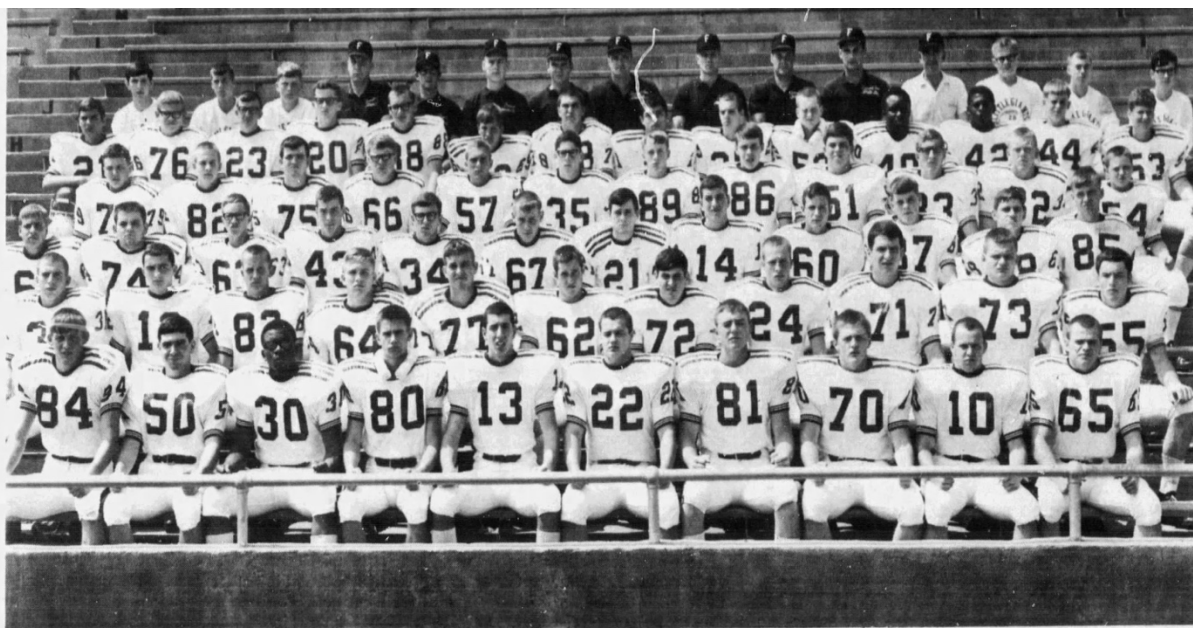


# 1969 Season review...



THE 1969 ROSS HIGH SCHOOL LITTLE GIANTS



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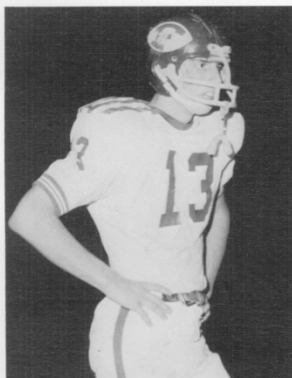
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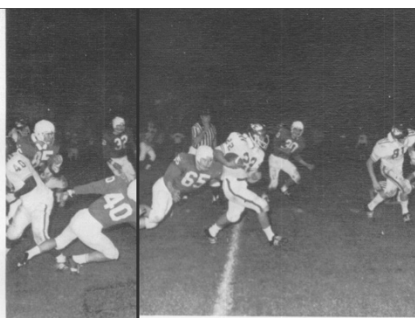
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## The Man In The Street

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.

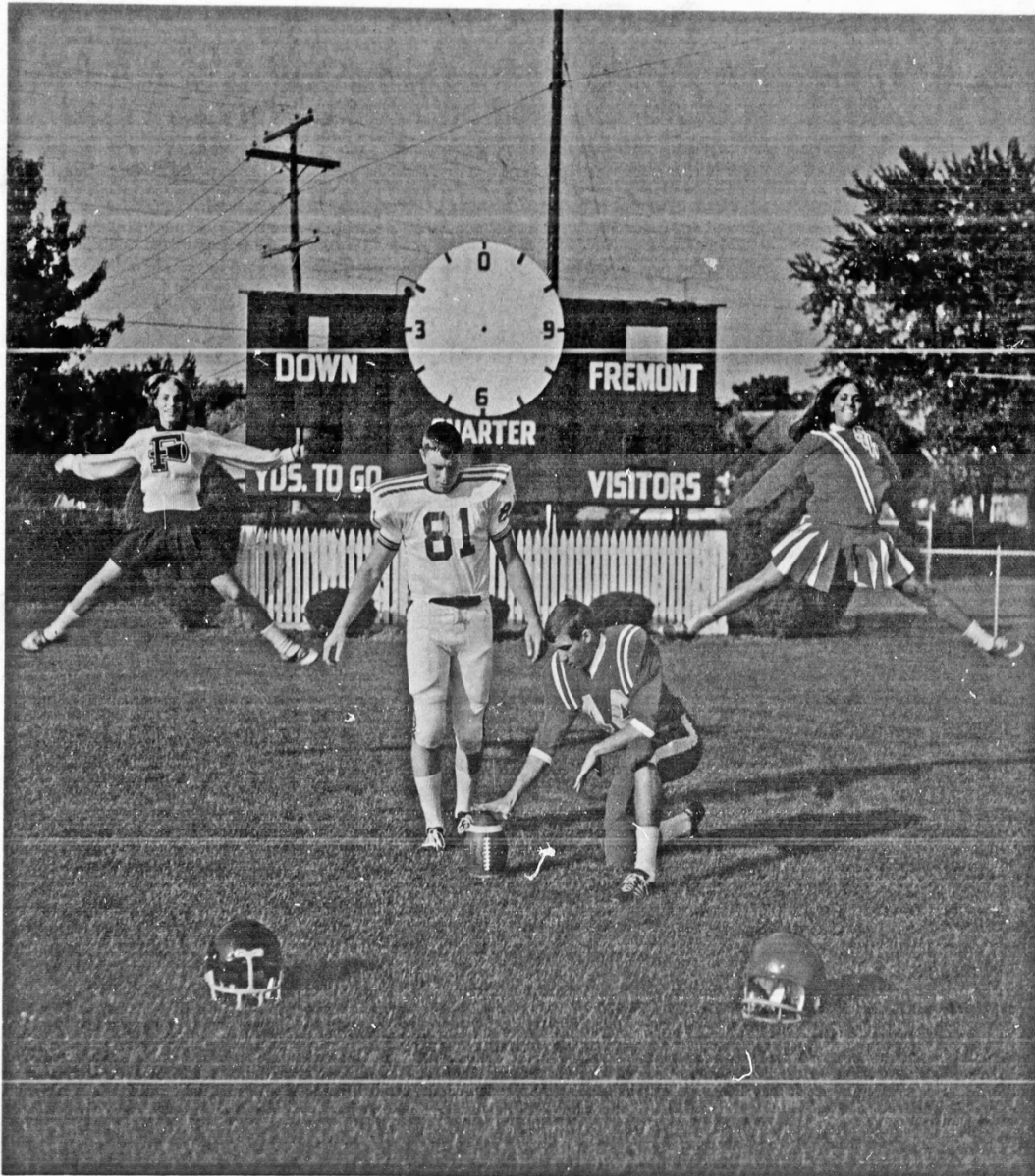
Fremont Ross, Fremont St. Joseph, Clyde, Gibsonburg, Lakota, Oak Harbor, Margaretta, Woodmore, Bellevue, Port Clinton, Lakeside and Genoa high school footballers are featured, with additional information about the Buckeye and Sandusky Bay Conference and some of the opponents of the area teams. The information 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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FREMONT, OHIO, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1969



