

1953 Class A Sectional Tournament



Larry Miller
Sophomore
6-3, Forward



Henry Tiller
Sophomore
5-11, Forward



Dean Doren
Junior
6-4, Center



Jack Baron
Junior
5-9, Guard



Dick Garcia
Senior
6-0, Guard



Charles Black
Junior
5-11, Forward



Ted Houghtaling
Junior
5-10, Guard



Dick Harter
Junior
6-3, Guard

THE EIGHT BOYS pictured above will carry the hopes of Ross high school in the Sectional Class A basketball tournament at Sandusky this week. The Giants play Port Clinton Wednesday at 7 p. m. If they win that one, they return on Thursday at 8:45 to meet the winner of the game between Willard and Tiffin Columbian. Of the players shown here, only one, Capt. Dick Garcia, is a senior. Five are juniors and two are sophomores, giving Ross a nucleus of four regulars for next season. Garcia, Baron and Doren were regulars last season.

Giants Play Port Clinton; Tiffin Columbian Defeats Norwalk, 63-56

It's win or the season's over for the Ross high cagers when they meet Port Clinton Wednesday at 7 o'clock in the Class A Sectional basketball tournament at Sandusky.

The Giants should have no trouble with the Redskins, but they will run into difficulty

in the second round, especially if Tiffin Columbian survives Willard.

Columbian, loser of several close games this year, had two much ruggedness in the rebounding department for the Trunkers, slight favorites, 63-56. Norwalk defeated Ross in the season's opener, 63-34.

Tiffin, one of the three teams to defeat Sandusky this year, grabbed the lead in the first quarter and still led at the half, 27-24. Columbian grabbed most of the rebounds and stopped Norwalk from getting close-range baskets.

Molineaux Scores 18

Dick Molineaux set the scoring pace with 18 points. Hard-working Tom Company added 16. Dale Olcott made 18 for Norwalk.

Tiffin and Willard play Wednesday at 8:45, following the game between Ross and Port Clinton. The two survivors meet in the semi-finals on Thursday at 8:45.

Al Ziemge reported today that all of his cagers are in good health. He sent them through a scrimmage session yesterday, and will hold a warm-up drill today.

Larry Miller, Henry Tiller, Dean Doren, Dick Garcia and Jack Baron will comprise the Ross starting lineup.

CLASS A

TEAMS	Points	Won	Lost
Dayton Stivers (11)	236	16	1
Middletown (2)	201	16	2
Massillon (2½)	181½	16	2
Cambridge (3)	173	20	0
East Liverpool (5)	152	18	2
Alliance (2½)	117½	15	2
Portsmouth (0)	95	13	5
Cin. Roger Bacon (4)	90	17	3
Hamilton (0)	75	14	5
Tecumseh (1)	57	19	1

Tiffin (63)	Norwalk (56)
Company 7 2 16	Olcott 5 8 18
Reinbolt 1 1 3	Ebert 6 3 15
Molineaux 8 2 18	Sharrick 2 1 5
Moore 4 1 9	Battles 3 2 8
Ehrenfrd 1 3 5	Zuperich 1 1 3
Groman 1 2 4	Rogers 1 5 7
Cook 2 0 4	
Totals 24 15 63	Totals 18 26 56
Score by quarters:	
Tiffin 14 27 40 63	
Norwalk 10 24 36 56	
Officials: Gus Skibbie and Jack Kinney.	

Several Top Teams Lose First Round

By FRITZ HOWELL

COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—The opening night toll was terrific in Ohio's sectional high school basketball tournaments.

There was only spasmodic action on the scattered front Monday night, but three of the highly rated Class A quintets were among the casualties.

Batted out of the running were Cincinnati Roger Bacon, eighth in the weekly Associated Press poll, 14th place Bellaire, and Niles, tied for the 16th spot. And all were beaten by teams which failed to get a mention in the week's voting by 35 sports editors.

Roger Bacon was a 57-52 victim of Cincinnati Walnut Hills, its fourth loss in 21 start; Bellaire dropped its third in 21 games to Martins Ferry, 72-56; and Niles' 17-3 record was wrecked by Lisbon, 51-42. Niles had won its last 10.

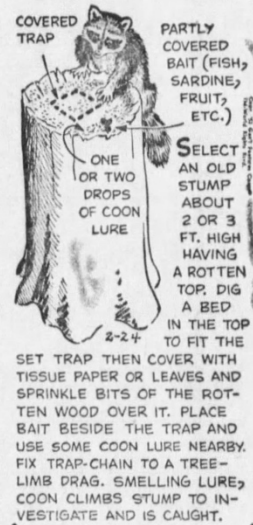
Dayton Stivers, rated No. 1 in the state Class A poll, carries its 16-1 record into action tonight against Lebanon at Dayton. Middletown's defending champions, rated second with 16-2 open Wednesday night against Oakwood, also in the Dayton sectional.

Thus the No. 1 and No. 2 teams are in the same qualifier — and only one, and perhaps neither, can survive and get into the Cincinnati regional.

Hamilton's former state champs,

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rated ninth despite five setbacks in 19 games, rolled over Cincinnati Hughes 89-71 Monday night in the Big Blue's first tourney test at Cincinnati.

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Game Looms As Tossup; Giants Trim Pt. Clinton

Games Tonight

Sandusky vs Sandusky St. Mary's, 7:00
Ross vs Tiffin Columbian, 8:45

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SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross and Tiffin Columbian advanced to the semi-finals of the Sandusky Class A Sectional basketball tournament last night by scoring easy victories to set the stage for what looks like an interesting session tonight.

In the opener, Sandusky high and Sandusky St. Mary's will clash for the first time in history. Ross and Tiffin meet in the nightcap at 8:45.

