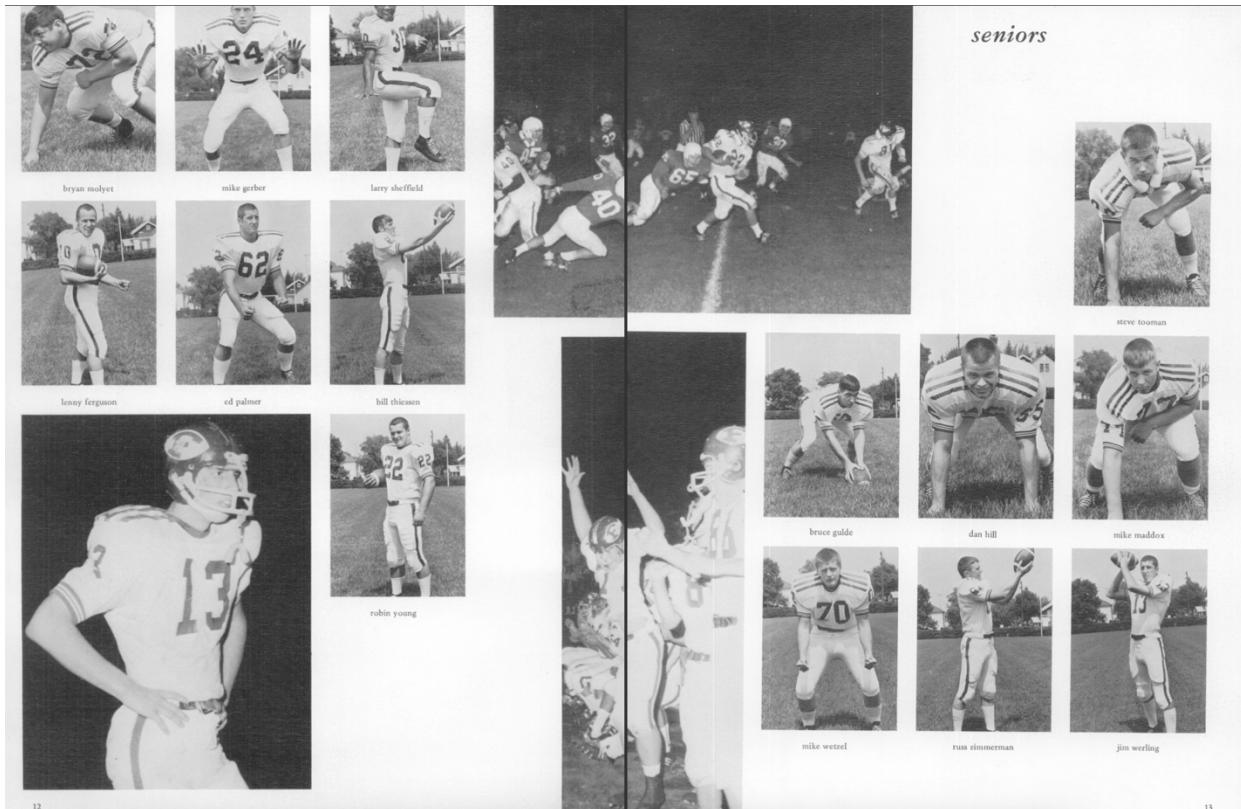
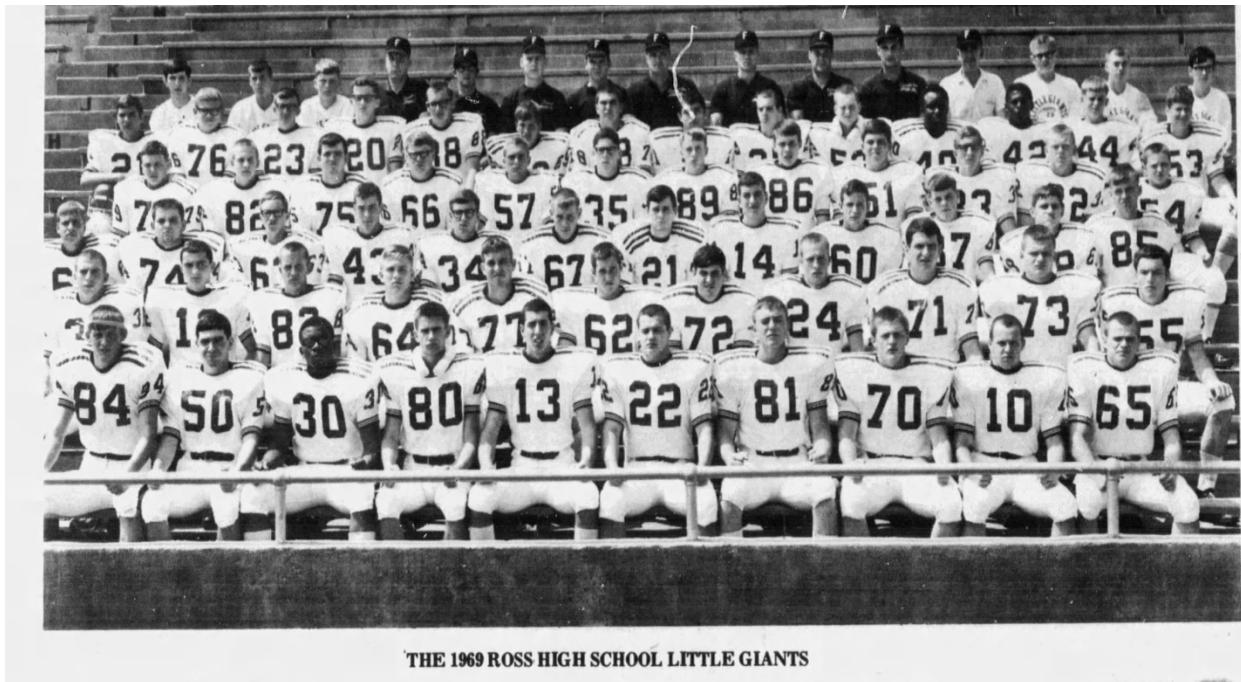


1969 Season review...





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## The Man In The Street

### GOOD EVENING!

A BIG LOSS to the Fremont school system and a gain for that of Dayton Belmont . . . That's the way the resignation of Westley Glover of the local schools could be classified . . . Wes has been a figure in athletics and in education for a long while, and he'll be missed . . . His reasons for leaving Fremont are personal, and have nothing to do with the school system . . . "I hope," Wes said the other day, "that as long as I am in education I am able to work with administrators and teachers who are as cooperative as those in Fremont have been." . . . He'll be the only Negro teacher, so far as he knows now, in a school made up completely of white students, but he added Dayton is integrating its teaching staff at a rapid pace, and more people of his race will be on the staff soon . . . He'll do much counseling, not too much classroom teaching, and his starting pay will be \$3,300 a year more than here . . . But Fremont's his home, and he'd like to stay here . . . He declined for obvious reasons to add further to the fact that his leaving is for personal reasons . . . But Wes Glover can move to a new city, can take a new job, and stay away for a long while, but this is still his home and he'll always have legions of friends in Fremont . . . He's a fine fellow . . .



**A HELPING HAND**—Ross high head football coach Charles Shuff is shown giving a helping hand to Jim Werling during equipment distribution at Harmon stadium Thursday evening. (News-Messenger Photo).

# Local Grid Teams See First Action

Signs of a much improved Ross high school football team continued to be flashed Saturday as the Little Giant gridders defeated a Defiance team rated better than the one which had soundly beaten last year's Ross team.

Both the defense and offense showed some good signs in a two touchdown to none victory over Defiance at Defiance Saturday. The scrimmage victory was meaningful in that the Defiance coaches rate their team as better than the one which stopped Ross three touchdowns to none last year.

The Ross touchdowns both came to option plays. Sophomore Tom Liggins scored on a 28 yard jaunt after taking a pitch out and Jim Werling scored from about 20 yards out when he kept the ball on the option.

Head Coach Charles Shuff reported he felt the offense moved the ball very well and he was also pleased with the defense, pointing to good movement and gang tackling as strong points.

The defense held Defiance to just two first downs in two ten-play series. Each team had the ball for ten plays on offense.

Ross coaches indicated that the development shown in this—the first full scrimmage of the year—was comparable to that achieved in the third or fourth game last year.

The Ross team will scrimmage at Oregon Clay Wednesday.

# Football Tabloid

The Fremont News-Messenger's first annual football tabloid, a complete section featuring a dozen area high school teams, will be delivered to your doorstep along with the regular edition of the News-Messenger Tuesday, September 2.

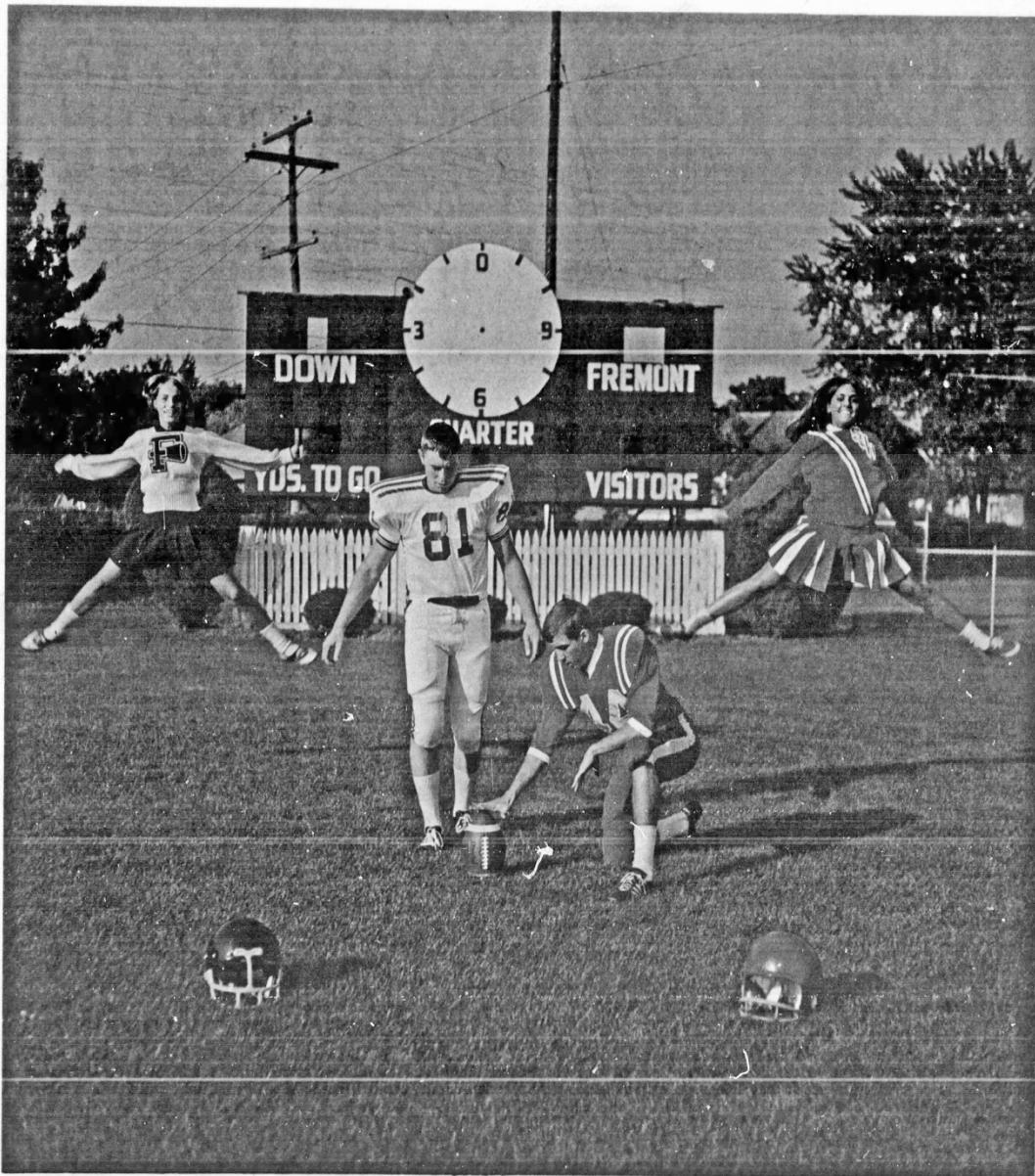
Fremont Ross, Fremont St. Joseph, Clyde, Gibsonburg, Lakota, Oak Harbor, Margaretta, Woodmore, Bellevue, Port Clinton, Lakeside and Genoa high school footballers are featured, with additional information about the Buckeye and Sandusky Bay Conference and some of the opponents of the area teams. The information was gathered and stories written and edited by Roy Wilhelm, News-Messenger sports editor. Picture work was done by Larry Sollazzo, News-Messenger photographer.