## 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 Hetrick was third in the interclub golf tourney last Monday. Hetrick 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 208 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 Andulics, 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:

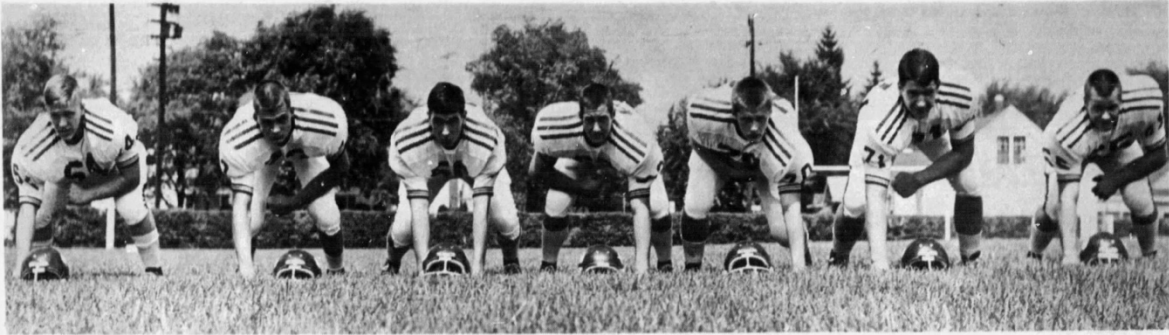
Lorain  
Elyria  
Marion  
Sandusky  
Ross  
Admiral King  
Findlay  
Mansfield

## '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.



**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 with 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 Thiesen, 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
Brian 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 Kusmer	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 Serfozo	5'10"	150	back
Perry Shenk	5'10"	160	end
Mike Stanley	6'	155	end
John Szymanowski	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 Eishen	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 1968.

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 1968, 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 1968, 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 1968 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.

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 m... no excuses but a sock bet the eyes could have cos... World Junior Golf title to a girl. Sandy Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Baker, Fremonters, finished in the 15-17 age division of world tournament with a stroke total, eight behind the winner Jane Renner of San Diego, Calif.

The 'sock' came after the round when Sandy, while on practice green, was hit in the face by a golf ball. The incident came after a first round on the Torrey Pines championship course. The second round Miss Baker faltered to before closing with a 78. 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 Valdes of Colombia will meet in a future 10-rounder 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.

## Rogers Tops Ross, 7-0

# Slow Start Sinks Little Giants In Opener

BY ROY WILHELM

N-M Sports 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 for a 7-0 victory over Ross in the season opener at Harmon Stadium 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 turn the game around. In less than a quarter and a half, the Rams moved for 108 yards and seven 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 managed just 18 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 180 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 Brown prevented a possible Ross touchdown with a perfectly timed hit on Ross sophomore Tom Liggins as he stretched to pull in a Jim Werling 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 the boom.

Early in the fourth quarter, Ross drove to a first and ten on the Rogers' 12 yard line, but the attack bogged down and ended with an incomplete pass from the nine. Larry Sheffield, who had been leading the Ross running game, was forced 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. Werling fired a 22 yard pass to Russ Zimmerman at the five, but two Rogers' defenders quickly covered the Ross receiver and time ran 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.

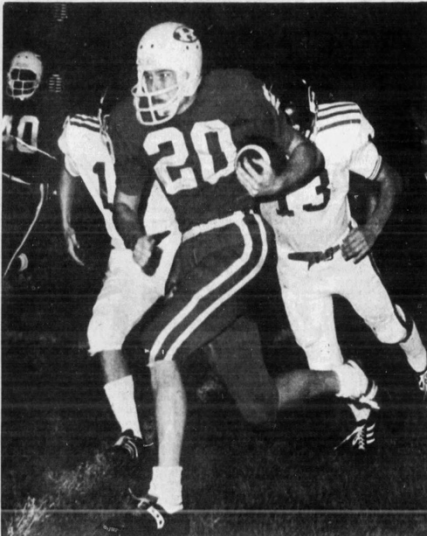
"We made no changes at half, the kids just started hitting harder," said Shuff, who indicated that first game "Jitters" may have been responsible for the slow start although he felt that the "Kids didn't seem tight before the game."

Shuff had words of praise for Rogers as well as for his own team. He said he felt the Rogers squad was quite 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 Giants' defense forced three fumbles, recovering each, and also picked off a pass-Gary Budorf 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 tried for a first down with fourth and less than a foot on their own 34 yard line and time running out in the contest. Quarterback Kevin Wolff 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 Ruland dove in to stop the next fourth down try just short of the mark, but the Giants had time for just three more plays. Werling connected with Bill Burkett 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 Werling (13) and Len Ferguson—just miss catching up with him. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Ross-Rogers Scorecard

Score By Quarters  
ROSS 7 0 0 0  
ROGERS 0 0 0 0

ROSS — Jim Jordan, four yard run (Dick Franzer, kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

ROSS	ROGERS
OFFENSIVE PLAYS	10 48
FIRST DOWNS	11 10
Running	4 10
Passing	4 0
Punt	0 0
NET YARDAGE	178 170
Running	100 140
Passing	78 31
PASSES ATTEMPTED	14 6
Completed	5 3
Int. Intercepted	0 1
FUMBLES	2 3
Lost	1 3
PENALTIES	1 2
Yards Penalized	5 20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

ROSS HIGH

Running

Carries Yds. Ave.

Larry Sheffield 12 68 5.7

Tom Liggins 11 20 1.9

Bob Young 7 7 1

Jim Werling 2 3 1.5

Mike Ruland 3 10 3.3

Ben Lopez 1 4 4

Passing

Att. Comp. Int. Yds.

Jim Werling 14 5 0 78

Receiving

catches Yds. Ave.

