little Giants in scoring with 14.

Streak matmen stop PC 36-24

PORT CLINTON — St. Joe started on a losing note and ended on a losing note but the Crimson Streaks wrestlers were too strong

action again until the sectional tournament at Northwood High School Feb. 23-24.

Illness, not AK Ross foe

Game No. 17 looms Friday for Fremont Ross's basketball team and illness, not Admiral King, may be the team's foremost opponent.

The Little Giants were without the services of the Buckeye Conference's leading scorer, Steve McGilton, Tuesday during a 45-43 last second loss to Toledo Whitmer and he may not be ready for the conference clash with the Admirals.

"He (McGilton) was not in school today (Wednesday)," Coach Biz Paeth said and then added, "Hedden (Gregg) was in school for two periods today and had to go home. He has the same thing (a bad cold and sore throat) that Mac has."

Should McGilton return to school, the possibility of him playing at 100 percent capacity is doubtful. With

Hedden, the Little Giants number two scorer, time will tell but it would be a double barreled disaster should both players not be in the lineup.

Admiral King is 9-4 in the conference and 11-5 overall. The BC mark is third best behind Lorain Senior, 10-3, and conference king Findlay, 11-1. Ross is 5-11 and 3-8 in the BC.

Tom Everson of the Admirals is the third leading scorer in the conference with a 13.5 average. McGilton owns the lead with an 18.6 average, more than a point ahead of Findlay's Dave Reiker (17.4).

In other individual stats, Hedden is 17th in scoring with an 11.1 ppg. McGilton is 17th in rebounding with a 6.1 average which is one-tenth of a point ahead of teammate Rob Bollenbacher.

Ross is blanked in the top 18 field goal shooters but owns the 15-17 spots in the free throw shooting accuracy department. Tom Woleslagel is 15th with 36 of 56 for 64.0 percent while Hedden is 16th with 62 percent and McGilton is 17th with 59 percent shooting.

Woleslagel is sixth in assists with 56 for a 3.7 per game click. Hedden is 14th with a 2.7 and McGilton is 16th with his 2.6 per game assist click.

In team stats, Ross is sixth in offense with a 60.2 average and eighth in defense, allowing 66.9 per game.

In other Ross sports this weekend, the Ross swimmers will be at Margaretta for the last dual meet of the season while the Ross girls head into Buckeye Conference tournament action.

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Admiral's spurt sends Ross reeling

LORAIN — Ross stuck close for awhile but in the end, Admiral King had it all in a 57-39 Buckeye Conference basketball win over the Little Giants.

"We had a stinker," Ross Coach Biz Paeth said in unpoetic fashion.

The "stinker" did not begin to take shape, however, until late in the second period. Ross's Gary Harms canned a bucket at the 7:13 mark of the second period to put Ross up 16-12 but 11 straight points by the Admirals put the Little Giants down 23-16.

A quick surge brought Ross to within three at 26-23 but a quicker surge put the skids under the Little Giants and fouled up the air at the same time.

"We had momentum," Paeth recalled, "but they got one on the inside and then stole the ball on the inbounds pass and scored again. In a matter of four seconds, they had a 30-23 lead."

Ross trailed 32-25 at the half but only because of 11 of 21 shooting in the first 16 minutes. That tailed off to a final 16 of 38.

The Little Giants were playing for the second consecutive game without leading conference scorer

Steve McGilton who did not make the trip due to illness. McGilton's absence, the Admirals' rebounding and the hot hand of John Rybarczyk helped bowl Ross over in the second half.

Rybarczyk canned four of four from the field and matched that figure at the charity stripe to finish with a dozen points in putting the Admirals in command.

Paul Vick grabbed 15 rebounds and the Admiral controlled the boards by a very wide 44-22 margin.

"What really killed us," Paeth agreed, was the rebounding . . . we had only four offensive rebounds. They just killed us."

In the third period, Ross's offense was non-existent. Admiral King had just enough offense to outscore the Little Giants 8-2 in the stanza.

Ross did not score until 50 seconds remained in the period on a Tom Woleslagel layup. That broke a seven minutes and 31 seconds scoring drought for the Little Giants.

Woleslagel ended up with 10 pins to lead the Little Giants. Rob Bollenbacher and Gregg Hedden added eight points apiece to the Ross attack.