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## Pigskin Preview



*Featuring Fremont And Area High School Football Teams*

## Exchange Hears Ross Head Coach

The Exchange Club of Fremont at their Friday meeting met the Ross High football coaching staff. Entertainment chairman Don Bertsch presented head coach Charles Shuff. Coach Shuff announced that the athletic teams were operating with full coaching staffs at the junior and high schools. Shuff has four assistant varsity coaches with two for the sophomore teams. The Junior High has eight coaches: two for the freshman team and three each for the seventh and eighth grade squads.

Besides the coaches there are fourteen other aides. Jim Wade was announced as the team trainer with four years experience at Wittenberg College. Wade will be responsible

for care of team injuries allowing the coaches more time for instruction. Coach Shuff feels the team's spirit is very good and looks forward to a promising season. Films from recent scrimmages were shown.

President John Oaks announced Exchangite Bill Hettick was third in the interclub golf tourney last Monday. Hettick and W. A. Whitman gave a pep talk for the Tavel and Adventure Series ticket sale. Bowling captains Russ Hull and Tim McCarthy each need one more bowler for the start of the league season in September. Mr. Oaks announced a board of directors meeting for Monday, September 8, at 7 p.m. at the Croghan Colonial Bank meeting room.

## *Local Football Coaches*



**LITTLE GIANT COACHES**—Ross high school varsity coaching staff is pictured above. From left to right in the front row are Dick Cannode, Steve Frontz and Tom Dorman.

From left to right in the back row are Charles Wegner, Head Coach Charles Shuff and Gary Ricker.

# Tight Buckeye Title Battle Expected

As usual, the Buckeye Conference football title battle shapes up as a real wing-ding again this year. The 1968 powerhouses — Elyria and Lorain—both have some key personnel returning after earning state ranking last year. A flock of lettermen returns at Marion, some key backs return at Lorain. Admiral King and Sandusky seems to always be tough.

The Pioneers from Elyria swept through ten straight

games in 1968 with a rugged defense and power-packed offense to earn ranking as the fourth best high school football team in the state.

Only eight lettermen return to the Elyria squad, but this includes a solid crew of offensive backs — quarterback Brad Barton, tailback Tony Godbult and 200 pound fullback John Husband. All are seniors with plenty of experience.

Head Coach Bill Barton feels his squad, which boasts an

83-45-7 mark since he took the reins 14 years ago, should be a strong contender. But, he points out that he has to rebuild "The best defense in the state" as nine of 11 starters graduated.

The Steelmen of Lorain Senior appear to be loaded for bear this season, with 18 lettermen returning from a team which ranked fifteenth in the state with an overall 7-2-1 record and finished second in the Buckeye last year.

Included in the group of letter-

men are six All-Buckeye Conference mentions — Ray Felton, a 205 pound, 6'2" guard; Kevin Cunningham, 6'1", 190 pound linebacker; John Kaya, 6'2", 195 pound end; Joe Andulies, 6', 190 pound guard; Mark LaForce, 6', 180 pound guard; and Davis Kosonovich, a 5'10", 160 pound linebacker. Head coach Doug Thompson refers to Felton and Cunningham as potential all Ohioans.

Weaknesses could include lack of backfield speed, lack of an experienced tackle and lack of depth in a few spots.

Seventeen lettermen, including five two-year lettermen make Marion a real threat for the crown. Sixteen of the lettermen are seniors.

Nine of 11 starters on offense have returned for the Presidents and head coach Jed Middleton reports that morale is extremely high. "Football seems to be on the way back in Marion, good quality boys as well as quantity." Middleton points out that the squad needs to fill holes in the defense and boost the passing attack and kicking game.

Two year lettermen returning for the Presidents are quarterback Tom Reese, 5'9", 165 pounds; fullback Mickey Wells, 6', 190; halfback Bob Sims, 5'9", 170; middle linebacker Bob Cofer, 5'9", 185, and tackle Chuck Ellison, 6'1", 220.

Sandusky has only seven lettermen back, but the Blue Streak reserves were unbeaten in 1968 and should provide plenty of help for the veterans. Returning lettermen include a pair of fine halfbacks — Elmer Lippert, a 5'7", 185 pound, sub ten second man in the 100 yard dash, and Ed Hartung, 6'1", 180 pounder.

The Streaks are now being led by Gene Kidwell, who served as an assistant coach for seven

years before moving up to the head job last year.

Three returning backfield lettermen should continue to give Admiral King, which averaged more than 20 points a game last year, an explosive offense. The Admirals finished third last year.

Findlay has 11 lettermen, headed by junior Keith Woodruff, a 5'10", 170 pound quarterback. The Trojans hope to maintain the consistently tough defense of a year ago.

Mansfield will be working under new head coach Jim Lutz, who was 18-2 in two years at Bellefontaine. The Tygers will be led by junior fullback Greg Warndorf.

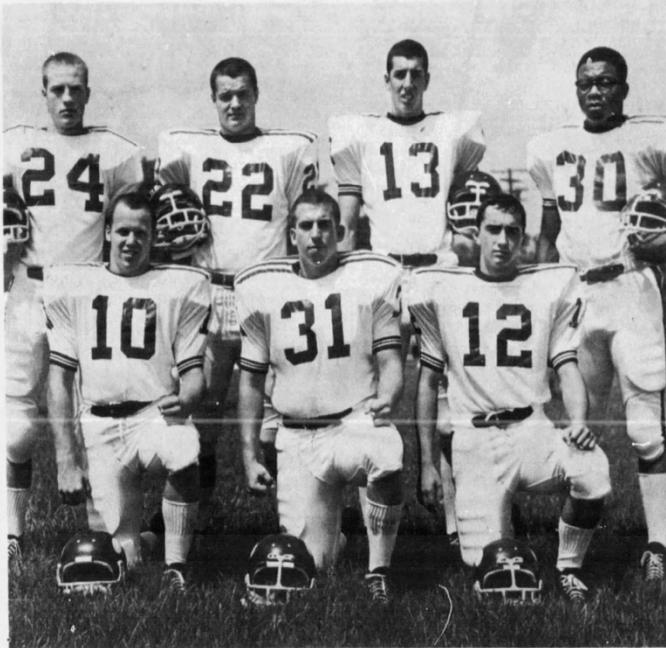
Picking the finish in the Buckeye Conference this year is really going out on a limb. The big thing locally seems to be that it really looks like Ross has raised itself to a level where it can truly be competitive in the conference after a few poor seasons. This may not mean a great many more wins, but it should mean a very interesting football season. With the breaks The Little Giants could really move up.

The end of the season could really be a spectacular this year in the conference as Lorain meets Marion at Marion on October 31, and hosts Elyria on November 7.

Final standings could look something like this:

Lorain  
Elyria  
Marion  
Sandusky  
Ross  
Admiral King  
Findlay  
Mansfield

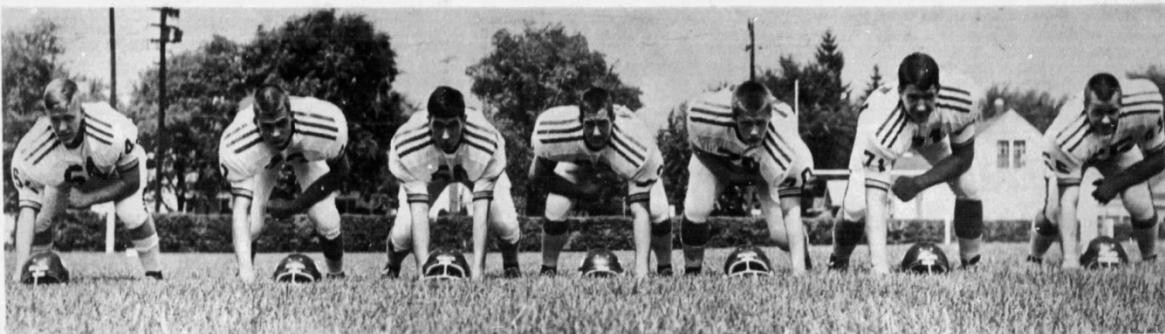
## '68 Standings



RETURNING BACKS—These seven backfield men lettered for Ross high school in 1968 and will be playing ball again this year. From left to right in the front row are Len

Ferguson, Randy Arndt and Randy Williams. From left to right in the back row are Mike Gerber, Robin Young, Jim Werling and Larry Sheffield.

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LETTERMEN LINEMEN—Ross high school's 1969 football team includes seven interior linemen who lettered in 1968. Pictured above from left to right are Gary Butdorf, Tom Nighswander, Bruce Gulde, Ed Palmer, Mike Wetzel, Chuck Miller and Dan Hill.

## Here's 'Y' At Ross High

Ross high football coaches are optimistic that there can be a big improvement in the Little Giants' ability to move the football this year and there is a good reason Y.

It is felt that the installation of a new formation — called the Y by Ross coaches — coupled with the development of a number of potentially fine running backs and a beefed-up passing game can give a big boost to what was a rather silent attack in 1968.

Ross high coaches spent months studying formations and shuffling various possibilities, when head coach Charles Shuff became sold on a formation described at a clinic at Kenyon

in June. Miami University's new head coach Bill Mallory detailed the Redskins' offset I formation and described its benefits. Shuff realized that many of the plays that Mallory was describing as being effective in this system were plays that Ross was working on offense. He brought the plan home and the staff agreed.

From Oxford, Ohio, to Fremont, the formation has changed in name from offset I to Y but it is basically the same. The new set combines the benefits of the two formations used most often by the Little Giants in 1968 — the T and the I.

Looking back at 1968 in months of study of the offense,

the coaches felt they liked the power and ability to option outside provided by the standard I formation. However, they realized that the I gave a lot of tendencies, meaning that the defense could discover that the offense tended to run certain plays or in certain directions from a specific formation. The coaches also felt that with the apparent balance that would exist in the offense this year, the T formation might be best.

Shuff and his assistants believe the Y provides the benefits of both. The power of the I is still available and the balance of the T exists.

In the basic Y formation, the quarterback is in his normal

spot behind the center. The fullback is directly behind the quarterback, but only three and one half yards back, instead of four. The two halfbacks remain four yards back, but are moved in tighter. In the Ross system they previously lined up behind the tackles. In the Y, they line up on the outside leg of the guards.

A halfback can be moved to a slot or flanker spot, so there is plenty of variety available.

Timing has been helped by the new formation and play calling is made more simple because a play does not have to be prefaced with a formation signal.

### *Returning Lettermen Hike Hopes*

Mike Wetzel is the lone two-year letterman returning to the Ross high school football squad this year. A total of 18 lettermen returned for more high school football action in 1969.

Senior lettermen are Wetzel, Len Ferguson, Mike Gerbler, Bruce Gulde, Dan Hill, Ed Palmer, Larry Sheffield, Bill Thieszen, Steve Tooman, Jim Werling, Robin Young and Russ Zimmerman.

Junior lettermen are Randy Arndt, Gary Butdorf, Chuck Miller, Tom Nighswander, Mike Tooman and Randy Williams.