Bill Burkett 4 26 6.5

Russ Zimmerman 1 22 22

Punting

Punts Ave.

Scott Johnson 2 28

Mike Ruland 3 34.5

Kick Returns

returns Ave.

Chuck Lindsey 2 21

ROSS HIGH

Running

Carries Yds. Ave.

Tony McDaniels 9 33 3.7

Jim Jordan 10 40 4.0

Dan Grayson 16 57 3.6

Kevin Wuff 3 10 3.3

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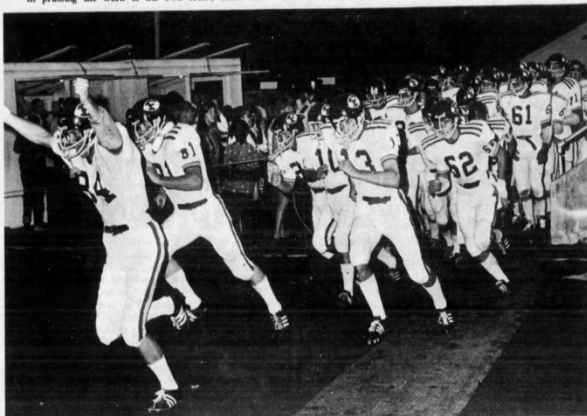
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**LET'S GO**—Ross high school's Little Giants charge onto the field to start a new season Friday night. The Little Giants lost to visiting Toledo Rogers, 6-0, in the season's opener at

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

## Buckeye Powers Triumph

The four teams given the most chance to win the Buckeye Conference championship

## Oakland Rallies To Win, Cuts Minnesota's Lead

By ED SCHUYLER JR.

Associated Press Sports Writer

The Oakland Athletics have used Minnesota pitcher Ron

Dave Johnson batted in five

runs with a pair of doubles and

Frank Robinson hit a two-run

home, his 31st, for Baltimore,

In the first game at Cleveland,

the Indians' Sam McDowell, 16-12, outduelled 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 20-6 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 177 yards in the last two quarters, scoring three touchdowns and threatening again in the second 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 teamed with seniors Larry Sheffield and Robin Young 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 cannon ball barreled his way into the Cleveland defense for 72 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

scrambled in from 16 yards out to tie the game in the fourth quarter.

While Liggins was collecting the big payoffs for the Little Giants, Young and Sheffield were pounding out crucial yardage to set up the scores. Young carried the pigskin into the thick of the West defense 15 times and blasted his way for 74 yards. Sheffield, who had been the Giants' leading ground gainer in the opening loss to Toledo Rogers, drove for 49 yards and set up the first Ross touchdown with a slashing 15-yard run to the Cleveland five yard line.

While the cannon ball was delivering the scoring punch, a smaller weapon in the Ross arsenal was hurting the enemy. Chuck Lindsey, a lightning quick

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 Ross 45 yard line and dashed back to the West 31 before being brought to a halt. Then, late in the game, Lindsey took a West punt at his own 45 yard line, sped for the sideline and scrambled his way down to the West 29 yard line to set up Liggins' final touchdown.

But before Ross got rolling, the Giants put themselves in a deep hole with first half mistakes.

The first West touchdown followed a Ross defensive miscue. 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 later on a four yard run. A big play by Bruce Guidle helped lead to the Ross score which tied the game at 6-6. Guidle raced down field and stopped a Mike Ruland punt on the one yard line. The visitors lost a yard on the first play with Ross just missing two points as the ball was placed right at the goal line after a hard Little Giant defensive charge.

The visitors punted from the six yard line and Jim Werling returned the ball to the Cleveland 25. Ross tied the score five plays later with Sheffield's

run being the big one in the drive leading to Liggins' score. Two big pass plays—one for 22 yards and one for 27 yards—boosted West along on a 66 yard drive that put the visitors in the lead again.

Ross went deep in the hole when a bad snap from center sailed over Ruland's head late in the second period. Ruland 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 20-6 two plays later. There were only eight seconds remaining on the clock when the West team scored.

After Lindsey's interception and Young's running had set up Liggins' second touchdown, West drove 62 yards with the help of a third down pass interference penalty. Once again

a pass stung the Giants. Pagan hit Mike Rosman, a 5'9", 160 pound senior, between a pair of Ross defenders for a 30 yard touchdown that lifted the margin to 26-12.

From there on it was all Ross, but the Giants fell just short of victory.

Time ran out with Ross on the West six yard line, just as it had with the Little Giants on the Rogers five yard line in the 7-0 loss last week.

On the second last play of the game Ross just missed on a pass to the four yard line as officials ruled the ball was trapped. Sheffield then gained six to the six, but time ran out before the Giants could run another play.

Looking back on the contest, Head Coach Charles Shuff said

he was pleased with the way his team came back. "But you hate to fall short like that," He reported that coaches made few changes at halftime other than to switch a few blocking assignments. "We just went after them in the second half. We blew out on them."

He felt that in the first half the Giants, "Didn't react to the ball defensively."

Shuff shouldered some of the blame for the non-victory, saying that possibly he should have had the Giants run out the clock just before the half, rather than trying a pass and then having to attempt the punt. Obviously disappointed, the coach still had praise for his charges. "People say that a tie ball game is nothing, but these kids showed me something by coming back like that."



**TOUGH MAN TO STOP**—Tom Liggins, Ross high sophomore halfback drives for extra yardage against Cleveland Lincoln-West Friday night. Making the stop for West is

Randy Pilawski. At right is Steve Tooman of Ross. Little Giants in the background are Larry Sheffield (30) and Russ Zimmerman (81). (News-Messenger Photo.)



**TYING TOUCHDOWN**—Tom Liggins takes off around end on the run that tied the ball game for Ross high Friday night. Liggins scored four touchdowns and two extra points

as Ross and Cleveland Lincoln-West tied at 26-26. On this play, Liggins scored from the 14 yard line. (News-Messenger Photo.)

## Ross Tops West In Cross Country

Ross high's pace setting pair of sophomores—twins Al and Joe Widman—showed the way as the host Little Giants downed visiting Cleveland Lincoln-West

26-35 in cross country action at the Rodgers Young-Thornwood course Friday afternoon.

Joe beat twin brother Al to the wire by one second as the two swept the top two spots for the Ross thinclads. Joe covered the distance in 11:03, nosing out Al, who turned in an 11:04 time to nip Cleveland's Pete Butari, who covered the two mile course in 11:46.

Ross also took fourth and fifth places, with Rich Scott

finishing at 11:23 and Tom Hoffman covering the distance in 11:28. Final man to score for the Little Giants was Bob Ballanger, who took eighth place with a time of 11:47.

Other Little Giant runners were Cy Connors, who took eleventh place with a time of 12:34; Howard Sielwall, thirteenth with a 12:43; Bruce Schneider, fourteenth with a 12:56; and Dave Henry, fifteenth with a 13:35.

