

BEST OF MORE THAN 30,000 OHIO SCHOOLBOY PLAYERS

George Branco On First Team All-Ohio Defense

OPEN BUCKEYE PLAY FRIDAY:

Ross To Face Mansfield, Fostoria Over Weekend

Coach Richard Norman's Ross cagers face a weekend of firsts starting Friday. It will be the first road game of the season, the start of the Buckeye Conference race and the first doubleheader weekend of the season.

Ross will be at Mansfield Friday night in the Buckeye lifeline. They then will be at home Saturday to battle Fostoria. After a single game the Little Giants remain somewhat of a question mark. The caliber of opposition put forth by Port Clinton in the 72-78 opening win did not go far in indicating Ross' strengths or weaknesses. Norman knows his team will meet stiffer opposition in both encounters this weekend.

Mansfield is a completely unknown quantity since the Friday battle will be its season opener. Coach Jim Burkett has six returning lettermen from the team which posted a mark of 16 wins, five losses last season. The lettermen numbers appear impressive, but Burkett is quick to point out he lost seven of his first eight players from last year.

Last season the Little Giants opened the Buckeye season at home by losing a slow, deliberate battle, 35-36, to Mansfield. Later in the season the Norman men lost a triple overtime battle to this same Mansfield, 59-56, on the winner's court. Tallest on the Tyler roster is 6-3 junior center Dan Arnett. Only two other team members top the 6-0 mark — Scott Adams, 6-2 senior center, and

Harry Waldman, 6-1 senior forward. Waldman, Adams and Arnett are all lettermen. Other returning lettermen are Rick Mehl, 6-0, forward, senior; Tom Oegar, 5-9, senior, guard, and Tom Dinger, 5-10, junior, guard.

Gone from last year's team are Terry Swann, 6-3, the team's leading rebounder and all-district selection, and Ron Hetter, 5-11, All-Buckeye Conference choice and the team's leading scorer with an 18.2 average.

Fostoria presents a taller opponent Saturday night. They have six men on the first team who top the six-foot mark and a seventh one who is an even six feet. Tallest is sophomore Dean Peeler, 6-3. Four lettermen, three of whom are over six feet tall, return for Fostoria.

These are Brad Dunn, 6-1; Gary Edison, 5-8; Art Burton, 6-1, and Roger Reffner, 6-1. All the lettermen are seniors and all are listed as starters by Coach Fred Wilch. The fifth starter is likely to be Walter Kramer, 6-2 senior.

Fostoria opened the season by dropping Bedford, 50-42, in a Great Lakes Conference game. Coach Wilch is hoping to rebound from the worst record he has had since coming to Fostoria in 1957. The 1964-65 edition of the Fostoria team won seven, lost 13. His tactics in gaining a winning season may change, but in the first game Fostoria pressed most of the game.

Coach Norman in the opener used all nine of his seniors extensively. He opened the game with the quintet of Tim Thomas, 5-9; Ted Wolfe, 6-0; Bill Aulter, 5-10; Fred Tolhurst, 6-5, and Terry Bork, 6-1½.

At points later in the game he put on the floor the king-sized version of the Little Giants which included Tolhurst, Fred Swaisgood, 6-3; Wally Pankrat, 6-4; Ben Chambers, 6-2, and Gary Boos, 6-2.



ROSS ALL-OHIO GRIDDER GEORGE BRANCO, CENTER In Rural Vicky Home With Parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Branco

"DIDN'T THINK I HAD A CHANCE"

State Honor Catches Branco By Surprise

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"I just can't believe it. I didn't think I had a chance." This was the shocked reaction Wednesday night when George Branco, Ross defensive back, was notified he had been selected to the All-Ohio first team.

The 5-10, 180-pound senior was quick to credit his coaches, parents and team mates for their contribution to this honor. Branco was caught completely by surprise as he had ruled out even All-Station mention when he was ignored by the selection board for the All-Northwestern District team.

Earlier he was named as a defensive back on the All-Buckeye Conference team. The "Monster" in the Ross defensive set up was a co-captain of this year's Little Giants who won

six, lost three and tied one. Coach Mal Mackey, earlier in the evening, had been as high on the boy's potential as Branco was on the coaches when notified of the honor. Coach Mal Mackey readily stated, "I think he is a fine defensive back with good speed and good size. In addition, he is a heck of a fine kid, very coachable."

Mackey noted that Branco was the leading Ross defensive player and had received a trophy to denote this at the recent Ross fall sports banquet. He emphasized that Branco was the key to the defensive club, Mackey concluded. "He is a fine leader, the kids all respect him. George is a good student — B average — and steady, awful steady."

The player himself praised his coaches "because I know

they made it possible." He continued, "I have to thank my parents for putting up with how grouchy I was and encouraging me."

Special plaudits were reserved by the Ross All-Ohio choice for his team mates. "The rest of the team was the biggest part. If it wouldn't have been for them, I wouldn't have made it."

Branco admitted having feelers from several colleges but indicated he was holding back for some sort of scholarship. He stated he definitely will attend college. The only questionmark at the moment is which college.

"Can you make it in college football," the youth was asked, trying to put him on the spot? "I'm going to give it a good try."

His dad, George Branco Sr., concluded with the observation to his boy, "You see what good, hard work does."