# Little Giants Bid For Improvement

## Ross High Roster

SENIORS			
	Height	Weight	Position
Len Ferguson	5'8"	160	back
Mike Gerber	5'11"	145	back
Bruce Gulde	5'10"	160	center
Dan Hill	5'6"	170	guard
Mike Maddox	6'2"	252	tackle
Erian Molyet	6'3"	230	tackle
Ed Palmer	5'10"	175	end
James Sidney	6'1"	170	back
Larry Sheffield	5'11"	195	back
Bill Thiessen	6'1"	170	end
Steve Tooman	5'11"	150	end
Jim Werling	6'2"	175	back
Mike Wetzel	5'11"	195	tackle
Robin Young	6'	180	back
Russ Zimmerman	6'	200	end
JUNIORS			
Randy Arndt	5'9"	180	back
Bill Burkett	6'2"	170	end
Gary Butdorf	5'7"	175	guard
Steve Dickens	5'9"	155	guard
Tom Everett	5'8"	150	back
Barry Hawk	6'	155	end
Scott Johnson	5'8"	150	guard
Bob Kusner	5'8"	195	center-tackle
Dave Maddox	6'1"	160	back
Chuck Miller	6'3"	220	tackle
Tom Nighswander	6'2"	175	center
Rick Roach	5'8"	206	tackle
Mike Ruland	6'1"	165	back
Frank Sanders	6'	165	guard
Mark Sanderson	6'	160	end
Chuck Serfoso	5'10"	150	back
Perry Shenk	5'10"	160	end
Mike Stanley	6'	155	end
John Szumanowski	6'1"	170	guard
Jim Thiessen	5'9"	140	back
Mike Tooman	6'1"	150	end
Randy Williams	5'8"	150	back
SOPHOMORES			
Scott Berlekamp	5'9"	150	end
Kevin Brawley	5'8"	135	back
Chuck Celek	6'4"	185	end
Tim Connors	5'8"	175	back
Cadet Davis	5'11"	150	back
Terry Eischen	5'8"	145	center
Mike Feasel	5'11"	155	end
Barry Fredericks	5'8"	130	back
Dave Geib	5'1"	110	guard
Larry Johns	6'	193	tackle
Dan Johnson	5'6"	163	guard
Ted Kreilick	5'10"	195	guard
Tom Liggins	5'11"	185	back
Chuck Lindsey	5'8"	140	back
Ben Lopez	5'10"	160	back
Jeff Mazzocco	5'8"	145	back
Scott Merritt	5'9"	181	tackle
Denny Mikoy	5'6"	145	back
Jack Rhoades	5'11"	210	tackle
Andy Sales	6'	195	end
Mike Sherman	5'8"	150	guard
Dale Shoemaker	5'11"	145	back
John Werling	5'8"	130	back

Continued development of the defense, a much more productive offense, an excellent attitude and some young talent — these are the ingredients that Ross high coaches hope to mold into a greatly improved football team in 1969.

Eighteen lettermen, including a dozen seniors, form the nucleus from which the Ross staff is working.

Defensively, a number of key, experienced ballplayers have returned for more gridiron action. It was the defense which did most of the good work for the Little Giants in 1969.

In evaluating the season coming up and the past year, head coach Charles Shuff said that the coaches felt that last year's defense was pretty strong. "Up through the Sandusky game, when a number of major injuries hurt." After the Sandusky game, the Little Giant defense, riddled by injuries, collapsed. In the first eight games, however, the Little Giant defense, although jammed with underclassmen, allowed no more than two touchdowns in only two ball games. This in spite of the fact that a rather ineffective offense often forced the defense to work overtime during a ball game.

More than a dozen of the team's returning lettermen saw considerable action of defense last year and there are some lively position battles which make the coaches optimistic that the defense will continue to improve.

Considering the play of the defensive unit last year and any progress that has been made, Shuff's general philosophy is that if Ross can score three times, the Little Giants "Should win the ball game."

If such a philosophy could have been a reality in 1969, the Giants would have won six ball games.

During preseason sessions, coaches have continued to work to improve the squad's defense. The plan is to continue working with what is referred to as the Oklahoma five — a five man line with two linebackers—but coaches are working on several variations in order to develop more of a "multiple defense" in hopes of adding to the effectiveness of the unit.

### Better Offense Expected

Offense is the area where the biggest improvement is being sought and indications are that the attack will have much more life in it this year than last. In 1969, the squad never was able to score more than two touchdowns in one game.

The installation of a new formation, coupled with the experience gained in 1969 and some lively battles for positions hopefully will add considerably to the offensive life. Even early in the practice sessions, Shuff felt that he could see a big difference in the offense as compared to last year. He said "If we can keep our tackles healthy, we should be able to move the ball much better than last year."

Shuff will attempt to balance the passing and rushing games this year. "Last year we didn't feel that we threw enough, but the passing game was not sound. We are one of the smaller squads in the league and have to use the pass to counteract bigger defenses."

Although there are no real speed merchants among the leading receiver candidates, Shuff feels that he has a good crew. He feels they have the ability to run good pass patterns

and have good hands. There has been a real tussle for the quarterback spot and Shuff feels that the three top candidates all throw the ball well.

In addition to this there is plenty of experience at the other positions. With youngsters challenging, a couple of sprinters on hand for halfback duty and some power at fullback, the attack should be well balanced this season.

### Youngsters Challenge

The challenge of the youngsters is another bright spot as the program develops at Ross. Shuff said early in practice that he might find help in the sophomores, with four or five of them possibly playing a lot of football. "I think we could get pretty good showings out of some of these kids." The youthfulness of the team is multiplied by a good crop of juniors, many of whom saw some action last year.

Another key to improvement of the team is the attitude, which has been especially pleasing to the coaches. Shuff reports a far better attitude than existed at the beginning of the 1968 season and points out that the improved attitude seems to go beyond the players themselves.

He is hopeful that his charges realize that the Buckeye Conference is a tough one and will be well balanced this year and that one defeat should not destroy the good attitude.

In a general evaluation, Shuff points to continued improvement of the defense, overall team quickness and better balance in the backfield as team strengths. The loss of some big boys from last year's line and the great number of youngsters who will see action could be listed as weaknesses.



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*Libbey Saturday Victim*

## Ross Ends Scrimmages Undefeated

The Ross high Little Giants finished the pre-season scrimmage scheduled with an unbeaten mark by knocking off a big Toledo Libbey squad by the margin of the extra points Saturday morning.

The Little Giants continued to show progress and some surprising depth as they held their final scrimmage session prior to the opening of the season on Friday.

Head Coach Charles Shuff reported that coaches feel that they are coming up with some depth from some of the younger ball players in the areas where it was not necessarily expected. He pointed out that the Little Giants went with a number of younger players in the defensive action against Libbey and the coaches were "Well pleased with the reaction

of the kids." He felt that overall the defense was consistent in preventing any long plays. The only Libbey score came against the Ross back up men.

Ross moved the ball well on offense, with an effective passing attack being in evidence. Coaches refrained from using the pass to any great extent in order to work on areas in which they felt work was needed. The Little Giants did score on a pass, however, with sophomore Chuck Lindsey taking a pass from Jim Werling. Tom Liggins went over for the extra points which proved to be the margin of difference in the scoring.

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Season tickets for Ross high school football games can now be picked up at Tremper's.



**FEMININE ENCOURAGEMENT IN BACKGROUND OF ROSS GAIN**  
Len Ferguson Brought Down By Libbey Defenders In Scrimmage

### Sock In Face Hurts Chance

FOSTORIA—She was making no excuses but a sock between the eyes could have cost World Junior Golf title to a girl. Sandy Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Baker, former Fremonters, finished in the 15-17 age division of the world tournament with a stroke total, eight behind the winner Jane Renner of Diego, Calif.

The 'sock' came after the second round when Sandy, while on the practice green, was hit in the face by a golf ball. The injury came after a first round of 81 on the Torrey Pines championship course. The second round was 80. Miss Baker faltered to a 79 on the final day before closing with a 78 to end with a 238 total. The one-over par 78 was the best round shot by a girl in the tournament.

### Welterweights Meet

NEW YORK (AP) — Welterweights David Melendez of Puerto Rico and Rodrigo Valdez of Colombia will meet in a 12-round bout at the Forum on Sept. 17, Madison Square Garden announced Thursday.



## *Set For Opener With Rogers*



**LARRY SHEFFIELD**  
Halfback



**JIM WERLING**  
Quarterback



**ROBIN YOUNG**  
Fullback

**VETERAN BACKS**—These three veteran backs are expected to start for the Ross high Little Giants in the season opener against a veteran Toledo Rogers squad. Teamed with sophomore Tom Liggins in the starting back-

field, they are expected to give the Little Giants a much more productive offense this year. The Giants appear to have a balanced offense with both power and speed available in the runners and a strong passing game.

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## Rogers Tops Ross, 7-0

# Slow Start Sinks Little Giants In Opener

BY ROY WIEHLM

News-Messenger Editor

The Ross high Little Giants were close to a half hour late getting started on their 1969 football season and because of this they got the year off on the wrong foot.

It took the Little Giants a little better than a quarter of playing time and almost a half hour of actual time to really get going Friday, but by then they had spotted the Toledo Rogers Rams a one touchdown lead that held up Statewide Friday night.

The Rams marched 65 yards the first time they had the ball and Jim Jordan scampered four yards around end to post the only touchdown of the game with 4:10 left in the first quarter. The Rams then added another 43 yards on an early second quarter drive which ended in a fumble that seemed to end the game around. In less than a quarter of a half, the Rams moved for 108 yards and ten more first downs. After that fumble, they managed just 62 yards and three first downs.

But, as it turned out, it was too late for the Giants,

who moved the ball well but failed to push it across. Ross had advanced just 35 yards and one first down before sophomore Chuck Lindsey fell on the Rogers fumble, but from there to the end of the game, the Little Giants fought their way to 160 more yards and ten more first downs. But, the Giants could not reach the goal line.

Three times the Giants came within a step or a play of the crucial touchdown.

With time running out in the second quarter, the Rams safety man Bill Barkett prevented a possible Ross touchdown with a perfectly timed hit on Ross sophomore Tom Liggins as he stretched to pull in a Jim Wering pass at about the ten yard line. Liggins reached the ball with his outstretched arms, but as he tried to pull it in, Brown lowered his head to the sidelines by a bump on the head just before Ross reached the Rams' 12. Sheffield, who led all runners in the

game with 68 yards in 12 carries, returned to action briefly in the next series, but his power running was missed as the team battled for the goal line.

The final Ross effort fell just five yards short of the mark. Wering fired a 22 yard pass to Russ Zimmerman at the first, but two Rogers defenders quickly covered the Ross receiver and forced out on the Little Giants.

"We started the same way as we did against Clay," said head coach Charles Shuff, referring to the Ross scrimmage win over Oregon Clay. At that time, the Giants also started very slowly before coming on strong.

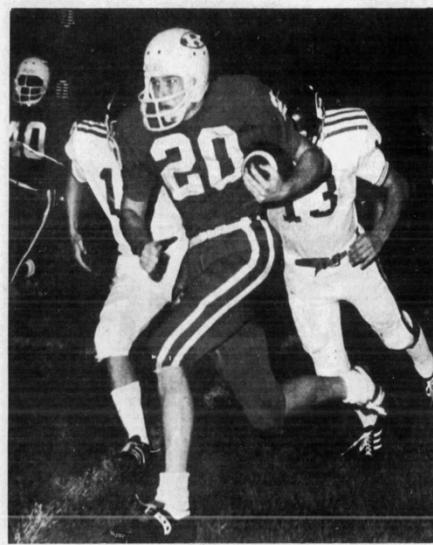
"We made no changes at half, the kids just started hitting harder," said Shuff, who indicated that first game "Jitters" may have been responsible for the slow start although he felt that the "kids didn't seem tight before the game."

Shuff had words of praise for Rogers as well as for his own team. He said he felt the Rogers squad was a bit better than the team which dumped Ross by a 14-6 count in the 1968 opener.