In the junior varsity game, Eric Johnson scored 19 points, Rod Meyer 15 and Mike Eicher 14 as Ross rolled over the Admirals 64-51. That raised the Ross JV's record to 5-12. The Admirals finished the season at 6-12.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	14	11	2	10	39
Admiral King	12	20	8	17	57

SCORING

ROSS: Harms 1-0-2, Bollenbacher 3-2-8, Held 0-2-2, Hedden 3-2-8, Woleslagel 5-0-10, Cook 1-1-3, Bury 3-0-6; totals 16-7-39.
ADMIRAL KING: Everson 3-0-6, Vick 3-1-7, Morrison 3-1-7, Nieves 5-2-12, Wicks 2-5-9, Rybarczyk 4-4-12, Simmons 1-0-2, Reed 1-0-2; totals 22-13-57.

Season records: Admiral King 13-5 (10-4), Ross 5-12 (3-10);

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	17	16	12	19	64
Admiral King	16	19	9	7	51

SCORING

ROSS: Eicher 6-2-14, Nossaman 1-0-2, Meyer 3-9-15, E. Johnson 8-3-19, T. Johnson 1-2-4, Widman 1-0-2, Simms 2-4-8; totals 22-30-64.
ADMIRAL KING: Jackson 3-3-9, Wilson 0-1-1, Duffy 4-3-11, Suttler 5-0-10, Jacobs 0-2-2, Raney 2-1-5, Fekete 1-3-5, Long 1-0-2, Janevik 0-2-2, Socha 1-0-2, Culp 1-0-2; totals 18-15-51.

Ross cagers eye double trouble

By **BOB MARKER**
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Going up against a challenge can be one of the most enjoyable happenings in a lifetime, but two of them back-to-back?

"Our next two opponents are 31-4," Ross basketball Coach Biz Paeth hastened to point out as the hours ran out on the regular season.

Friday, Paeth's Little Giants will travel to Findlay to play the 16-1 and fifth-ranked team in the state, in the final Buckeye Conference and regular season game. Following that encounter, Ross will be traveling to Lexington High School to tackle Mansfield Madison, 15-3, in the Class AAA Sectional Basketball Tournament.

"I'll tell you," he began, "the kids think they can win them both.

"They are 31-4," he repeated, "and it's certainly a challenge."

First, it's Findlay, Madison will come second.

The Trojans, the BC champions, have used a revolving door offense during the past few weeks. Coach Roger Rentz has been using an average of 10 players per game. So successful has that formula been, Rentz has been able to allow leading scorer Dave Reiker off the scoring hook.

At one point this season, the 6-6 Findlay center led the conference in scoring with a 19-point average. That has fallen in recent weeks to 16.9, nearly two points behind Ross's Steve McGilton.

"Everybody is playing for them," Paeth confirmed. "They are winning so handily and Reiker has not been scoring that much.

"We scouted them against Marion," the Ross coach continued, "and Marion played about as good as they could, but Findlay beat them by 12 . . . they really are at the top of their game.

"They shoot well, play good defense, they just do everything well," Paeth praised Findlay.

A bright spark for Paeth and the Little Giants will be the return of McGilton after a two-game bout with the flu.

"He lost about 10 pounds," Paeth observed, "so he has kind of a streamlined look, but he's back."

And that is a relief for Paeth.

Monday, the Ross coach will take a look at Madison.

Sour fruit in Findlay for Little Giants

By BOB MARKER
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FINDLAY — Cherries were not Ross's favorite meal Friday night but the Findlay Trojans offered Ross just enough sour morsels to hand the Little Giants an 82-56 pie that settled the regular season for both high school basketball teams.

The easy win completed a unique double for the Trojans. The varsity finished 17-1 for the season and a 55-35 pasting of the Ross junior varsity gave the Trojan JVs a 17-1 record.

"It was a nice way to get ready for the tournaments," Findlay Coach Roger Renz summed up his feelings briefly after the Findlay waltz, "I got to play everyone quite a bit."

Renz tossed Ross a curve on a Little Giants' defensive play and the move let the Trojans rack up some "cherry-picking" buckets during the early part of the game. The cherries and a stone cold Ross shooting performance in the first half put the Little Giants on the short end of a 5-13 mark.

"We played poorly," is all Ross Coach Biz Paeth could say in the quiet Ross locker room. "But Findlay is really good and they made us play poorly."

Paeth continued but when he dealt out the fact that

the Little Giants hit only 20 percent from the field in the first 16 minutes, he could have stopped, but he continued.

"They beat us down the floor but we still had one way of beating the fast break and that was to make a few baskets ourselves."

No way the Little Giants could pull that off.

"A couple of times," Paeth talked about a defensive maneuver that backfired and helped the Trojans to the cherry-picking, "we gambled up front instead of playing it safe. We would come up too far and that was a big factor for us because they caught us by lobbing the pass over our heads."

Ross's cold shooting helped Findlay to a 41-19 lead at the half and the second half was mere formalities. The closest the Little Giants got in the second half was 71-54 with three and one-half minutes to play.