Today's NBA
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wednesday's Results
Baltimore 138, New York 125
St. Louis 110, Detroit 101
Los Angeles 121, Cincinnati 105

Today's Game
Cincinnati vs. San Francisco at Oakland

Ross Teammate Fred Tolhurst On Third Unit Of Honor Selection

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—The state's top scholastic football stars won new honors today landing berths on The Associated Press Class AA All-Ohio team.

The 66 gridlers who make up the first three squads on offense and defense were gleaned from the more than 30,000 players on the Buckeye high school front.

Sensational halfback Tom Chlebeck of Louisville, one of the brightest stars to ever come out of the Stark County area, heads up a flashy backfield that would make talent-seeking college coaches drool.

Among the awesome four-some are quarterback Jim Ousley, Middletown, halfback Mike Palmer, Steubenville and fullback Dave Brungard, Youngstown, Chazy.

Palmer, the only junior in the veteran combo, rushed for 382 yards in nine games, caught 17 passes for 292 more and scored 14 touchdowns.

Brungard piled up 2,940 yards in three years and tallied 31 touchdowns, 15 this season. Ousley, who guided Middle-

town to a strong 8-1 showing, fired 15 touchdown strikes in eight games on connected 58 times in 120 tries for 1,106 yards. The Middle's lone setback came while Ousley was sidelined with an injury.

But it was Chlebeck who really amassed the statistical credentials. The Stark County Back of the Year scored a whopping 31 touchdowns, galloping 1,377 yards in 152 carries for a nine-yard-a-crack average.

Massillon's state champions landed two players on the defensive unit—end Dave Whitfield, also a top-flight guard on offense, and linebacker Paul Marks.

Sandusky's brilliant tackle Dave Schweinfurth won accolades by the northwest district board of sports writers and sportscasters as an outstanding two-way performer, possibly the best lineman in the state.

Another top selection was end Ron Miller of Akron Kenmore who latched onto 33 passes, 13 for TD's, and punted for an average of 45 yards a boot.

Class AA All-Ohio Team

First Team Offense

Ends—Bud Beaber, Dover; Ron Miller, Akron Kenmore. Tackles—Randy Harkins, Athens; Dave Schweinfurth, Sandusky. Guards — Clarence Crabie, East Liverpool; Carl Linke, Columbus DeSales. Center—Mickey Adair, Findlay. Quarterback — Jim Ousley, Middletown. Halfbacks — Mike Palmer, Steubenville; Tom Chlebeck, Louisville. Fullback — Dave Brungard, Youngstown Chazy.

First Team Defense

Ends—Bob Yunker, Holland Springfield Local; Dave Whitfield, Massillon. Tackles—Jim Reynolds, Jackson; Tom Scott, Canton McKinley. Middle Guard — Kim Miehalak, Akron Hoban. Linebackers— Veno Paraskevas, Cleveland Heights; Paul Marks, Massillon; Marty New, Hamilton Taft. Backs—Kevin Ryan, Columbus Watterson; Dave Levriere, Sandusky; George Branco, Fremont Ross.

Second Team Offense

Ends — John Mail, Middletown; Archie Haer, Jackson (Stark). Tackles — Larry Vulliamin, Akron St. Vincent; Bob Geers, Cincinnati Elder. Guards—Bill Fisher, Ironton; Dan Fortman, Ottawa Glandorf. Center — Tim Halter, New Philadelphia. Quarterback — Steve Trustdorf, Dover. Halfbacks— Roosevelt Robin-

son; Ashland; Larry Zelina, Cleveland Bendictine. Fullback—Joe Hudson, Hamilton Garfield.

Second Team Defense

Ends—Dwight Sims, Steubenville; Bill Pollitt, Dayton Belmont. Tackles—Paul Schmidlen, Toledo Rogers; Tim Admonius, Alliance. Middle Guard—K. C. Mead, Marietta. Linebackers — Ted Evans, Waverly; Karl Pankrat, Toledo St. Francis; Gary Grubbs, Coshocton. Backs—John Gasser, Logan; Fred Mathews, Canton McKinley; Steve Kesterson, Columbus Brookhaven.

Third Team Offense

Ends—Mike Polaski, Columbus Brookhaven; Jim Villhauer, Oregon Clay. Tackles—Jim Heaton, Whitehall; Byarie Jones, Steubenville. Guards—Bob Ritley, Garfield Heights; Ike Fox, Wellston. Center—Tom Backus, Cincinnati Moeller. Quarterback— Brian Healy, Sandusky. Halfbacks—Tony Lewis, Dayton Wilbur Wright; Paul Huff, Dover. Fullback — Jim Otis, Celina.

Third Team Defense

Ends—Harvey Richards, Akron East; Fred Tolhurst, Fremont Ross. Tackles — Denny Thompson, Liverpool. Middle Guard—Ed Salsbury, Portsmouth West. Linebackers — Joe Lukes, Niles; Don Waggoner, Lima Central Catholic; Ernie Smallis, Martins Ferry. Backs— Gus Crim, Upper Arlington; Vern Wireman, Warren; Todd Snyder, Athens.

Findlay Back Smith Wins Rushing Crown

NEW YORK (AP) — Findlay (Ohio) College halfback Allen Smith won the small college football rushing championship for 1965. Smith ran for 1240 yards, statistics released today by the NCAA Service Bureau show.



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1965

George Branco First Team

Fred Tolhurst Third Team

1967

Jon Zink Honorable Mention