In praising the work of his own team, Shuff said "I

think they realize they can move the ball and can stop someone if they hit." Once the Giants did start hitting they did move the ball and they did stop the Rams. The Ross defense forced three fumbles, recovering each, and also picked off a pass—Gary Butdorf reacting quickly to grab the ball as it bounced away from an intended receiver.

The Giants were alive up to the very end and might have had enough time to score if it weren't that Rogers succeeded on a fourth down gamble. The Rams had a first down with fourth and less than four of their own 34 yards and had to go for it. In the contest Quarterback Jim Wering plunged for three yards to pick up the first down and gain valuable time for the Rams. A similar try just four downs later failed but time was running out on the Giants. Mike Roland dove in to stop the next fourth down try just short of the mark, but the Giants had time for just three more plays. Wering connected with Bill Barkett for 20 yards and a first down at the 27 and then, after sitting out a play because he was shaken up, hit Zimmerman at the five as time ran out.



**LONE TOUCHDOWN**—Jim Jordan dashes around end in the first quarter for the lone touchdown of the ball game as Rogers edges Fremont Ross, 7-0, in the opening contest of the 1969 football season at Harmon Stadium.

Friday evening Jordan went in from four yards out as two Ross defenders—Jim Wering (13) and Len Ferguson—just miss catching up with him. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Ross-Rogers Scorecard

### Score By Quarters

ROGERS 7 0 0 0 — 7

ROSS 0 0 0 0 — 0

Scoring

ROGERS — Jim Jordan, four yard run

(Dick Frazer, kick).

### TEAM STATISTICS

ROSS ROGERS

OFFENSIVE PLAYS 30 48

FIRST DOWN 11 10

Rushing 10 21

Passing 20 27

Penalty 5 0

NET YARDAGE 175 190

Rushing 98 140

Passing 78 21

YARDS GAINED 13 17

PASSES ATTEMPTED 15 18

Completed 5 9

Interceptions 0 1

PUMPS 2 2

Ball Lost 1 3

PENALTIES 2 2

Yards Penalized 5 20

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

ROSS HIGH

Rushing

Player Carries Yds Ave.

Jim Wering 14 5 0 78

Receiving catches Yds Ave.

Bill Barkett 4 56 14

Russ Zimmerman 1 22 22

Passing

Player Punts Ave.

Scott Johnson 2 24

Mike Roland 3 24

Kick Returns

Player Returns Ave.

Chuck Lindsey 2 21

ROGERS HIGH

Rushing

Player Carries Yds Ave.

Tim Daniels 9 33 3.7

Jim Jordan 10 49 4.9

Mike Roland 8 36 4.5

Kevin Wolff 3 10 3.3

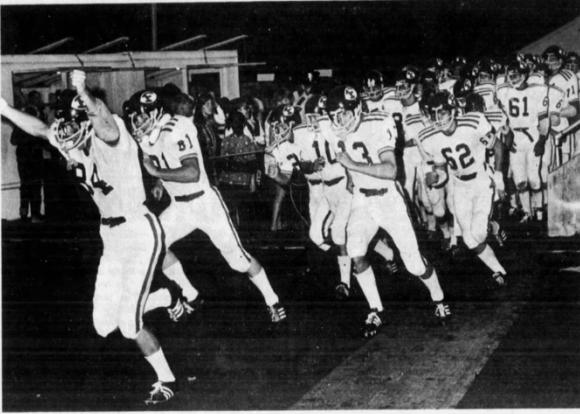
Passing

Player Att. Comp. Int. Yds

Kevin Wolff 6 3 1 21

Receiving Catches Yds Ave.

Bill Brown 1 9 9



**LET'S GO**—Ross high school's Little Giants charge onto the field to start a new season Friday night. The Little Giants lost to visiting Toledo Rogers, 6-0, in the season's opener at

Harmon Field. Identifiable players in front are Bill Thiessen (84), Russ Zimmerman (81), Jim Wering (13), Len Ferguson (10), Ed Palmer (62).

## Buckeye Powers Triumph

# Oakland Rallies To Win, Cuts Minnesota's Lead

By ED SCHULVER, JR.

Associated Press Sports Writer

The four teams given the

most chance to win the Buck-

eye

Athletics have

used Minnesota pitcher Ron

Bill Johnson

Dave Johnson

runs with a pair of doubles and

Frank Robinson hit a two-run

homer, his 31st, for Baltimore,

In the first game at Cleve-

land, the Indians' Sam Mc-

Dowell, 16-12, outdistanced New

York's Mel Stottlemyre, 18-12,

# Ross Rallies, But West Escapes With Tie

By ROY WILHELM

**News-Messenger Sports Editor**  
The Ross high Little Giants unleashed a powerful running attack in the second half to even the score for some crucial first half mistakes, but once again the Giants were caught knocking on the end zone door when time ran out and they had to settle for a 26-26 tie with visiting Cleveland Lincoln-West Friday night.

Trailing 26-6 as key Ross errors boosted the visiting Cowboys into the lead, the Little Giants came roaring back and dominated play in the second half.

The Giants pounded out 17 yards in the last two quarters, scoring three touchdowns and threatening again as time ran out. The 177 yard second half total came after the Giants

were able to manage just 36 yards net in the first two periods.

Sophomore Tom Liggins stepped into the spotlight that had been reserved for him since long before he ever played a varsity football game and had to wait for Larry Shiffeld and Robin Lindsey to blast through the West defense for huge chunks of yardage.

Liggins streaked into the end zone for four touchdowns and the only extra points that the Little Giants were able to score.

The 185 pound jet-propelled canary in yellow and red pulled his way into the Cleveland end zone for 17 yards in just seven carries. He

opened the scoring with a three yard run, put Ross back into the contest with an 11 yard dash, streaked 28 yards for a second third period score and then

sophomore, who weighs in at about 140 pounds soaking wet, electrified the crowd and sparked the Little Giants twice—once with a pass interception and once with a punt return. Lindsey picked off a Joe Pagan pass at the 20 yard line and ran 20 yards back to the West 31 before being brought to a halt.

Then, late in the game, Lindsey

helped lead to Bruce Guide

to a West punt at his own

45 yard line, spot for the side-

line and scrambled his way

down to the West 29 yard line

to set up Liggins' final touch-

down.

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the Giants put themselves in a

deep hole with first half mis-

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The first West touchdown fol-

lowed a Ross defensive mis-

take. The Little Giants had the

visitors apparently stopped with third and nine on their own 41, but Reggie Bryant, a 5'7", 125 pound speedster, broke wide open in the secondary and took a pass from Joe Pagan on a play that covered 55 yards.

Randy Allen scored two plays

in the lead again.

Ross went deep in the hole

when he had a trap set

and rolled over Bruce Guide's head late in the second period. Roland

was able to recover the ball

in the end zone and he ran it

out to the seven, but Cleveland

took over and went ahead 26-6

two plays later. There the West

team scored.

After Lindsey's interception

the visitors had set up Liggins' second touchdown.

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## Final Nonconference Test

# Little Giants Host Bowsher

The Ross high little Giants, still looking for victory number one, face their last nonconference foe of the season Friday when they host the visiting Toledo Bowsher Rebels. The Giants will enter Buckeye Conference competition next week against the visiting Mansfield Tygers.

Against Bowsher — the only team the Little Giants defeated in 1968 — Ross will be facing a quarterback who is considered to be one of the best in the state. Scouting reports from Ross high coaches and reports from other coaches who have faced Dave Schaetzke, the 6', 175 pound senior field general of the Rebels, are full of praise for his ability to pass, run and direct the attack.

Schaetzke, who has already lettered twice, got off to a slow start, but he likes to put the football in the air. In two games so far this year — a 20-0 loss to powerful Elyria and a big 13-6 victory over Toledo Scott — the Rebels threw 38 passes according to the scouting report given to the Ross booster by assistant coach Gary Shelt Tuesday evening.

Schaetzke comes to town with plenty of help. The Rebels return with five offensive linemen and two other backs who started in 1968. Head Coach George Machoukas, an All-Mid-American Conference football player while at Toledo university, feels that his offensive backfield and in tackles and guards are the strong points of his offense. Machoukas, who captained the Rocket football teams while playing offensive center and defensive tackle in 1953 and 1954, can also point to strength at the linebacker spots.

In all there are 14 returning Rebel lettermen. Schaetzke, George Keim, a 6', 185 pound senior halfback, and Mike Corbett, a 5'10", 175 pound senior

linebacker, have already won two letters. Other returning lettermen are Jim Calgie, a 6', 175 pound senior linebacker; Steve DeShelter, a 6'1", 195 pound senior center; Gary Davis, a 6', 175 pound senior end; Dan Napski, a 6'1", 195 pound tackle; Dave Southward, a 6', 175 pound senior guard; Terry Foley, a 5'10", 165 pound senior halfback; Dave Karghen, a 6'1, 230 pound junior tackle; Robert Branyon, a 6', 180 pound junior end; Gary Langel, 5'11", 185 pound junior guard; Tom Heebsh, 6', 185 pound senior end, and Ron Williams, 5'11", 220 pound, senior tackle.

The victory over Scott last Saturday could have the Rebels sky high for the Ross game. Machoukas felt at the beginning of the year that Scott and Central Catholic would be the teams to beat in the Toledo title chase. He pointed to the Scott squad because of its ex-

ceptional speed and a great number of returning lettermen. The Rebels, who were 4-5 in 1968, face Central Catholic on October 13.

The work of the Ross high defense to the outside and against the pass could be critical in deciding the outcome of the Friday contest. Schaetzke likes to run the pass-run option and does it well. A set of fine throwing quarterbacks from Cleveland West gave the Little Giants problems last Friday and Schaetzke threatens to multiply these troubles unless there is improvement.

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Ross high booster club members viewed movies of Friday's 26-26 tie with West Tuesday. Although there were mistakes which were costly to the Ross cause, the movies showed some excellent play on the part of the Giants.

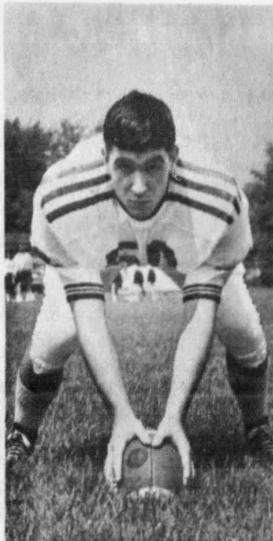
Robin Young, Dan Hill and

Bruce Gulde were just three of the Little Giants who turned in key plays to help Ross earn the tie. Gulde hustled down field to down a punt on the one yard line, putting West in a hole and eventually leading to a Ross touchdown. Hill's work in the center of the defense was impressive in the movies. He constantly belted the West center back into the Cleveland backfield and then pursued the play. Young, in addition to being one of the leading ground gainers for the Little Giants, was an impressive blocker. It was his blocking which helped make the Tom Liggins' sweeps the success that they were.

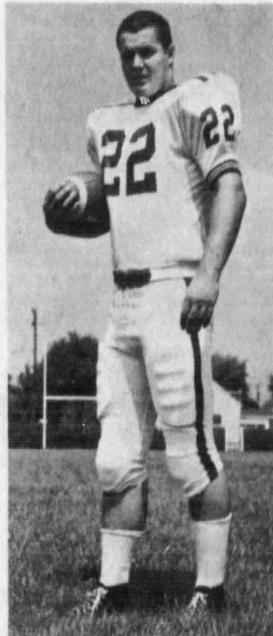
Next week the Ross boosters will hear from Dr. George Conti, Fremont public schools' superintendent, who will discuss the athletic problems created by the defeat of the levy and what another defeat would mean to athletics.



Dan Hill



Bruce Gulde



Robin Young

**ROSS LITTLE GIANTS**—These three men played key roles in the Ross high school Little Giants 26-26 tie with Cleveland West last Friday. Gulde made a key play on a punt, Hill was strong on defense over the West center and Young contributed with strong blocking as well as running.