The victory was the second straight for the Little Giant cross country men, who opened the season with a narrow one point victory over Lakota earlier in the week.

## Royals Attempt To Activate Cousy

CINCINNATI (AP)—The Cincinnati Enquirer reported that Bob Cousy, new head coach of the Royals of the National Basketball League has asked to return as an active player.

Cousy, star of the Boston Celtics, retired in 1962. The Enquirer said the Royals had asked Walter Kennedy, NBA president to intercede with Celtics general manager Red Auerbach to release Cousy from the Celtics voluntary retired list. Kennedy suggested the matter was best negotiated between the two clubs, the Enquirer said, and the Royals are awaiting an answer. If approved he will, at 41, be the oldest player ever in the NBA.



## National League Roundup

# Mets Hike String To Nine

By HAL BOCK  
Associated Press Sports Writer

Amazing! That was how Casey Stengel, their first manager, used to describe the New York Mets. The only thing was when Casey said it, the adjective didn't really fit. Now ... well, now the Mets have a magic number and that rates an "amazing."

Chicago's staggering Cubs broke an eight-game losing streak Friday night, beating St. Louis 5-1. Yet the Cubs lost ground in the National League East to the rampaging Mets, who beat Pittsburgh twice by 1-0 scores with the only runs in each game being driven in by winning pitchers Jerry Kosman and Don Cardwell.

Now that's amazing. The doubleheader sweep opened the Mets' lead to 2½ games over the Cubs, stretched their winning streak to nine games and reduced their magic number to 16. The last three vic-

tories have been shutouts and the New York pitching staff has not allowed a run in the last 34 innings.

Elsewhere in the National League, Montreal shut out Philadelphia 4-0, Atlanta edged Houston 4-3, San Francisco blanked Cincinnati 1-0 and Los Angeles took San Diego 5-3.

Kosman pitched a three-inning first game against the Pirates and collected his first RBI of the season with a fifth inning single off loser Bobby Moose that drove in Bobby Piel.

The single was Kosman's fourth hit this season and the first one against any pitcher other than San Diego's Clay Kirby.

The RBI was the fifth of Kosman's major league career.

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## Future Brightens As Sophs Sparkle

The promises of tomorrow were very much in evidence at Harmon Field Friday night even though the Ross high Little Giants failed in their second attempt at victory.

The Little Giants made a stirring second half comeback and seemed to lack nothing but a little time in the bid to overtake visiting Cleveland Lincoln-West. Another minute on the clock could have spelled victory, just as it might have in the season opener this year.

But, while the Little Giants were performing admirably in the rousing rally Friday there were signs of better days to come. Sophomores were seeing plenty of action and were more than holding their own.

A pair of weapons which should give the Ross arsenal plenty of fire power in the next few years stirred the large crowd. Tom Liggins battled his way for four touchdowns and little Chuck Lindsey exploded through the Cleveland opponents on brilliant returns of a pass interception and a punt—a cannon ball and a rocket in the Ross attack. Liggins stands 5'11" and weighs 180, while Lindsey is 5'10" and weighs 140.

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## Local Shorts

### K. Of C. Reaches Final Game

FORT SENECA—Fremont Knights of Columbus moved to the finals of the Fort Seneca big ball tournament with a 3-0 victory over Tiffin National Machinery Friday evening.

Charles Givens drove in all three runs for the winners.

## 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 Napolski, 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.

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.

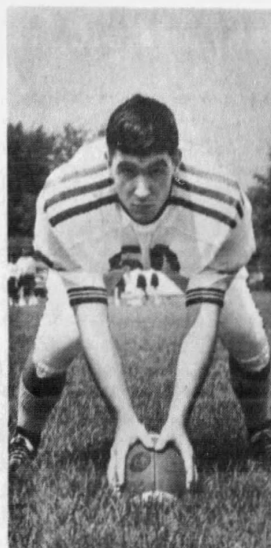
Robin Young, Dan Hill and

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.

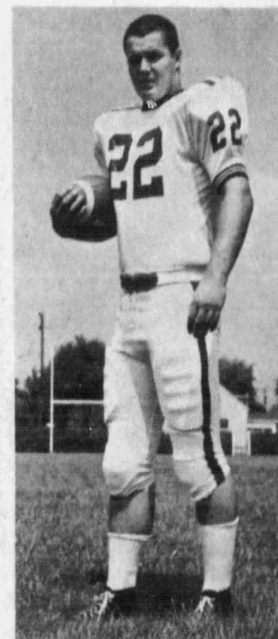
Next week the Ross boosters will hear from Dr. George Conti, Fremont public schools' superintendent, who will discuss the athletic problems created by the defeat of the levy and what another defeat would mean to athletics.



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

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The Toledo Bowsher Rebels may have had all the one-two 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 Shuff 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 Liggins all managed to grind out the yardage, but seven fumbles and three pass interceptions knocked the Little Giant offense cold. Sophomore Liggins led the attack with 64 yards in 15 carries. Young picked up 39 in ten carries and Sheffield added 36 in 12 carries. Sheffield's total was hurt by the fact that he lost 13 yards when he recovered a Little Giant fumble. If that play was not counted, he gained 49 yards in 11 tries.

On two of the fumbles, the Little Giants turned the ball over to the Rebels. Another came on a fourth down punting play and even though the Little Giants recovered, Bowsher took over the football. Others slowed Ross drives.

Meanwhile, Bowsher's highly touted pair of George Keim and Dave Schaetzke was living up to advanced billing. The two carried the bulk of the Rebels' load, running, passing, catching and kicking their way to all of Bowsher's points and a great majority of the Rebels' yardage.

Keim blasted his way into the Ross line for 97 yards in 18 carries, caught five passes for 50 yards, scored two touchdowns, kicked three extra points and returned two kick offs for a total of 60 yards. Schaetzke sprinted around the Ross ends for 122 yards in 17 carries, scored one touchdown and threw for another.

The pair led two near field-long Rebel drives. In the first period, Bowsher marched 85 yards for a score with Keim gaining the last four into the end zone and then adding the conversion. The 6'1", 176 pound senior halfback gained 46 yards in seven carries and caught a 20 yard pass from Schaetzke during the drive.

Then, with the contest still tight and the Rebels with

their backs to the wall late in the third quarter, Schaetzke and Keim took over again. This time the Rebels drove 43 yards in 17 plays with the longest gain being 11 yards. The drive took slightly more than seven minutes.

Schaetzke carried the ball six times for 43 yards and hit Keim with two passes for a total of 19 yards. Keim carried three times for 14 yards and scored the touchdown on a nine yard pass play. The drive, which started with time running out in the third period and Ross behind 14-6, ended with just 5:10 to go in the game and the Little Giants 15 points behind.

