

1993 Division I Sectional Tournament

Ross, St. Joe win sectionals

Giants use OT to top Mansfield

By BOB MARKER
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WILLARD — Sue Wolf was in an unfamiliar spot.

There she was, perched on a shaky stepladder cutting down a basketball net at Willard High School early Saturday evening. A smile encased her face as she saw away at the net with the slightly rusty scissors.

Wolf looked none the worse for wear despite having to work extra time as her Fremont Ross High School girls defeated Mansfield 65-57 in overtime in the Division I girls sectional championship game.

"This is the first sectional championship we have won," Wolf smiled amid well-wishers that flooded the floor around the basket. "We've won sectional games, but never a championship."

Ross outscored Mansfield 12-4 in the overtime, sending the game into the extra session tied 53-53 on Tami Reinbolt's layup off an inbounds play with 22 seconds remaining in regulation.

In the overtime, it was all Ross. Cortney Cominsky took a pass from Dawn Zerman for a layup 20 seconds into the overtime and pumped in a shot from the top of the circle after a Tyger turnover for a 57-53 lead at the 2:10 mark. Chandee White of Mansfield and Reinbolt traded baskets before a pair of free throws by Jena Prats cut the Ross lead to 59-57 with 1:14 left.

It was no contest from that point, Ross scored the final six on Zerman's drive off a turnover and four free throws, two each by Zerman and Cominsky.

Cominsky finished with 24 points points and Zerman 16, the freshman's season high. Reinbolt came off the bench for 11 and Kasey Mangette was 4 of 4 for eight Ross points. White had 22, Requette Lindsay 14 and Rachel Holloway 14 for Mansfield, 7-15.

Ross struggled early.

"We were scared," Wolf said. "Then at halftime, Cortney Cominsky said, 'We are not ready to end this season.' She got the message across to the kids."

Wolf credited part of her team's early problems — 13 first-half turnovers — with the quickness of the Tygers.

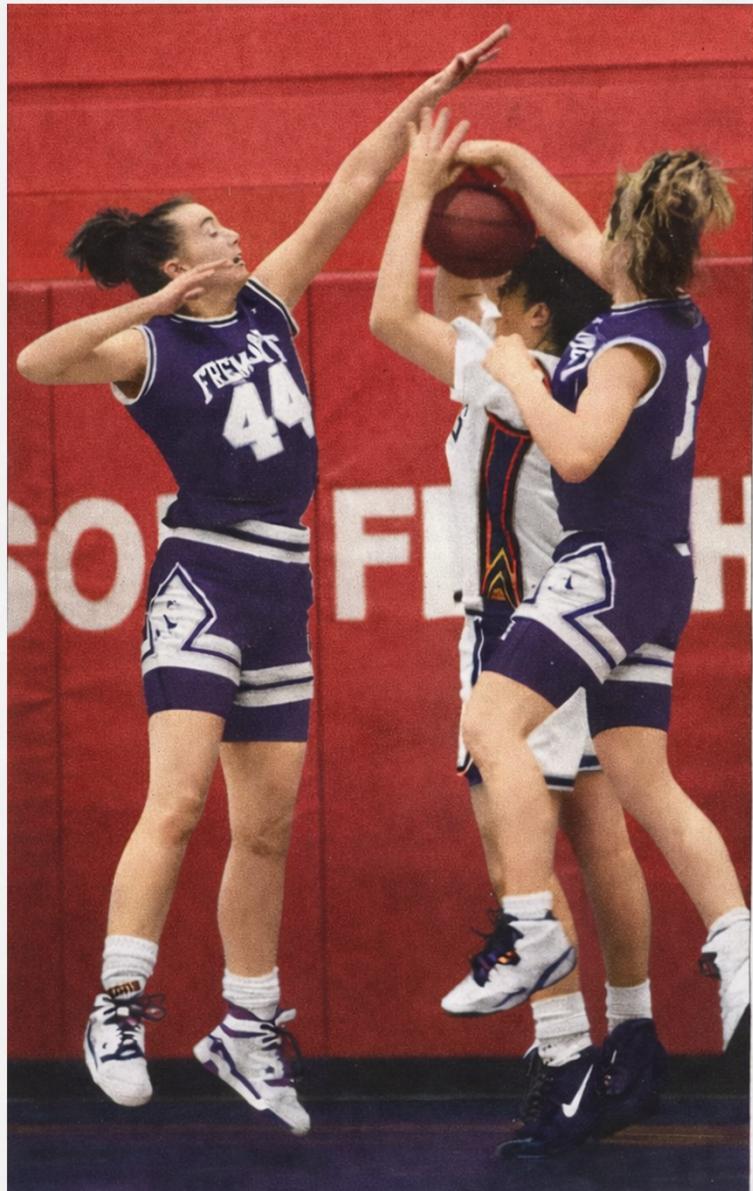
"They are hustlers," she said. "I don't know how their record's so bad. I really don't."