# Ross Falls To Bowsher In Final Nonconference Test

By ROY WILHELM  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

The Toledo Bowsher Rebels may have had all the one-punch they needed to score a decision over Ross, but the Little Giants delivered the knock out punches on themselves Friday night. The visiting Rebels stopped the miscue plagued Little Giants, 20-6, Friday dropping the Ross record to 0-2-1 entering Buckeye Conference play.

"Every time we got something going, something went wrong. We'd move the ball well and then make a mistake," head coach Charles Shaff lamented following the loss.

And the mistakes were costly to the Little Giants, who once again displayed a potentially powerful running attack. Robin Young, Larry Sheffield and Tom Liggin all managed to gain over 30 yards, but when Ross' three pass interceptions knocked the Little Giant offense cold. Sophomore Liggin led the attack with 64 yards in 15 carries. Young picked up 39 in 10 carries and Sheffield added 36 in 12 carries. Sheffield's total was hurt by the loss of 13 yards when he recovered a Little Giant fumble. If that play was not counted, he gained 49 yards in 11 tries.

## Bowsher, Little Giants Scorecard

Score By Quarters		R	B
BOWSHER	7 7 0 7-21	54	70
ROSS	0 6 0 0-6	23	23
Scoring			
B-George Keim, four yard run (Keim, kick)	7	7	7
R-Rusty Zimmerman, receiver Liggin fumble in end zone (pass failed)	0	0	0
Dave Schaeiske, five yard run (Keim kick)	0	0	0
B-George Keim, nine yard pass from Schaeiske (Keim, kick)	14	14	21
	143	234	274
NET YARDAGE GAINED	143	234	274
Rushing	111	50	50
Passing	32	184	224
PASSES ATTEMPTED	10	2	3
Completed	2	2	2
Interceptions	3	3	3
PENALTIES	2	2	2
Yards Penalized	28	65	65
FUMBLIES	7	7	7
Ball Lost	2	1	1
PUNTS	3	1	1
Average	28	20	20

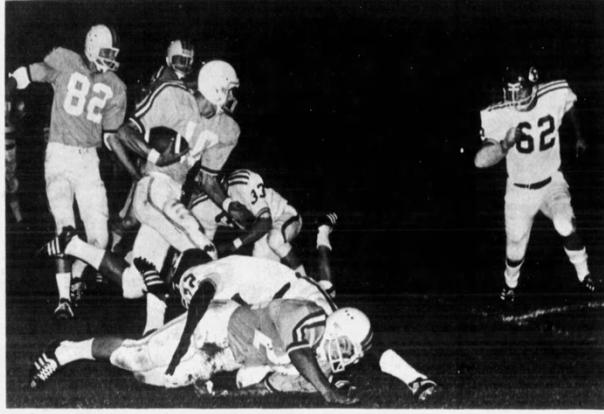
TEAM STATISTICS

	R	B
OFFENSIVE PLAYS	54	70
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Passing	2	3
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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	Rushing	Passing
Runner	Carries Yds. Ave.	
Robin Young	18 39 2.1	39
Larry Sheffield	12 56 4.3	56
Tom Liggin	15 64 4.3	64
Tim Keim	15 56 3.7	56
Mike Ruland	2 -19 -9.5	14.5
Passer	Att. Comp. Int. Yds.	
Jim Welling	10 4 1 12	12
Ben Lopez	4 1 1 17	17
Receiver	catches Ave.	
Bill Burkett	2 14.5	14.5
Punting	Kicks Ave.	
Kicker	Kicks Returns Ave.	
Runner	Returns Ave.	
Tom Liggin	2 2	2

BOWSHER		
Rushing	Carries Yds. Ave.	
George Keim	18 97 5.4	
Dan Swerpont	2 15 7.5	
Fred Whaley	2 16 8.0	
Dave Schaeiske	17 122 7.2	
David Lachman	2 14 7.0	
Steve Haynes	2 14 7.0	
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Receiver	catches Ave.	
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BOWSHER TOUCHDOWN—Dave Schaeiske (10), star quarterback of the Toledo Bowsher Rebels, springs into the end zone with a second period touchdown against Ross high

In Lakeshore Conference Play

## Ottawa Hills Tops Wildcats

ELMORE — Ottawa Hills scored eight points in the first quarter and six in the third to upset Woodward, 182-157. A Hendrick's punt to Tom McLaughlin completed the two-point conversion.

Woodmore scored in the final quarter on a 35-yard pass from Tom Hendrick's to Mike Rospert. A Hendrick's punt to Tom McLaughlin completed the two-point conversion.

Ottawa Hills' first TD came on a 69-yard punt return by Fred Redmann. Pete Wilson added two more points when he rushed for the conversion. The final Ottawa Hills' score came on Gray Murphy's two-yard run.

Elmore was outstanding in defeat. He rushed for 31 yards on eight carries, hauled in three passes for 51 yards, made nine solo tackles and assisted on nine others.

Woodmore's big problem was in the passing attack. The Wildcats put the ball in the air 23 times and only completed seven of them. None of the passes were intercepted.

Ottawa Hills didn't fare much better. It threw the ball 13 times, completed two and had two interceptions.

Woodmore was outgunned in total offense, 182-157. Broken down, Ottawa Hills had 130 yards on the ground and 32 in the air. Woodmore picked up

Friday night. Ed Palmer (62) of Ross moves in, but is just too late to prevent the score.

The top teams in the Buckeye conference remained undefeated by posting victories in Friday night action.

Sandusky blanked Toledo Woodward, 28-8. Marion defeated Lima senior, 28-18. Lorain defeated Barberton, 10-0, and Admiral King breezed by Lorain Southview, 35-6. All five teams are now 3-0 for the season.

Meanwhile Findlay grabbed its first win by ripping off 35-13.

Dunbar, 30-13, and Bedford played Mansfield Madison today.

Southview's 25-23 victory over Sandusky controlled the ball

in downing Woodward running 75 offensive plays to just 47 for

Woodmore's 69 yards in the first half.

## Buckeye Powers Triumph

By ED SCHUYLER JR.

Associated Press Writer

New Pittsburgh football

Coach Carl DePasqua

is going to return to

Western Pennsylvania style

football. Tonight, they will

be up against UCLA's

Carrollup, who successfully

defended their Nature Trails course

17th in The Associated Press

pre-season poll and one that

opened its season last Saturday

with a 37-14 trouncing of Oregon

State.

"Pitt will know how to block

and tackle," says DePasqua, a

former Pitt star who was

Waynesburg, Pa., into a small

college football power.

San Fran. 84 67 556 —

Atlanta .... 84 68 553 1/2

Los Angeles 82 68 547 1/2

Cincinnati 80 69 537 3

Houston 77 72 517 6

San Diego 46 318 36

Friday's Results

Pittsburgh 84, New York 2-0

Montreal 103, Philadelphia 6-1

Chicago 2-2, St. Louis 1-7, 1st

game 10 innigs

Atlanta 12, San Diego 3

San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 1

Houston 3, Cincinnati 2

Today's Games

Pittsburgh (Moore 11-3) at

New York (Gerrard 11-1)

Philadelphia (Friedman 11-14)

at Montreal (Wegener 5-12)

St. Louis (Carlton 16-10) at

Chicago (Hands 18-13)



Annual Homecoming Celebration

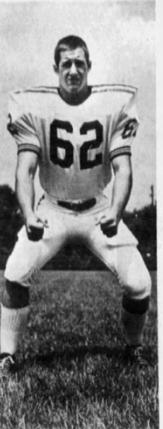
## Little Giants Host Trojans



Larry Sheffield



Len Ferguson



Ed Palmer



Mike Gerber



Jim Werling



Brian Molyet



Dan Hill



Bill Thiessen



Russ Zimmerman



Mike Maddox



Steve Tooman



Mike Wetzel

The hardluck Findlay Trojans will be the invaders when Ross high celebrates its annual homecoming Friday evening.

Although possessing only a 1-5 record, the Trojans are considered to be a strong and improving ball club. They gave both Elyria and Sandusky plenty of trouble before falling to the Buckeye Conference opponents.

Ross will be gunning for its second Buckeye victory as it bids to make the homecoming celebration a happy one. The Giants will have a job on their hands with the wide open Findlay offense.

The offense is boosted by quarterback Keith Woodruff, a junior who is reported to be a fine offensive threat. The Findlay field general is 5'10" and weighs in at 175. One of the top running backs for the Trojans is Rick Martinez, a 5'10", 170 pound senior. Martinez was all Buckeye Conference second team as a defensive halfback in 1968.

Findlay's squad is similar to the Little Giants in many ways. Both have played some excellent football, while managing just one victory. Both have just 14 seniors and both are depending upon underclassmen for a big help in the successes of the season.

The Trojans have been the victims of many of their own mistakes throughout the season, but against Sandusky last weekend, they reportedly avoided the large number

of errors that they have been committing and for this reason gave the undefeated Blue Streaks a real battle.

Findlay's offensive and defensive lines are not exceptionally big but are larger than the Ross lines. Offensively the Trojans use the I formation with a split end on a majority of their plays and their attack is diversified.

In reviewing their team for the season, head coach Bob Bockrath described his squad as a "Highly motivated, extremely coachable group of quality men. The key to success this year lies with how fast the younger, inexperienced players learn to adjust to varsity competition."

Pictured here are senior members of the Ross high football team. Some of these men are in their third season as members of the Ross grid varsity, some are new faces on the varsity. Some of these men see plenty of action on offense and defense, some play very little, some are now injured, but all have contributed to the overall effort and performance of the Little Giants.

Friday will be the last homecoming game for these players as members of the Little Giant football team.

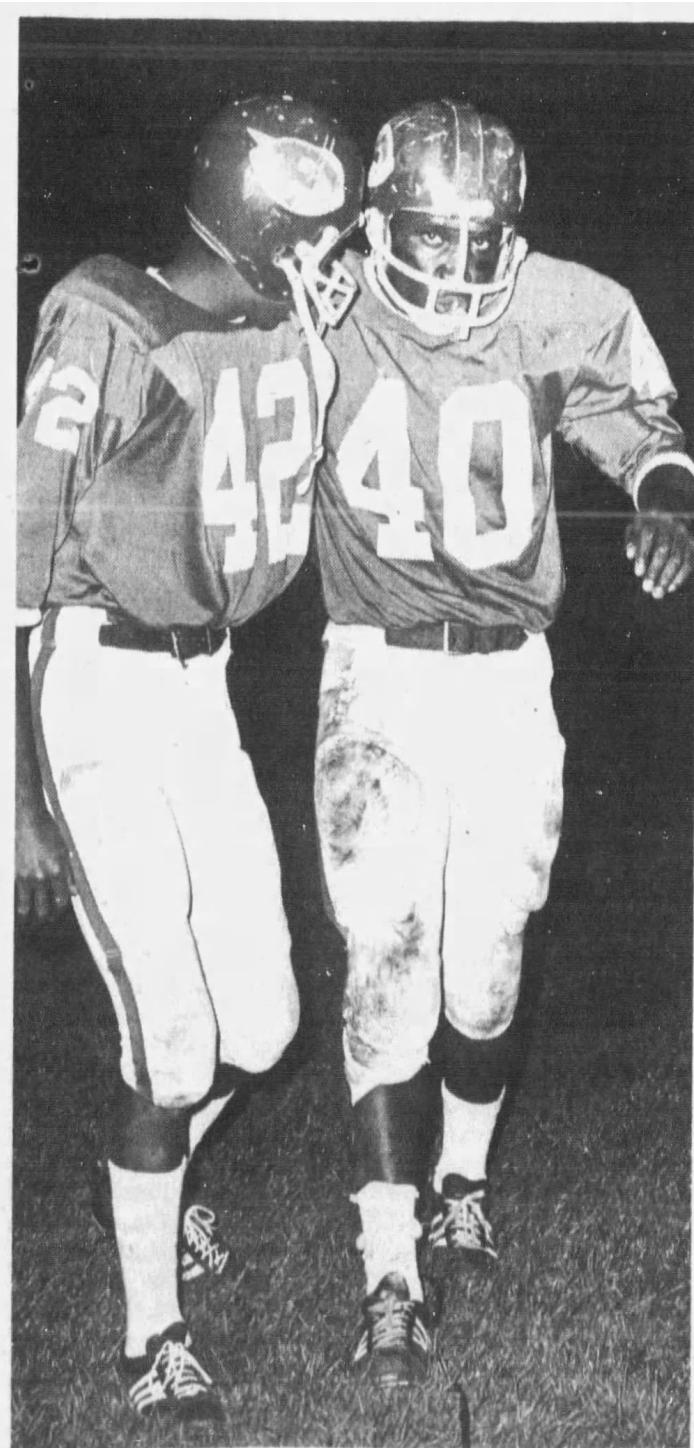
The Ross High Booster Club's annual ex-litterman and booster event will be held at the Elks Club following the game. The event normally attracts a good crowd of former Ross high stars and fans.