The other Bowsher touchdown came immediately after Ross had scored. Keim returned the kick off to the Bowsher 48 yard line and then with third down and ten to go, Schaetzke sprinted around end for 23 yards and a first down on the Ross 29. After Schaetzke gained four yards, a pass interference penalty against Ross put the ball on the 13 yard line. Keim picked up eight yards in two carries and Schaetzke bulled his way into the end zone from the five yard line with 1:10 to go in the half.

Ross high's lone touchdown came on a brilliant 19 yard run by Bowsher, who broke at least three tackles and made some impressive moves, but did not come up with the six

points. As he staggered toward the end zone after avoiding the last defender, the ball fell loose. An alert Rusty Zimmerman pounced on the pignik for the touchdown. Ross failed in an attempt to score the two extra points and a gain a lead.

While the offense was staggered by mistakes, the defense was hurt by the famed Bowsher sweeps. "We knew we had to stop that play and we didn't do it," Shuff said after the contest, pointing out that scouting reports had shown that this was the Bowsher strength. For most of the third quarter, the Little Giants did stop the sweeps as the defensive ends cleared out the blockers, but in the rest of the game, the sweeps stung Ross consistently.

In reviewing the game in general Shuff said he felt the Giants were "Not as sharp as in the first two games. We didn't tackle well." But he praised the Bowsher runners as at least part of the reason the tackling didn't look strong.

While Bowsher did pile up yardage, the defense, at times, was excellent. Twice in a row in the third period the offense gave the Rebels the ball deep in Ross territory—once on the 21 and once on the 16. But both times, the defense held and Ross took over. The defense also stopped the Rebels on the Little Giant 16 yard line in the second quarter.

## Bowsher, Little Giants Scorecard

Score By Quarters  
BOWSHER 7 7 0 7-21  
ROSS 0 0 0 0-0

Scoring  
B-George Keim, four yard run (Keim, kick)  
R-Rusty Zimmerman, recover Liggins fumble to end zone (pass failed)  
B-Dave Schaetzke, five yard run (Keim kick)  
B-George Keim, nine yard pass from Schaetzke (Keim kick)

### TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSIVE PLAYS	R	B
FIRST DOWNS	34	79
Running	12	17
Passing	2	3
Penalty	1	2
NET YARDAGE GAINED	143	264
Running	114	274
Passing	29	50
PASSES ATTEMPTED	2	2
Completed	2	2
Had Intercepted	3	2
PENALTIES	2	6
Yards Penalized	28	40
FUMBLES	7	1
Ball Lost	2	1
PUNTS	3	1
Average	28	28

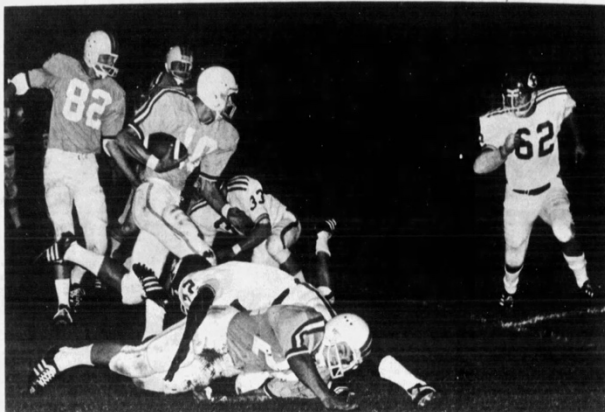
### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

ROSS	
Running	Carries Yds. Ave.
Robin Young	19 39 2.0
Larry Sheffield	12 36 3.0
Tom Liggins	15 64 4.3
Jim Werling	5 4 0.8
Mike Ruland	2 -19 -9.5
Passing	
Player	Att. Comp. Int. Yds. Ave.
Jim Werling	6 1 2 12
Ben Lopes	4 1 1 17
Receiving	
Player	Catches Yds. Ave.
Bill Burkett	2 14.5

BOWSHER	
Running	Carries Yds. Ave.
George Keim	18 97 5.4
Dan Swanson	7 21 3.0
Fred Whaley	2 16 8.0
Dave Schaetzke	17 122 7.2
Dave Natarian	2 4 2.0
Steve Hayden	2 14 7.0
Passing	
Player	Att. Comp. Int. Yds. Ave.
Dave Schaetzke	22 5 2 30
Receiving	
Player	Catches Yds. Ave.
George Keim	5 39

Kicker	
Player	Kicks Ave.
Mike Ruland	3 20
Kick Returns	
Player	Returns Ave.
Tom Liggins	2 26

Punter	
Player	Kicks Ave.
George Keim	1 28
Kick Returns	
Player	Returns Ave.
George Keim	2 30



**BOWSHER TOUCHDOWN**—Dave Schaetzke (10), star quarterback of the Toledo Bowsher Rebels, sprints into the end zone with a second period touchdown against Ross high

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

## In Lakeshore Conference Play

# Ottawa Hills Tops Wildcats

ELMORE — Ottawa Hills scored eight points in the first quarter and six in the third to spend Woodmore 14-8 in a Lakeshore Conference contest Friday night.

Woodmore scored in the final quarter on a 35-yard pass from Tom Henricks to Mike Rospert.

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 Grady Murphy's two-yard run.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ottawa Hills	8 0 0 8-14
Woodmore	0 0 0 8-8
Old-Fred Redmann, 69-yard punt return (Pete Wilson, kick)	
Old-Grady Murphy, two-yard run (rush failed)	
W-Mike Rospert, 35-yard pass from Tom Henricks (Pass from Henricks to Tom McLaughlin)	
Team Statistics	
Ottawa Hills	Woodmore
Total First Downs	16 8
Running	7 5
Passing	2 3
Completed	2 2
PASSES ATTEMPTED	13 22
Intercepted	2 2
NET YARDS GAINED	182 107
Running	120 76
Passing	52 31
FUMBLES	5 4
Penalty	3 2
Lost	3 2
PENALTIES	5 7
Yards Penalized	25 67
PUNTS	2 5
Average	29 22

## Buckeye Powers Triumph

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

Sandusky blanketed Toledo Woodward, 20-0. Elyria stopped Toledo Start, 28-0. Marion downed Lima senior, 28-18. Lorain defeated Barborton, 10-0, and Admiral King breezed by Lorain Southview, 35-4. All five teams are now 3-0 for the season.

Meanwhile Findlay grabbed its first victory by ripping Dayton Dunbar, 35-0. Mansfield plays Mansfield Madison today.

Sandusky controlled the ball in downing Woodward, running 75 offensive plays to just 47 for

By ED SCHUYLER JR., Associated Press Sports Writer

New Pittsburgh football Coach Carl DePasqua says the Panthers are going to return to State.