Ross survived its first-half turnover problems with 13 of 21 shooting.

Ross forged ahead 46-43 after three quarters but committed six turnovers in the final quarter, forcing them to rely on Reinbolt's layup to get the game into overtime.

"In the overtime, we went back to a triangle and two (defenses)," Wolf said, "and told the kids to just take the ball to them."

The Little Giants did and Wolf earned her perch at the top of the ladder.



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KASEY MANGETTE (44) and Natalie Robbins, right, of Fremont Ross block the shot of Rachel Holloway of Mansfield during first half action Saturday at Willard High School.

The Little Giants defeated the Tygers 65-57 in overtime to advance to this week's district tournament.

Findlay waiting in Division I district

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross will face a old nemesis in the Division I girls district basketball tournament semifinals.

Findlay will take on the Little Giants for the third time this season at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, at Hopewell-Loudon High School in Bascom.

Ross won both games in the regular season: 49-40 on Dec. 12 and 50-47 nine days ago.

In the second win over the Trojans, Tami Reinbolt came off the Ross bench to score 14 points, paving the way for the victory. Reinbolt's scoring helped offset the 19 second-half points put on the board by Amy Jaurett of Findlay.

The Trojans, 15-7, defeated Wapakoneta 51-48 in overtime in their first tournament game and stopped Lima Senior 58-45 in the sectional championship game.

Ross will take a 16-5 record into the contest after winning its first sectional title under coach Sue Wolf. The Little Giants set a single season record for wins, 15.

Streaks roll past SC Trojan

By TIM HARMON
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NORWALK — It was a s game offensively for the mont St. Joseph Central C girls basketball team Satur

So the Crimson Streaks on defense — primarily a up zone — Saturday in a 55 vision IV sectional champi victory over South Cent Norwalk Middle School.

"In the first half, their did a nice job with penetrat St. Joe coach Gary Gelle "In the second half, we to away from them."

"We wanted to put a pressure on those outside ers and not allow them to the basket either. So we s there rather than rush at t

After freshman Ashley 3-point basket at the outset

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St. Peter's up next for SJCC

By TIM HARMON
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NORWALK — Seven tir for this season, Fremont sepih Central Catholic's basketball team has reac district tournament.

The Crimson Streaks ha vanced to the regional twi SJCC earned another ch the district Saturday with Division IV secti championship victory over Central at Norwalk M School.

"We are capable of p with anybody to get to t gional," St. Joe assistant coach Jim Halbeisen says we have to play like v against Port Clinton (a 65-try), Norwalk St. Paul, (a 56-53 win) and Fostor Wendelin (a 66-51 win) ..."

St. Joe, 15-6, will meet field St. Peter's in the dist Colonel Crawford High Thursday following a ser game between New Rieg Buckeye Central.

"(St. Peter's) plays 2-3 and they press — denyin ball, which is the kind of we have problems with," S head coach Gary Geller "They have a 5-10 kid insid is a nice player."

Halbeisen said the Strea perience an emotional le against South Central foll Tuesdays' 63-48 semifinal v over St. Paul.

"These kids are differen of kid than we've had i past," Halbeisen said. "It's difficult to keep their int level up. It could be a pr down the line here. I thi can come back Thursday play real well."

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