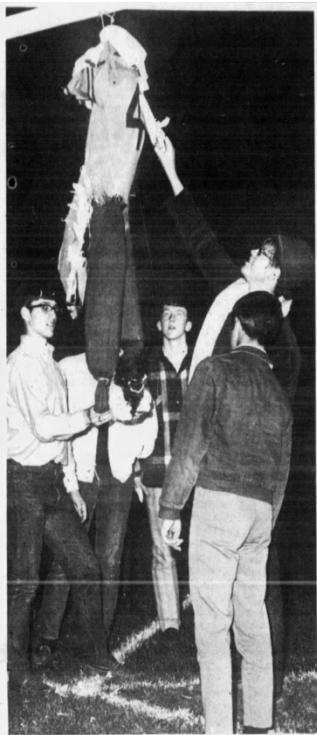
Bruce Guidle



Robin Young



**A HELPING HAND**—Tom Liggins (40), Ross high sophomore halfback, is helped to the bench by Chuck Lindsey, another Ross sophomore halfback after Liggins apparently became exhausted in the Little Giants football game at Sandusky Friday night. Liggins, who played much of the time both on offense and defense re-entered the game soon after. The two sophomores combined for all four of the Little Giants' touchdowns. (News-Messenger Photo)



BLUE STREAK GOES UP IN FLAMES  
Ross Fans Celebrate At Harmon Field

## Little Giants Beat Sandusky, End 7-Year Drought

BY ROY WILHELM

SANDUSKY—Ross high Quarterback Jim Werling took the snap from center and handed the football quickly to driving fullback Robin Young. The Ross line moved out, hitting into the Sandusky defenders and moving them back slowly, but surely. The power driving Ross fullback and the right side of the Ross line drove the Sandusky defense back—one yard, two yards, three yards and across the goal line.

It seemed like the play took minutes, but when it finished Young was across the goal line and the Giants were ahead 28-27. He had scored the two extra points that moved Ross from one point down to one point ahead.

"We won, we beat Sandusky," a Ross cheerleader yelled, tears streaming down her face. The crowd was wild. The Giants had not yet defeated the Blue Streaks, but it proved to be only a matter of time as the last Sandusky effort failed in the closing 42 seconds.

When a last second field goal attempt by the Blue Streaks drifted off to the left and time ran out, the Little Giants' fans broke loose. For the first time since 1961, the Giants had beaten Sandusky.

Ross fans poured onto the field surrounding the Little Giants, who already had turned into a mass of football players, jumping and yelling in the middle of the gridiron.

In the midst of the mass confusion, Tom Liggins, Ross sophomore running back could be heard shouting to the coaches. "He stole my helmet. I lost my helmet." A young fan had raced off with Liggins' helmet in hand, but it was about the only thing that Liggins and the Giants lost this day.

The Giants came from behind in the closing seconds with Liggins taking a 12-yard pass from Jim Werling for his third touchdown of the game and Young bailing his way over for the crucial extra points that gave the Giants the 28-27 win. The score came with just 42 seconds left in the game.

With the win the Giants not only ended a string of seven straight Sandusky wins in the series, they also all but smashed the Blue Streaks' hopes for a share of the conference championship. Sandusky is now two games behind Elyria with just two weeks of football remaining.

Word from Sandusky had been that the Blue Streaks' defense would be ready for the Little Giants and Buckeye Conference scoring leader Tom Liggins. Well, Ross piled up 308 yards against the Streaks and Liggins scored three touchdowns.

The Giants shocked Sandusky with a powerful ground attack and ball control football game and the post game celebration was well deserved.

In the locker room, with cheerleaders and fans crying tears of joy, the Ross players were enjoying their big win. The coaches thanked the players, the seniors thanked the underclassmen, the players thanked the coaches and the whole locker room full thanked those who had supported them throughout the season.

Back home in Fremont two young boys paraded down State Street with a sign reading "Ross won," horns noisily sounded the victory and the fans waited at Harmon stadium to greet the returning conquerors.

# Little Giants Shock Blue Streaks

BY ROY WILHELM  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

In the beginning there was a Little Giant with a great heart and there was a mighty foe—the famed "Monster of the Midwest." There was a ferocious battle, but in the end there was a Little Giant with a great heart and the monster was slain. And, in the end there was a beginning—the dawning of a new day for the Little Giant who could look to the future and smile.

The courageous Ross high Little Giants batted toe to toe with star-studded Sandusky high and all but destroyed the Blue Streaks' floundering conference title with a thrilling 28-27 victory that left hearts pounding and voices hoarse on both sides of the field.

For the first time that everything, the Little Giants took a page from the Sandusky play book and blazed their way up and down the field with an inventory of powerful ball control football.

The first that we would like to maintain a strict game and we did the job—a job well done by coach Chuck Shaff said after the exciting victory. "We had to keep the ball away from Lippert [Sandusky senior halfback Elmer Lippert] and that's the only way we knew of to do it."

The Giants were as fortunate as they were successful to pile up the yardage, but the Ross gridders were successful at controlling the ball and this played a key role in the game.

giving them what must rank as one of the great victories in Ross history.

In a game that wasn't decided until Mark Deming's field goal had drifted to the left of the goal posts with just three seconds remaining, Ross once again battled back against a strong opponent.

The victorious Little Giants scored the winning points with just 1:10 left in the game. A fourth down conversion from senior quarterback Jim Welling to sophomore halfback Tom Liggins produced the touchdowns that brought the Giants to within one point of the Streaks. The score climaxed a 49 yard drive that had started with a 20 yard pass from Welling to Liggins' post receiver with about four minutes to go.

At the end of the game Ross received the first 36 yards in just seven plays, but Liggins was stopped for no gain at the Sandusky 12 the last 10 yards to go to the end. On fourth down, the receivers ran the same play again and Welling went to Liggins straight down the field and it paid off.

Power driving Robin Young, had a fierce offensive line charge built to stop the Streaks and for the crucial two points that provided the victory for the Giants. The straight fullback play. The coaches upstairs called that one. "Shaff who announced it felt it might have surprised the Streaks," Young said.

Ross still had to withstand a determined late drive by the Blue Streaks, who moved to the Little Giants' 27 yard line only

to have a field goal attempt fail as time ran out. The kick had the distance, but drifted to the left of the goal post.

The Little Giants spent much of the day catching up to the Blue Streaks. Each time that the Giants would catch and go down to Sandusky, the Blue Streaks would charge back into the lead.

Sandusky started the contest with a play that might have been a lesser team. Lippert, who was a sensational runner all game, took the opening kick off and raced 92 yards for a touchdown. The score actually came on the second kick off. Lippert, who was offside, had to take a short kick and Lippert was tackled on the 29 yard line, but due to some mixup, Ross' coach was up kicking again. It appeared that Ross had declined the point and coach Shaff said after the game that he felt the point and coach Shaff said after the game that he felt the Giants had the ball, but the officials stepped it off and made them kick again.

If the touchdown return failed the Little Giants there was no evidence of it. They took the next kick and moved 8 yards in five plays for their first touchdown. Fullback Young got Ross' first touch and the Streaks were off to the start, exploding through the Sandusky defense for 17 yards.

The Streaks stiffened and held the Giants on the next two plays, but in third and 11, Welling lit Liggins with a screen pass and the sophomore sophomore ran 10 yards to the end zone. Three defenders were angling in at him and then saw his strength in shaking loose for the score. At about the 29 yard line, a Sandusky defender leaped on Liggins' back, but the Ross cannoneer ball just seemed to shrug his shoulders and the Ross would be tackler free. Liggins then hustled into the end

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zone for the score. Young added the extra points that put the Giants on top, 7.

Ben Chapman, a Lippert and two key passes by junior quarterback Tom Lippert, sophomore Chuck Lindsey evened the score with just 1:03 left in the half. Timing it perfectly, he cut in front of an intended Sandusky receiver, intercepted a Chapman pass and Ross' third field goal of the game had him speeding away from the Sandusky pursuers and outmaneuvering Chapman who had the last shot at him. Lippert had 54 yards and the end zone to tie the score. The run for the extra point just got away from him.

Ross moved ahead again in the second half, taking the kick off and marching 62 yards in eight plays and a grabbing the face mask on the 10 yard line. Sandusky had to punt the ball on a 17 yard run. Sandusky had to punt the ball on the extra point attempt, the Giants failed when the official ruled that Jim Welling, who reached the end zone standing up, had possession of the ball at about the 5. Ross stopped the Streaks and threw them off balance, but was slowed by a holding penalty and Sandusky took over.

From their own 25 yard line, Sandusky drove to a score in eight plays. Lippert carried six times for 47 yards and scored into the end zone from one yard out. Mark Deming's kick was good and the Streaks recovered the fumble on the Giants 35 yard line and Lippert had 28 yards for a score on the second play following the recovery. The kick was wide and the stage was set for the Little Giants' final comeback.



BROUGHT TO A HALT—Ross high quarterback Jim Welling is stopped by two Sandusky defenders after picking up yardage. Friday night, Number 26 for Sandusky is Mark Voit. Trying to help with a block is Rusty Zimmerman, Ross high senior end.



FIGHTING FOR YARDAGE—Ross high sophomore halfback Tom Liggins (40) tries to shake a Sandusky high tackler in game at Sandusky Friday night. Grabbing Liggins is Steve Mills of Sandusky. Number 42 is Frank Basile.

Sandusky's tough middle guard. Other Ross gridders are Robin Young (22), Mac Weisel (70), Bob Kusner (51) and Bill Burkett (41). (News-Messenger Photo)

## Defense, Offense Contribute To Victory

Jim Welling to Tom Liggins and Robin Young as a follow up. It's a tough act to beat.

Welling and Liggins combined on two touchdown passes against Sandusky Friday night. The first opened the scoring for the Little Giants and the second became the Ross gridders. After each of the Welling to Liggins touchdown passes the Blue Streaks had two more completed by the Little Giants Friday night—several fumbles. Young battled his way into the end zone for extra points. The final score was 72-57. Young pushed the Giants ahead 42-42 and the next time his two fumbles brought the score to 52-57 with 42 seconds remaining in the game.

Liggins and Young were big men for the Little Giants all day. It was set the tremendous one-man show of Sandusky's Elmer Lippert.

Liggins boosted his conference scoring total to 72 points with three touchdowns. He led the Ross group gainers with 114 yards in 19 carries and pulled in two passes for 59 more yards. Young drove into the heart of the Sandusky defense for 97 yards

in 18 carries in addition to picking up the key points after two touchdowns.

They had plenty of help, however. Strong offensive line blocking opened some good holes for the runners. Meanwhile Len Ferguson offering another hard charging runner for the Blue Streaks.

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He checked up 89 yards in 20 carries and scored all but one of the Blue Streaks' touchdowns in a tremendous display of speed and power—a combination of talents which could well earn him all-state mention this season.

In viewing the success of his offense, Shaff pointed out that "Giants" can't punch the power of tackles. We haven't done

that for about three weeks. We had a couple of fumbles on that play and we've been running them outside, but we're doing outside and inside.