"Pitt will know how to block and tackle," says DePasqua, a former Pitt star who built Wayneburg, Pa., into a small college power. "We're going to return to Western Pennsylvania style football—tough, hardnosed, fundamental football."

Heading the hardnosed department for the Panthers, who have 37 lettermen including 18 regulars back from 1968, will be linebacker Ralph Cindrich. Cindrich made 17 tackles in an opening loss to UCLA last season before being injured and missing the remainder of last season.

He and his defensive mates figure to be kept busy trying to stop the running of UCLA's Greg Jones and Mickey Cureton and the passing of Dennis Dummit. The Bruins also have a

17th in The Associated Press pre-season poll and one that opened its season last Saturday with a 37-0 trouncing of Oregon State.

The U.S. and Great Britain, deadlocked after two days of professional golf battling, squared off today in the final 16 singles matches of the 1969 Ryder Cup championship and all the money was riding on the Americans.

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## Nature Trails Course Host For Champions Golf Play

BETTSVILLE—Fifteen golfers will tee off Sunday in the annual Champion of Champions tournament at Nature Trails Golf Course. Eight men and seven women representing golf courses from around the area will compete in the Miller Motors-sponsored tournament.

Men will begin their 27 hole competition with a nine hole round at 9:30 a.m. The women's 18 hole play and the remaining 18 holes of the men's play are set to begin at 12:30 p.m.

The 1968 champion Dr. Dave Peterson, having successfully defended his Fremont Country Club championship, will be one of the eight men field, which also includes the 1968 runnerup, Vern Brumel, who successfully defended his Nature Trails course

championship. Other course champions competing in the men's division are Tom Swint, Sycamore Hills; Werner Martin, Sleepy Hollow; Ron Obbe, Portage Point; Roger Kontak, Sugar Creek; Jerry Campbell, Thornwood, and Bill Guess, Green Hills.

Competing as club women's champions are Chris Chudzinski, Sycamore; Alda Scagnetti, Sleepy Hollow; Dorothy Murray, Portage Point; Martha Dewey, Fremont Country Club; Alice Channels, Nature Trails; Kris Michael, Thornwood, and Janet Van Fleet, Green Hills.

Individual trophies are to be awarded for first and second places and a traveling trophy also will be presented to the winning club. A steak fry for the champions is scheduled for after the tournament.

## College Football

# Panthers, Bruins Battle On Coast



### National League

East Division	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	91	60	.600	—
Chicago	88	65	.575	4
Pittsburgh	81	70	.536	10
St. Louis	81	70	.536	10
Philadelphia	69	91	.397	31
Montreal	50	103	.327	42

### West Division

San Fran.	84	67	.556	—
Atlanta	84	68	.553	1/4
Los Angeles	82	68	.547	1/2
Cincinnati	80	69	.537	3
Houston	77	72	.517	6
San Diego	48	103	.318	36

### Friday's Results

Pittsburgh	8-4, New York 2-0
Montreal	10-3, Philadelphia 6-1
Chicago	2-2, St. Louis 1-7, 1st game 10 innings
Atlanta	12, San Diego 3
San Francisco	5, Los Angeles 1
Houston	3, Cincinnati 2

### Today's Games

Pittsburgh	(Moose 11-3) at New York (Gentry 11-11)
Philadelphia	(Fryman 11-14) at Montreal (Wegner 5-12)
St. Louis	(Carlton 16-10) at Chicago (Hands 18-13)



## Little Giants Throw Scare Into Presidents

# Marion's Flashy Running Backs Spoil Ross Upset Bid

By ROY WILHELM  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

MARION — A crew of lightning fast running backs delighted a Marion high school homecoming crowd and spoiled a Little Giant upset bid as the Presidents stopped visiting Fremont Ross, 28-14, in a Buckeye Conference clash Friday night.

The quick hitting Presidents slashed their way to 270 yards on the ground, picking up big chunks of yardage on sudden bursts up the middle, but the Marion squad had a real battle on its hands before earning the victory in a real slugfest that evened each of the two teams' conference records at 1-1.

For a while it looked as if the visiting Little Giants might pull off a big surprise, but some key second half miscues spoiled any dreams the Ross team might have had.

The highly touted Presidents marched to a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter and it looked as if the hosts' hurry line and speedy set of backs might run away with things. But a determined Little Giant squad fought back gamely to tie the contest at the half.

Led by the running of Chip Benson, a 160 pound senior halfback, the Presidents moved to a two touchdown lead.

Benson, who sparkled all night, picking up 171 yards in 21 carries, broke through the line on a 58 yard run for the Presidents' first score with 6:33 left in the first period. He then dashed 34 yards to the two yard line on the last play of the first quarter and scored on the first play of the second period to boost the margin. The second touchdown came four plays after the first of two fumbles which Ross lost to the Presidents.

Big gainers in the first scores and throughout the game came on quick hitters through the Ross line. "They got way too much on their quick hitters. I don't know exactly why. We'll have to study the movies and see if we can spot the trouble. Maybe their size just made it hard for us to pick the quick hitters up," Head Coach Charles Shuff said discussing the game breaking offensive plays which the Presidents ran to near perfection.

The quick bursts became all the more effective with the exceptional broken field running ability of the speedy Marion backs. Benson and Rick Huddle, another 160 pound senior, were the most devastating in the Presidents' attack. Huddle added 151 yards in just ten carries.

But, the game Little Giants stood toe to toe, knocking heads with the bigger Presidents and had things at a stand-off for much of the game.

After Marion's second score, Ross quickly capitalized

on a break to get on the scoreboard. The Giants were forced to punt, but the receiver fumbled the ball and Ed Palmer, one of several Little Giants down on the coverage, fell on the loose pigskin. After Larry Sheffield picked up two yards, sophomore Tom Liggins burst through a gaping hole on an inside counter play and scampered 20 yards into the end zone. It was the first time that the Little Giants had used the play this season.

Following the touchdown, the Marion machine began to move again, marching 59 yards to a first and ten on the Ross 30 yard line. But, the Ross defense stiffened and stopped the Presidents short of a first down on the 21 yard line. From there the Giants marched 79 yards to a touchdown, with Sheffield sprinting around end for the score from six yards out with just 19 seconds left in the half. Jim Wering added the extra points and the contest was tied at the intermission.

Marion wasted little time moving into command after taking the second half kick off. The Presidents marched 70 yards in just six plays, with Huddle scoring from 19 yards away. It was Huddle's first carry in the drive, with Benson gaining 39 yards in three cracks at the line during the march.