Sandusky is the top seeded team in the tournament, but the underdog Panthers, upset winners over Bellevue, are in the mood to do it again. Fremont Ross is the tourney's second-seeded team, but many observers think the revived Tiffin Columbian team will go to the finals on its rebounding strength. Ross barely edged Tiffin in a season game two weeks ago, 67-66, at Fremont.

Ross walloped Port Clinton, 83-53, and Tiffin ousted Willard, 78-62, in semi-final games last night. Ross' points mark an all-time school record of 81, which was set earlier this season at Bellevue.

The Giants led 33-21 at the half, but poured it on in the second half, collecting 50 points in the third and fourth quarters. Dick Garcia, who played little in the first two periods after getting three quick personal fouls, topped the scoring with 18 points. Dean Doren made 15 and Larry Miller and Henry Tiller tallied 14 each. Bill Jacobs was Port Clinton's top point-getter with 15.

Coach Al Ziemke of Ross expressed displeasure with his team's rebounding. Tiller was the leader for the Giants in that department.

Earl Asperger made his first goal of the season to account for the new scoring record. He made a short shot with just a few seconds to play.

ROSS (83)					G	F	P	T
L. Miller, f	.....	5	4-4	5	14			
Tiller, f	.....	5	4-8	2	14			
Doren, c	.....	5	5-8	3	15			
Baron, g	.....	4	1-1	1	9			
Garcia, g	.....	6	6-7	4	18			
Black, f	.....	1	2-7	3	4			
Harter, c	.....	0	1-2	1	1			
Hull, f	.....	1	0-0	1	2			
Asperger, g	.....	1	0-0	1	2			
Houghtaling, g	..	1	2-2	2	4			
Totals	.....	29	25-39	23	83			

PT. CLINTON (53)					G	F	P	T
Wood, f	.....	9	0-0	4	0			
Woodman, f	.....	5	1-3	4	11			
Carter, c	.....	1	2-2	5	4			
Behrman, g	.....	1	3-4	3	5			
Jacobs, g	.....	3	9-14	2	15			
Ball, f	.....	1	1-1	3	3			
Petersen, g	.....	0	2-3	0	2			
McAtee, g	.....	4	2-4	4	10			
Peltier, f	.....	1	1-1	1	3			
Totals	.....	16	21-32	26	53			

Score by quarters:

Ross 21 33 56 83

Pt. Clinton 14 21 32 53

Officials: Ralph Radabaugh and Frank Toth (Toledo).

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Giants Stage Futile Rally In Last 90 Seconds; Streaks Romp, 88-62

By AL COXON

News-Messenger Sports Editor

SANDUSKY—Tiffin Columbian brought the Ross high basketball season to an abrupt end last night and at the same time advanced to the finals of the Class A Sectional basketball tournament in the junior high gym.

The Blue and Gold won a hectic 77-73 decision over the Giants, who came from behind to tie the score in the last 45 seconds, then took the lead briefly only to go down to defeat in a heart-stopping finish.

Tiffin will meet Sandusky in the finals Saturday at 8 p. m., and the way the Blue Streaks ran over Sandusky St. Mary's in last night's opener, the championship game will be a dull one. The Streaks looked unbeatable in the second half as they rolled to an 88-62 decision. St. Mary's made it close for a half, in fact led most of the first period, but Sandusky had too much depth and physical strength as it took the first meeting in history between the neighbor schools. A capacity crowd of 2,900 was on hand.

Fremont led after three minutes in its game with Tiffin, 4-3, but they never had the feeling again until the last minute. Columbian dominated the game until the last couple of minutes. With 90 seconds to play, the score was 70-64 in favor of Tiffin. Henry Tiller sank two foul shots, then Dick Baron dribbled in for a layup with one minute to play and Tiffin led by only 70-68. At the 45-second mark, Baron was fouled underneath the basket and he made two shots for a tie score. With 35 seconds to play, Dean Doren sank one of two free throws and Ross led, 71-70.

Cook, Reinbolt Score

But the Fremont defense, pressing all over the court, left two men unguarded and one of them, sub Bob Cook, made a jumping shot from in front for a 72-71 lead. Dick Garcia, who helped spearhead the Ross rally, and Warren Reinbolt became involved in a double foul, and both connected on their single shot and Tiffin still led, 73-72, with just 25 seconds to play. Tiffin refused to freeze the ball after gaining possession, missing a shot, and in

a melee, Tiller was fouled. He made one to tie the score. Reinbolt, working loose for an easy shot, put Tiffin ahead with 12 seconds to play and Cook added a two-pointer just before the final buzzer.

It was Columbian's third victory in four days in the tournament, one more than it was able to win in its regular season. Ross defeated Columbian twice during the campaign, the first time 60-45 and the second time 67-66.

25 For Garcia

Garcia's long shots almost pulled the game out of the fire in the last period. He made five goals and a free throw to boost his total for the night to 25. The scrappy Tiffinites were paced by Ron Company with 21. Bill Croman, a cool sophomore, southpawed 11 points in crucial moments.

The Giants were dealt a damaging blow early in the third period when Larry Miller fouled out. He was Fremont's most effective board man up to that point. Tiffin led by five to nine points most of the second half until the last 90 seconds.

St. Mary's gave the throng its money's worth for a half. The geared-up Panthers played brilliantly, outmaneuvering Sandusky to take a 17-11 lead with two minutes to play in the first period. The Blue Streaks missed many easy shots, but once they got the situation under control there was no doubt as to the eventual outcome.

Chuck Lococo, Spider Miller and Craig Smith helped St. Mary's to the flying start, but it was skip Routh, Chuck Acierto and Jude Theibert who were in command at the finish. Sandusky used a terrific fast break to run the score to 88 points. The Panthers couldn't cope with the

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