Shaff credited his assistant coaches in the spotter's box with a big part in the effort. The calls from the spotters were the two best he's seen by Young after the final score.

In just one of the tremendous plays of the game, the Sandusky offense nearly pulled this one out. In 32 seconds, the Streaks drove to the Ross 27 yard line and had a receiver break free in the end zone on the second play of the drive. The pass from Ben Chapman was intended to end the reception, but the ball went high on the football. Tom Liggins' field goal then just missed as time ran out. The kick had the distance about from the 34 yard line, but it drifted to the left and the Giants had their victory.

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Senior Rusty Zimmerman sped down the field and fell on the punt receiver's helmet almost before it hit the ground, setting up the Little Giants winning drive.

**Elyria Draws Close To Conference Title**

The Elyria Pioneers had another great start to the season, but the Trojans won the battle of the statistics but lost the war, as the visiting Admirals came up with the big plays. Elyria had 15 first downs, but the Trojans had 16 total and 14 more yards to nine first downs and 14 yards for Admiral King.

Four Elyria drives failed to score, but the Trojans' temporary fumble led in the second quarter and again in the third period.

The Trojans jolted a 7-0 lead with a 75 yard run by King pushed across its second touchdowns to go up 12-7. The Trojans came back with a 10 yard run by Luskic, but King dashed 30 yards for a score late in the third period.

Playing without a running game, Elyria's running backs were scoreless, but Larry Barnes

Pete Restivo and Bill Lepkowski each scored two touchdowns as Lorain Senior Mustangs' defense forced the first three touchdowns with a victory as the result of linebacker Walt Maxwell's 64 yard run with a recovered fumble.

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While Elyria was knocking out its second major challenge of the year, Lorain kept its winning pace with a 40-9 victory over Mansfield. Admiral King continued its winning record by defeating Findlay, 26-14.

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# Pioneers Pound Ross, Repeat As Buckeye Champions

ELYRIA—Elyria high school's powerful Pioneers gave an impressive demonstration of why they stand near the top in the Ohio high school football world and grabbed off a Buckeye Conference football title while doing it Friday night. The second ranked Pioneers blasted visiting Fremont Ross, 41-0, to raise their season's record to 10-0. The victory, which clinched the Pioneers' Buckeye conference record to 5-0, also clinched the league title for Elyria as Marion upset second place Lorain Friday night.

The Pioneers unleashed a destructive offense, piling up 550 yards and six touchdowns, in crushing the Little Giants. Meanwhile, a tough Elyria

defense held the Giants in check, allowing Ross to gain just 128 yards total offense.

What was the Elyria powerhouse that two of the Pioneers' runners had more yards individually than the entire Ross team did on the ground.

But, for nearly a quarter and half, it looked like the Little Giants might give the second ranked Pioneers a real battle. Early Ross miscalculation and as the Little Giants began to falter, the Elyria machine began to pick up steam.

Ross came out of the starting blocks about as strong as it had all year. The Little Giants kicked off, but held the Pioneers to just two yards in three plays. Elyria punted and Ross immediately

went on the move. The Little Giants drove to a fourth and one at the Elyria 35 yard line and made the first down with plenty of room to spare on the next play. However, Ross was called for illegal procedure and the Giants had to punt.

Elyria struck suddenly after the punt. The Pioneers went on a lightning fast 81 yard drive that took just four plays. Speedy Tom Lafford Corn punted with 159 yards in just 12 carries, broke open for runs of 18 and 26 yards and even speedster Mac Thomas raced 35 yards into the end zone. Ross was still very much alive, however, and the Giants quickly picked up a first down and added five more yards on the next play. But, at this

point, a pitch out was fumbled, the Little Giants lost 12 yards and the drive stalled. Still, the Little Giants had their finest moment of the game when they halted an Elyria drive at the two yard line. Elyria moved to first and goal on the Ross eight yard line, but after two plays netted seven yards for the Pioneers, the Little Giants' defense stopped Godbold for a one yard loss and held the Pioneers to a 20-0 lead at the half.

Ross took over on its own 29 yard line and, aided by a penalty against Elyria, the Giants moved out of the hole. But, once again a fumbled pitch out resulted in a big loss and the drive stalled.

From here Elyria began to take complete charge of the game. The Pioneers moved 43 yards in five plays with Brad Barton hitting Lafford Corn with a 30 yard touchdown pass to give the Pioneers a 23-0 lead with 4:08 left in the half.

The final blows to the Ross hopes came in the next minutes. Just two plays after the Elyria kick off, Tom Liggins, the Little Giants' second leading ground gainer for the day, broke through the Ross line and raced 27 yards from his own 14 to the Little Giants' 14. Three plays later Husband batted

weeks without injured Mike Ruland, another of the Little Giants' top runners. When things go wrong they seem to multiply and the next play was a fumble. Jim Werling was injured, but was picked off by Jim Werling. The Pioneers had plenty of time to move quickly down the field for another score. Barton hit Tim Graham with a 23 yard scoring serial and then ran over for the extra points to give the Pioneers a 20-0 lead at the half.

Any hopes that Ross had of making a comeback in the second half received a jolt when burly John Husband, who was the Pioneers' second leading ground gainer for the day, broke through the line and raced 27 yards from his own 14 to the Little Giants' 14. Three plays later Husband batted

his way into the end zone for the touchdown that raised the score to 26-0. This fourth Elyria touchdown came about midway through the third quarter and from there on it was strictly a matter of what the final score would be.

In the second half effort to find a more productive attack, coach Charles Shuff even turned to quarterback Jim Werling at the halfback spot, inserting sophomore Ben Lopez at quarterback. Another sophomore, Chuck Lindsey, the team's regular fullback, had been a part-time specialist on the ball five times at the halfback spot and picked up 12 yards. Joining Liggins on the sidelines with injuries were Dan Hill and Ed Palmer.



A SAD VIEW — These three were unhappy right in the picture are injured Mike Ruland, Larry Sheffield and assistant coach Tom Dorman. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Buckeye Conference

### Lorain Title Hopes End, Lippert Leads Sandusky

Marion Harding high ended Marion, Lorain Senior and Sandusky all are 4-2 in the league, Steelman, Lorain battled back in

### Elyria-Ross Yardstick

Score by Quarters	
ROSS	0 0 9-0
ELYRIA	6 14 13 9-41
Scoring	
E-Mac Thomas	35 yard run (run failed)
E-Lafford Corn	30 yard pass from Brad Barton (run failed)
E-Tim Graham	23 yard pass from Brad Barton (run failed)
E-John Husband	one yard run (run failed)
E-Berry Eason	two yard run (Tony Kozan kick)
E-Ben Lopez	one yard run (Larry Corn pass from Brad Barton)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	R	E
OFFENSIVE PLAYS	52	66
FIRST DOWNS	8	23
Passing	6	18
Penalty	1	5
NET YARDAGE GAINED	126	550
Rushing	112	428
Passing	14	122
PASSES ATTEMPTED	8	11
Completed	2	6
Intercepted	2	2
FUMBLES	3	2
Ball Lost	0	1
PENALTIES	3	1
Yards Penalized	35	60
PUNTS	6	1
Average	29	20

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	ROSS	Rushing
Runner	Carries Yds Ave	
Tom Liggins	12 159 13.2	
Robin Young	13 46 3.5	
Jim Werling	4 12 3	
Chuck Lindsey	5 12 2.4	
Ben Lopez	1 5 5	
Larry Sheffield	6 9 1.5	
Passing		
Passer	Att Comp Int Yds	
Jim Werling	3 0 0 14	
Ben Lopez	2 2 0 14	
Receiving	Catches Yds Ave	
Reiever	0 0 0	
Kicker	Kicks Yds Ave	
Randy Arndt	1 12 12	
Mike Gerber	1 2 2	
Punting		
Passer	Att Comp Int Yds	
Brad Barton	6 174 29	
Receiving	Catches Yds Ave	
Reiever	0 0 0	
Kicker	Kicks Yds Ave	
John Husband	15 159 13.2	
Mike Thomas	9 58 7.6	
Mac Thomas	10 65 6.5	
Tim Graham	8 45 5.6	
Tom Lafford	13 25 1.9	
Dave Casper	1 10 10	
John Eason	2 5 2.5	
Chuck Booth	1 9 9	
Brad Barton	2 9 4.5	
Punting		
Passer	Att Comp Int Yds	
Brad Barton	5 0 100	
Receiving	Catches Yds Ave	
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Mac Thomas	2 38 18	
Tim Graham	3 45 15	
Lafford Corn	1 30 30	
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MAKING THE STOP — Rick Washington of St. Joseph high

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## High School Scoreboard

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# Elyria Tips Scales

Last Friday's game with power-packed Elyria Pioneers really tipped the statistical scale in the favor of the Ross opponents. Elyria outgained Ross by more than 400 yards and had 15 more first downs.

With just one game remaining in the season, the Little Giants have yielded 3,071 yards and 235 points—averages of 341 yards and 26 points per game.

The offense, meanwhile saw its averages take a dip last week—the first time Ross had been shutout since the opening game of the season. The Little Giants have gained 1903 yards and scored 130 points—averages of 211 yards and more than 14 points per game.

There were no major changes in individual statistics. The Giants can boast two runners over the 500 mark in rushing yardage as Robin Young joined Tom Liggins in that category last week. Young now has 543 yards gained for the nine games—an average of slightly better than 60 yards per game. Liggins, whose figures were changed slightly after a re-check of the Sandusky game statistics—has 581 yards for an average of nearly 65 yards per game. Two carries and 15 yards in rushing were given to Liggins incorrectly in the Sandusky game. The re-check revealed that they should have been given to Len Ferguson, senior halfback. That gave Liggins 99 yards, 17 carries and Ferguson 35 in eight carries.

## Yardstick

**Schedule**  
0 — Rogers — 7  
26 — — 26  
6 — Bowsher — 21  
24 — Mansfield — 22  
14 — Marion — 28  
20 — Lorain — 28  
12 — Elyria — 33  
28 — Sandusky — 27  
0 — Elyria — 41

Admiral King

**Scoring**

OPPONENTS 69 73 41 52-235

ROSS 14 54 28 34-130

**TEAM STATISTICS**

Ross Opp

OFFENSIVE PLAYS 528 511

FIRST DOWNS 120 145

PASSING 93 119

Passing 21 23

Penalty 6 3

NET YARDAGE GAINED 1000 3071

Rush 1511 2430

Passing 392 578

PASSES ATTEMPTED 96 86

Completed 24 37

Hail Mary 10 7

PENALTIES 24 39

Yards Penalized 235 357

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Scoring**

Player TDs Xps Total

Tom Liggins 15 8 98

Robin Young 1 1 10

Rusty Zimmerman 1 0 6

Larry Shetfield 1 0 6

Chuck Lindsey 1 0 6

Jim Werling 0 4 4

**Rushing**

Runner Carries Yds Ave

Tom Liggins 108 541 5.4

Robin Young 129 541 4.2

Larry Shetfield 61 207 3.4

Len Ferguson 32 133 4.2

Jim Werling 45 144 3.2

Mike Tooman 4 9 3

Ben Lopez 3 7 0

Randy Arndt 2 0 0

**Passing**

Passer Att Comp Int Yds TDs

Jim Werling 80 20 7 350 2

Ben Lopez 15 4 3 42 0

Tom Liggins 1 0 0 0 0

**Receiving**

Receiver Catches Yds Ave

Tom Liggins 7 161 23

Mike Tooman 12 148 12.3

Len Ferguson 2 30 15

Rusty Zimmerman 1 22 22

Mike Tooman 1 12 12

Steve Tooman 11 11 11

Mike Gerber 1 2 2

**Kick Returns**

Runner Returns Yds Ave

Len Ferguson 5 162 20.4

Tom Liggins 15 306 20.4

Robin Young 3 56 18.7

Mike Tooman 2 36 18

Chuck Lindsey 11 185 16.8

Mike Ruland 3 48 16.7

Jim Werling 5 57 11.4

Mike Tooman 1 9 9

Steve Tooman 2 4 2

**Punting**

Kicker Yds Ave

Mike Ruland 11 369 33.5

Randy Arndt 21 615 29.2

Scott Johnson 6 168 28.0

## Hobbled Little Giants Face Invasion By Admiral King

Lorain Admiral King's grid team invades Fremont Friday evening, seeking a victory over Ross high which would even the Admiral's season record at 5-5. It will be a hobbled Little Giant team that will meet the invasion of the Admirals—themselves the victims of injuries this year.