The Little Giants were far from done at this point, however. They were forced to punt, but appeared to have

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Marion stopped when a grabbing the face mask penalty gave the Presidents a first down and kept a drive alive. But while a penalty had added the Presidents in getting the drive in motion four penalties in the last series of plays prevented a score. With first down and goal to go on the nine, the Presidents' were called for illegal procedure on a play that went for a touchdown. Then with fourth and goal on the seven a delay of the game set the ball back to the 14. On the next play, the Presidents scored on a pass, but an illegal receiver down field resulted in a 15 yard penalty and complaints from the Marion bench brought an additional 15 yards. The Giants held and took over the ball.

After taking over the pigskin, the Giants marched quickly into Marion territory, picking up 39 yards and two first downs in four plays. They added another five on a Sheffield run to the 24 yard line, but an unorthodox conduct call against the Giants on the next play brought a 15 yard penalty which stalled the drive.

Still, the Giants were alive and very much in the thick of the fight. They forced Marion to punt. But, on the first play after the Giants turned the ball over on a fumble deep in their own territory, Huddle went 25 yards on each run play to score an insurance touchdown. This final score came with 6:58 left in the game.



ON HIS WAY — Rick Huddle of Marion heads in for a touchdown in the second half against Ross Friday night. Huddle chewed up big chunks of yardage in joining with Chip Benson to lead the Marion attack. Ed Palmer of

Ross has a shot at Huddle, but cannot prevent the score. Number 84 of Ross is Bill Hiestand and number 73 in the background is Tom Nighwander. (News-Messenger Photo)



FINALLY STOPPED — Chip Benson, who led the Marion ground gains against Ross Friday night, is hauled down by Jim Wering of Ross. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Ross Effort Wins Coach's Praise

Although understandably disappointed with the loss, Ross head coach Charles Shuff had plenty of praise for his team on the quick hitters which utilized the exceptional speed and broken field running ability of their talented backs.

"They have a real fine back field," Shuff said. "The quickness of those backs definitely was the difference in the game." While Shuff praised the running ability of the Marion backs, he did not have a ready answer as to why the quick hitters were so successful at breaking through the line. He suggested that the size of the big Marion linemen may have made it difficult for the Giants to see the plays coming, but reserved final judgement until the game films could be viewed.

Ross once again moved the ball, picking up 236 yards, including 178 yards on a balanced running attack. Jim Wering had his most successful night running, making some big gains on the option play.

The Giants ran an inside counter play for their first touchdown. Sophomore Liggins took the ball across in front of

Quarterback Jim Wering and raced through a big hole. It was the first time that the Giants had used the play.

While Sandusky was beating the Steelers, 13-4, and Elmer Lippert dashed 41 yards to open the scoring for the Blue Streaks. Lora controlled the ball for most of the second half and were deep in Sandusky territory when the Blue Streaks' Tony Harris recovered a fumble and dashed 82 yards for a touchdown.

The clinching play came with just 1:24 remaining in the ball game.

Elroy was led by Tony Godbolt who scored two touchdowns and piled up 123 yards in 17 carries. The Steelers' defense also scored two touchdowns. Lewis Love scored on a pass interception and Chris Vandell returned a recovered fumble for another. Friday played the Steelers even in the first half, going into the locker room with an 8-8 tie.

Elroy broke the game open with 30 points in the last quarter.

Bobby Petty, who was so impressive against Fremont Ross a week ago, scored on a two yard run and passed for two other touchdowns in Mansfield's victory over the Admirals.



## Ross-Marion Statistics

ROSS	MARION
Score By Quarters	0 14-0-14-0
First Downs	10 10
Yards Gained	270 236
Passing	1 1
Running	269 235
NET YARDAGE GAINED	438 236
Passing	1 1
Running	269 235
PASSES ATTEMPTED	6 6
Completed	6 6
Had Intercepted	0 0
FUMBLES	1 2
Ball Lost	1 2
PENALTIES	1 2
Yards Penalties	10 7
PUNTS	10 7
Average	31.7 28.8

ROSS	MARION
Runner	Carries Yds
Robt Young	10 59
Tom Liggins	1 41
Larry Sheffield	12 34
Jim Wering	1 28
Ben Lopez	1 16

ROSS	MARION
Passer	Att. Comp. Int. Yds.
Jim Wering	7 3 0 49
Ben Lopez	1 1 1 11
Tom Liggins	0 0 0 0
Receiver	Catches Yds. Ave.
Bill Hiestand	4 68 17.0

ROSS	MARION
Kicker	Attempts
Randy Arrath	6 28.8
Runner	Carries Yds
Tom Liggins	1 41
Chuck Lindsay	2 16
Mike Thomas	1 9
Jim Wering	1 8

ROSS	MARION
Runner	Carries Yds
Chip Benson	21 171
Rick Huddle	10 151
Bob Sims	12 34
Tom Liggins	5 11

ROSS	MARION
Passer	Att. Comp. Int. Yds.
Tom Benson	2 12 1 16
Receiver	Catches Yds. Ave.
Greg Williams	2 22 11.0
Bob Sims	3 37 12.3

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Kicker	Attempts
Rick Huddle	3 37.7
Runner	Carries Yds
Rick Huddle	1 20
Bob Cifer	1 14
Bob Sims	1 13
Mark Croft	1 13

## Packers, Vikings In Key Clash

By ED SCHUYLER JR.  
Associated Press Sports Writer

There will be a college graduate football game Sunday at the University of Minnesota's Memorial Stadium between two groups of men—some balding, some starting to slow up, but all big, smart and tough—known as the Green Bay Packers and the Minnesota Vikings.

The key game in the National Football League's Central Division will get its college atmosphere because the Baltimore Orioles and Minnesota Twins have an American League baseball game Monday at

Metropolitan Stadium—and the Packers and Vikings would tear up the field.

So, the Packers and Vikings will try to tear up each other at Memorial Stadium as Green Bay shoots for its third straight victory and Minnesota attempts to tie the Pack for first place by making its record 2-1.

The Baltimore Colts, 0-2, and the Atlanta Falcons, 1-1, also will have to change playing sites because of a National League baseball playoff between the New York Mets and the Atlanta Braves Sunday at Atlanta Stadium. The Colts and Falcons will play at Georgia Tech's Grant Field.

In other NFL action, Dallas, 2-0, is at Philadelphia, 1-1; New Orleans, 0-2, at Los Angeles, 2-0; Detroit, 1-1, at Cleveland, 2-0; St. Louis 1-1 at Pittsburgh, 1-1; Washington, 1-1 at San Francisco, 0-2, and Chicago, 0-2 at the New York Giants, 1-1.

The Green Bay-Minnesota game pits a Packers' defense that has allowed just seven points in two games and a Vikings' offense which rolled up 52 points in two games and a Vikings' offense which rolled up 52 points in two games and a Vikings' defense that has allowed just 59 yards on the ground this season.