Dan Replogle led a trio of Findlay players reaching double figures. The 6-1 senior banged in 16 points, mostly in the first half. Rick Acord added 13 and 6-6 Dave Rieker matched that figure.

Steve McGilton, who wrapped up the Buckeye Conference scoring title, led Ross with 10 points.

Ross finished the game with 21 of 76 from the field

after warming up a bit in the final 16 minutes of play with 14 of 41 from the field.

Gary Harms and Randy Bury added eight points for the Little Giants.

The Little Giants may have helped themselves, even though the help would have to be on the dubious side.

"It would have to have been hard for Madison (Mansfield) to scout us," Paeth said about Tuesday's foe in the first round of the Class AAA Sectional Basketball Tournament at Lexington High School.

"They (Madison) do like to run," Paeth continued, "Just like Findlay and they probably think they can do that to us."

Maybe, just maybe, Ross did come out on a positive note Friday . . . even if it wasn't too sweet of a note on the hardwood.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	8	11	19	18—56
Findlay	18	23	22	19—82

SCORING

ROSS: Cook 1-0-2, McGilton 3-4-10, Bollenbacher 3-1-7, Bury 1-6-8, Held 3-0-6, Caskey 1-0-2, Hedden 2-0-4, Woleslagel 2-0-4, Ameling 2-1-5, Harms 3-2-8; totals 21-14-56;

FINDLAY: Acord 6-2-14, Federici 0-2-2, Geyer 1-1-3, Kidd 2-1-5, Longberry 3-1-7, Replogle 8-0-16, Rieker 5-3-13, Smith 0-2-2, Wiseman 3-3-9; totals 32-18-82;

Season records: Ross 5-13, Findlay 17-1;
JV game: Findlay 58-35.

District Six picks

Scott Jones of Mansfield Madison, Tim Frost of Wynford, and Leo Brown of Mansfield St. Peter's were named as the District Six Basketball Coaches' Association players of the year during a meeting Monday night.

Jones and Frost were tabbed as the area's representatives in the North-South All-Star basketball game.

Steve McGilton of Fremont Ross was named to the Class AAA first team by the coaches. He was joined on that squad by Port Clinton's Tracy Colston.

John Green of Bellevue is on the first team Class AA team along with Don Saalman of Lakota. Steve Skinner of Oak Harbor and Bill Kuhlman of Woodmore were second team picks by the coaches.

In Class A, Joe Warnement of Calvert, Ken Hill of Hopewell-Loudon, and Mike Watkins of Old Fort were named to the second team.

Ron Barto of Madison, Bob Haas of Willard, and Pat Maurer of St. Peter's were named as the district's coaches of the year.

Following are the all-star teams:

CLASS AAA

First team

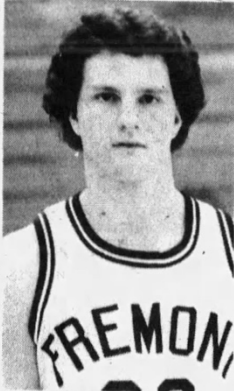
Scott Jones, Madison, 6-2, 12, 18.5; Tracy Colston, Port Clinton, 6-6, 12, 27.5; Joe Jakubich, Madison, 6-4, 11, 18.5; Steve McGilton, Ross, 6-1, 17.8; Rick Robbins, Columbian, 6-3, 12, 17.0; Brent Yates, Lexington, 6-1, 12, 14.2.

Second team

Jake Purtell, Ashland, 6-1, 12, 14.0; Wes Lamnon, Lexington, 6-3, 12, 13.8; Henry Starks, Marion Harding, 6-2, 12, 13.0; Eric Gosche, Columbian, 6-2, 12, 10.3; John McElligott, Galion, 6-2, 11, 11.2.

Player of the year: Jones, Madison.

Coach of the year: Ron Barto, Madison.



McGilton on BC team

Findlay Coach Roger Renz and player Dave Reiker reaped the top honors in voting for the All-Buckeye Conference basketball teams.

Renz was named the eighth-team loop's coach of the year while thr 6-7 Reiker, who led the Trojans to a 17-1 regular season record, was tabbed as player of the year.

Steve McGilton of Ross, the leading scorer for the conference was named to the first team. A 6-1 senior, McGilton canned 18.1 points per game in winning the scoring

title. He had 289 points in 16 games.

Reiker was second in scoring with a 16.7 average but led the BC in rebounding with 10.7 grabs per game. He was a 55 percent field goal shooter.

Other players on the first team include Henry Starks of Marion Harding, Ray Ewers of Lorain Senior and Tom Everson of Admiral King.

On the second team, Leroy Sizemore of Sandusky, Rick Acord of Findlay, Paul Vick of Admiral King, Steve Bush of Elyria and

Carl Hartman of Lorain Senior made up the team.