Ross will be without the services of sensational sophomore running back Tom Liggins, scrappy middle guard Dan Hill and big sophomore tackle Jack Rhoades. All three were injured in the loss to powerful Elyria last Friday. Liggins, whose knee remains swollen yesterday afternoon, was believed to have suffered ligament damage. Hill had pulled muscle and Rhoades suffered a concussion. At this point, Liggins is the leading rusher and scorer for the Little Giants.

Admiral King knows what problems there can be facing an opponent without a top running back. The Admirals were putting together a fine season, rolling to three straight pre-conference victories, before flashy Larry Barnes was injured. With Barnes hobbled and completely missing three

of the games, the Admirals have won just one of six league contests. However, Barnes returned to action against Sandusky last week and is expected to be at full strength for the first time since early in the year against Ross.

The 6', 175 pound senior halfback has rushed for 257 yards in 117 carries, an average of 6.2 yards per carry. He is the type of quick hitting back that has been particularly damaging to Ross this season. In spite of his injuries, Barnes has scored 60 points on ten touchdowns. Ron Neal, a sophomore star for King, is the Admirals' second leading scorer and ground gainer. Neal has 409 yards and 30 points for the year.

Two quarterbacks have seen considerable duty for the Admirals this year. Senior Joe Grunda has completed just four of 27 passes, however, and junior Mark Lakesic has hit on 13 of 36 for 115 yards.

Like most of the teams in the Buckeye Conference King is a veteran ball club. There are 24 seniors on the roster. The Admirals also have some size in the front line, with three senior tackles topping the 220 mark.

King opened the season with high powered victories over Eastlake North, Cleveland John Adams and Lorain Southview. But the high scoring Admirals then ran into injuries and the rugged Elyria Pioneers. They were blanked for the next two weeks—34-0 by Elyria and 34-0 by Mansfield—and then lost to Marion, 29-7, before being shutout again this time by Lorain Senior, 18-0. King began to right itself with a 20-13 victory against Findlay and the return of Barnes to the lineup should make all the difference in the world in the Admirals. With him healthy, the King squad really piled up the points—109 in three nonconference games.

Ross will be bidding for its third win of the season and a chance to finish fifth in the Buckeye conference race. Little Giants and Admirals are both 2-3 in the conference, while Findlay and King are 1-5. Findlay hosts rugged Marion and Mansfield travels to Sandusky, so the Giants could end up in the middle of the standings with a victory.

It will be the last high school game for 14 members of the Ross squad, although some of them will not see

action due to injuries. Seniors on the roster are Len Ferguson, Mike Gerber, Bruce Guido, Dan Hill, Mike Maddox, Steve McVay, Ed Palmer, Larry Sheffield, Bill Thieszen, Steve Toman, Jim Werling, Mike Wetzel, Robin Young and Ross Zimmerman.

The practice week at Ross has involved considerable time in working to find a productive backfield combination. The loss of Liggins was a big blow and was magnified by the earlier loss of hard running Len Ferguson, who broke his hand in practice early last week. Another running back that the Little Giants felt would help them this year—Mike Ruland—has been injured since early in the year. Larry Sheffield moved in for Ferguson last week. The 190 pound senior, who started early in the year, is expected to keep the call at one of the halfbacks with Robin Young at fullback. The other halfback spot will go to one of a number of others. Coach Charles Sniff tried Jim Wenzel at the spot briefly in last week's game and he has worked there again during practice. If Werling were shifted, sophomore Ben Lopez would take over at the quarterback spot.



# Liggins, Wetzel 'All Buckeye'



BUCKEYE CONFERENCE SELECTIONS: Five members of the 1969 Ross high school football team received berths on the "All Buckeye Conference Team" named today. The two boys kneeling Mike Wetzel (left) and Tom Liggins were

named to the first team. Robin Young, Jim Werling and Dan Hill (standing in the back from left to right) were given second team berths.

## ★ Buckeye Conference All Stars. ★

### FIRST TEAM

#### Linemen

NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Mike Wetzel	Fremont	Sr.	5-11	211
Tom Szabo	Elyria	Sr.	6-1	220
LaRond Corn	Elyria	Sr.	6-2	185
Dick Armstrong	Elyria	Sr.	5-11	190
Kraig Gibson	Marion	Sr.	5-9	190
Ken Miller	Sandusky	Sr.	5-8	205
Tom Glass	Sandusky	Sr.	6-1	195
Frank Basilone	Sandusky	Sr.	5-6	180
Ray Felton	Lorain Sr.	Sr.	6-1	220
Mark Leonard	Admiral King	Sr.	6-1	180
Tom Scott	Mansfield	Sr.	5-10	175
<b>Backfield</b>				
Tom Liggins	Fremont	Soph.	5-11	185
John Husband	Elyria	Sr.	6-2	210
Tony Godbolt	Elyria	Sr.	6-0	170
Mac Thomas	Elyria	Sr.	5-10	160
Bob Sims	Marion	Sr.	5-9	159
Tom Reess	Marion	Sr.	5-9	156
Chip Benson	Marion	Sr.	5-9	165
Elmer Lippert	Sandusky	Sr.	5-7	180
Rick Haas	Lorain Sr.	Sr.	6-0	165
Jeff Novotny	Lorain Sr.	Sr.	5-10	165
Larry Barnes	Admiral King	Sr.	6-0	175
Robert Petty	Mansfield	Sr.	6-0	185
Rick Martinez	Findlay	Sr.	5-8	180

### SECOND TEAM

#### Linemen

NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Dan Hill	Fremont	Sr.	5-7	170
Ron Green	Marion	Sr.	6-1	225
Bill Rinker	Marion	Sr.	6-2	218
Bob Cofer	Marion	Sr.	5-9	190
Chuck Ellisor	Marion	Sr.	6-1	227
Sam Presutto	Lorain Sr.	Sr.	6-1	225
John Kava	Lorain Sr.	Sr.	6-1	190
Larry Polonkay	Lorain Sr.	Sr.	6-1	180
Mike Baker	Elyria	Sr.	6-0	185
Jim Kennedy	Sandusky	Sr.	6-2	220
Ken Leighton	Sandusky	Sr.	6-1	190
Paul Graudberry	Sandusky	Sr.	6-2	185
Greg Davidson	Sandusky	Sr.	5-7	205
Barry Prosak	Admiral King	Jr.	6-4	215
Tom Smigel	Admiral King	Jr.	5-10	185
Bill Dillon	Admiral King	Jr.	5-11	190
Dave Hoy	Mansfield	Sr.	6-0	180
Clint Thompson	Mansfield	Sr.	5-10	170
Jim Battisto	Mansfield	Sr.	5-11	225
<b>Backfield</b>				
Jim Werling	Fremont	Sr.	6-2	175
Robin Young	Fremont	Sr.	6-0	185
Steve Kennedy	Findlay	Sr.	5-8	175
Brad Barton	Elyria	Sr.	5-9	160
Bill Hammond	Elyria	Sr.	5-10	165

## Bobby Hull Reaches Settlement

CHICAGO (AP) — His financial fringes apparently resolved, Bobby Hull will quit figure skating at a mobbed news conference Thursday that he is mutually for both sides.

rejoining the Chicago Black

## Young, Hill, Werling Named Second Team

By MARK CARLSON

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Two mainstays of the 1969 Fremont Ross high school football team were named to the first team All-Buckeye Conference squad today.

Tom Liggins, the high-stepping halfback, and Mike Wetzel, a tackle, who opened many of the big holes that were necessary for Liggins to gain 581 yards, joined 22 others in making up the first team.

Ross also placed three individuals on the 24-man second team—Robin Young, fullback, Jim Werling, quarterback and defensive safety, and Dan Hill, middle guard.

Unlike other years, the coaches did not select the top 11 players on offense and also the best on defense.

"We decided to pick the best ball players in the conference," Ross mentor Chuck Shuff said last night. "That's the reason 13 backs and 11 linemen were selected to the first team."

"I'm not quite sure we (the coaches) would have been able to agree on four backs for first team berths. The league had one outstanding group of backfield men this year. Each school had at least one solid candidate."

"It would have been an impossible task."

Elyria's Pioneers, who finished at the top of the league standings with a 7-0 mark and were 10-0 overall, placed six men on the first team: Marion Harding and Sandusky each have four representatives. Lorain Senior had three, Ross, Admiral King and Mansfield Senior had two and Findlay one player on the top 24.

"The way the voting turned out it shows the strength of the league," Shuff continued. Marion Harding and Sandusky tied for second.

The placing of Liggins on the first team is especially note worthy. He's the only underclassman on the first team. What makes the selection even more impressive is the fact that with the exception of three Admiral King juniors, the second team is also made up of all seniors.

"This is quite a tribute to Tom," Shuff said. "You must consider that nearly every club in this league had approximately 18 or 19 seniors with most of them starting. For Tom to earn a first-team berth is quite a feat."

"It wasn't a fluke either. Practically all of the coaches were agreed with all of the selections. When we finished picking the squad one of the other coaches told me that we had indeed picked the top 24 players."

Liggins, who missed the last game and a half because of an injury, also played some defense.

Wetzel was the top offensive lineman for the Little Giants this season, grading out highest on the game films. He was the only three-year letterman on the squad.

"I guess the best way to describe Mike is to say that he's a picture blocker," said Shuff. "He played mostly on offense but also was in there on defense at times."

"We (the Ross coaches) think Mike will become a good small college ball player. He should be able to play as either a center or defensive lineman at a Mid-American conference school."

Werling moved up to the second team after receiving honorable mention on last year's squad.

The selection of Hill to a second team berth was probably even a surprise to Shuff. The senior middle guard missed half of the Elyria game and all of the Marion and Admiral King contests because of an injury.

Shuff describes Young as being "the leader and hustler of this year's squad. He did a good job for us and was a consistent runner."

Three of Elyria's representatives on the first team—John Husband, Tony Godbolt and Mac Thomas—were backs. Godbolt was the workhorse of the Pioneers' strong offensive machine. Linemen Tom Szabo (tackle), LaRond Corn (end) and Dick Armstrong (guard) completed the Elyria delegation.

Elmer Lippert, who lead the league in scoring, heads the Sandusky delegation. Other Blue Streaks on the first squad are Ken Miller (tackle), Tom Glass (defensive back) and Frank Basilone (middle guard).

Kraig Gibson (guard), Bob Sims (halfback), Tom Reese (quarterback) and Chip Benson (fullback) earned berths based on their performances for Marion Harding.

From Lorain Senior, the coaches selected Ray Felton (defensive tackle), Rick Hans (defensive back) and Jeff Novotny (quarterback).

Linebacker Mark Leonard and tailback Larry Barnes earned recognition for their play at Lorain Admiral King.

Mansfield Senior players selected were Robert Petty and Tom Scott. Rick Martinez was the only Findlay player named to the first team.

In an unprecedented move, the coaches also named an honorary member to the first team—Admiral King fullback Dan Paskewich. He sustained a head injury in a practice session several weeks ago and has never regained consciousness.

All of the teams also had representatives on the second squad. Marion Harding and Sandusky each had four. With the exception of Findlay, which had one man on the second 24, all of the other schools had three men on the second unit.

Nineteen linemen and five backs comprise the second 24.

Receiving honorable mention berths from Ross were seniors Rusty Zimmerman, Ed Palmer, Len Ferguson, and Steve Toomian, juniors Chuck Miller and Tom Nighswander and sophomore Chuck Lindsey.