Chuck Mastin of Lorain Senior, Mike Wicks of Admiral King, Todd Longberry of Findlay, Quinn Walton of Mansfield and Ed Robinson of Marion Harding were third team selections.

Renz, a graduate of Bowling Green State University, has completed his first year at Findlay. He moved to the BC school after a highly successful stint at Defiance. His 12-year coaching record is now 188-60 after guiding the Trojans to an 18-2 overall mark this season.



GIRLS BASKETBALL award winners for Ross High School are seated. Left to right are Judy Shetzer, Paula Zimmerman, Margaret Van Gilder, Lori Lawrence, Rhea Paulson and Laurie Smith.

Standing are award winners in wrestling. Left to right are Andre Parks, Doug Smith, Tim Donnersbach and Paul Adams.

Ross winter athletes honored

Five Ross High School winter sports athletes reaped the top awards during the Winter Sports Awards Night Tuesday.

Steve McGilton and Lori Lawrence were named the most valuable players for the boys and girls basketball teams while Tim Donnersbach and Andre Parks shared the most valuable award on the wrestling team. Sophomore Dave Sanna won the most valuable trophy for the swimmers.

There was a total of 56 letters awarded during the program.

McGilton for basketball and Jon Gotttron of the swim team were the only three-year lettermen honored.

In boys basketball, McGilton and Kevin Cook were presented with captain's trophies. Tom Woleslagel won a pair of honors — best free throw shooter and "Mr. Defense." Rob Bollenbacher won the top rebounder's trophy.

Eric Johnson was named the team's outstanding sophomore player.

Lawrence received a captain's trophy to go with her MVP award. Paula Zimmerman was presented with a captain's trophy. Judy Shetzer won the free throw

shooting trophy while Margaret Van Gilder won the team's top rebounder award. The most improved was Laurie Smith.

Rhea Paulson was named the team's top sophomore.

Dave Stover won the White Scholarship Award for the swimmers. The award, given in memory of Tom White, goes to the top senior swimmer planning to attend college.

Other swim team awards went to Stover, captain's trophy, Galen Rhoades for being the most improved swimmer over the season and John Isaac, a sophomore, won the Coaches' Award.

In addition to winning the Mal Mackey Award (most valuable), Donnersbach was presented with a captain's trophy along with Mike Pena and Troy Amor by the wrestling team.

The most pins trophy went to heavyweight Troy Amor while the most takedowns honor went to Parks, a junior. Sophomore Doug Smith was named the team's most improved. The Coaches' Award went to Paul Adams.

Boys basketball Coach Biz Paeth, girls court leader Sue Wolf, swim Coach Art Buccell, and

wrestling Coach Al Voggenthaler and the assistant coaches presented the awards.

Ross athletic Trainer Glen Foster recognized student managers Dana Szymanowski, Shirley Long and Paul Schmidt for their service to the athletic teams.

Schmidt, a senior, was accepted by The Ohio State University as a student trainer. He is one of five out of 350 applicants accepted for the OSU program.

Following are the letter winners:

BOYS BASKETBALL: Steve McGilton, Kevin Cook, Tom Woleslagel, Jeff Eicher, Brian Szakovits, Gregg Hedden, Rob Bollenbacher, Jerry Ameing, Mike Held and Randy Bury. Managers Ted Orndorff and Mike Mathews and trainer Dana Szymanowski.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Judy Shetzer, Rhea Paulson, Lisa Swedersky, Kaye Stout, Kim Kelly, Debbie Clark, Laurie Smith, Paula Zimmerman, Lori Lawrence, Debbie Link and Margaret Van Gilder. Trainer Shirley Long.

SWIMMING: Dave Stover, Galen Rhoades, Jon Gotttron, Joe Leite, Tim Heslet, Mark Schuster, Jim Avalos, Brian Beck, Dennis Eickert, John Isaac, Ty Mitchell, Mike Mowry, Dave Sanna and Ed Weller. Managers Dale Jennings and Lori Mitchell.

WRESTLING: Wayne Orndorff, Ed Salcedo, Rod Perkins, Craig Hilty, Mark Walther, Tim Walther, Jim Lipstraw, Doug Smith, Tom Smith, Greg Brown, Paul Adams, Gilbert Palacios, Mike Pena, Andre Parks, Tim Donnersbach and Troy Amor.



ROSS SWIMMERS honored included (seated left to right) Dave Sanna, John Isaac, Galen Rhoades, Jon Gotttron and Dave Stover. Standing, left to right,

are the special award winners for the boys basketball team: Steve McGilton, Tom Woleslagel, Kevin Cook and Rob Bollenbacher.