Heading the Minnesota cast, with a light one on his left wrist will be quarterback Joe Kapp who completed 28 of 41 passes for 449 yards and an NFL record-tying seven touchdowns. Out to stop him will be a defense which features such stars as middle linebacker Ray Nitschke, end Willie Davis and back Herb Adderly.

Minnesota's front four will try to put the pressure on quarterback Bart Starr and also contain the running of Travis Williams who picked up 97 yards in 18 carries in a 14-7 victory over San Francisco.

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## Annual Homecoming Celebration

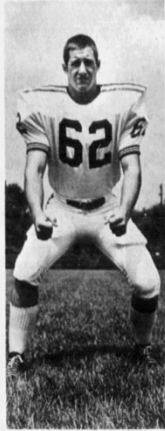
# Little Giants Host Trojans



Larry Sheffield



Len Ferguson



Ed Palmer



Mike Gerber



Jim Werling



Brian Molyet



Dan Hill



Bill Thiessen



Russ Zimmerman



Mike Maddox



Steve Tooman



Mike Wetzel



Bruce Gulde



Robin Young

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 his 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."

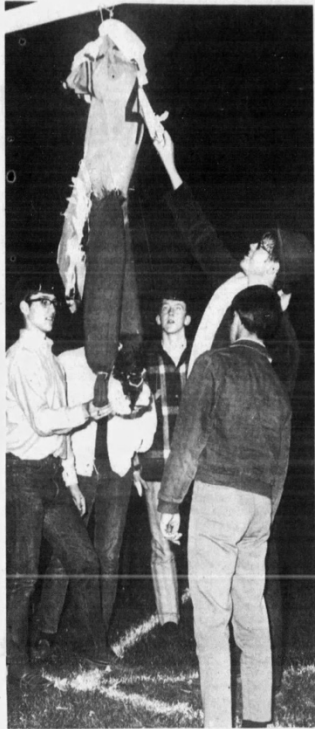
Pictured here are senior members of the Ross high football team. Some of these men are in their third season as members of the Ross grid varsity, some are new faces on the varsity. Some of these men see plenty of action on offense and defense, some play very little, some are now injured, but all have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



**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 their 28-27 win. The score came with just 42 seconds remaining in the game.

With the victory, 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 outside, 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 Midway'. 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 battled toe to toe with state ranked Sandusky high and all but destroyed the Blue Streaks' flickering dreams of a Buckeye conference title with a thrilling 19-7 victory that left hearts pounding and voices hoarse on both sides of the field.

In a game that had everything, the Little Giants took a page from the Sandusky play book and blasted their way up and down the field with an impressive display of powerful ball control football.

"We felt that we would have to maintain a ball control game and we did the job," a jubilant Ross high head coach Chuck Shuff said after the exciting victory. "We had to keep the ball away from Lippert (Sandusky's sensational senior quarterback Elmer Lippert) and that's the only way we knew of to do it."

The Giants were far from successful at stopping the amazing Lippert, who combined great speed and tremendous power to pile up the yardage, but the Ross gridders were successful at controlling the ball and this played a key role in

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 attempt 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 42 seconds remaining in the game as fourth downs pass from senior quarterback Jim Werling to sophomore halfback Tom Liggins produced the touchdowns that brought the Giants to within one point of the Streaks. The score climaxed a 48 yard drive that started when Rusty Zimmerman fell on fumble by Sandusky's punt receiver with about five minutes remaining in the game. Ross drove the first 36 yards in just seven plays, but when Liggins was stopped for no gain at the Sandusky 12 the Little Giants went to the air. The first pass attempted was dropped and the next was well covered by the defense, but Werling hit Liggins for the final score on a repeat of the second pass play. Liggins had been free on the previous play, but the pass was designed to go to the end. On fourth down, the receivers ran the same pattern, but Werling went to Liggins straight down the field and it paid off.

Power driving Robin Young, behind a fierce offensive line charge, bulled his way into the end zone for the crucial two points that provided the victory for the Giants. "It was just a straight football game," the coaches upstairs called that one, "said Shuff who admitted he felt it might have surprised the Blue Streaks who may have been looking for Liggins."

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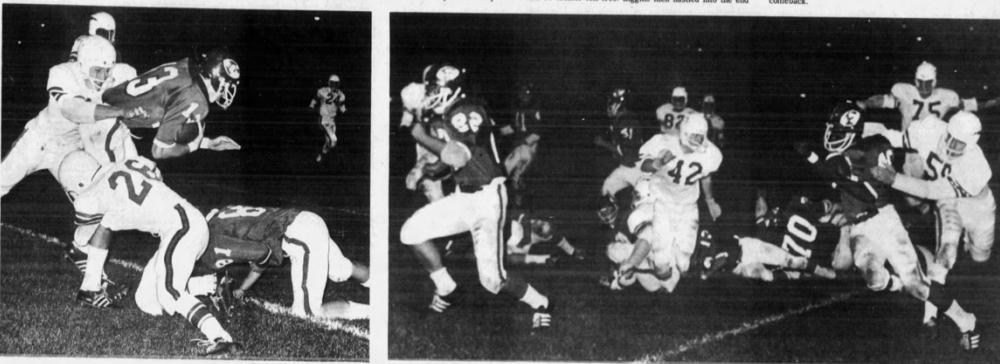
zone for the score. Young added the extra points that put the Giants on top, 6-7.

Led by Lippert and two key passes by junior quarterback Ben Chapman, Sandusky drove 66 yards to go ahead 14-6.

The Ross rocket, sophomore Chuck Lindsey evaded the count with just 1:03 left in the half. Timing it perfectly, he cut in from an intended Sandusky receiver, intercepted a Sandusky pass at the Ross 46 and then exploded down the field. Chapman pass at the Ross 46 and then exploded down the field.

Lindsey rocketed 54 yards into the end zone to tie the score. The run for the extra points fell just inches short of the goal line. 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 penalty against Sandusky. Liggins harried into the end zone on a 17 yard run. Set back twice by off side penalties on the extra point attempt, the Giants failed when the official ruled that Jim Werling, who reached the end zone standing up, had stepped out of bounds at about the five. Ross stopped the Streaks and threatened to move further ahead, 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 plunged into the end zone from one yard out. Mark Deming's kick made it 21-20. The Streaks then recovered a Ross fumble on the Giants 35 yard line and Lippert went 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 Werling is stopped by two Sandusky defenders after picking up yardage.

**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 41 is Frank Basille.

Sandusky's tough middle guard. Other Ross gridders are Robin Young (23), Mike Wetzel (70), Bob Kusner (51) and Bill Burkett (41). (News-Messenger Photo)

## Defense, Offense Contribute To Victory

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

Werling and Liggins combined on two touchdowns passes against Sandusky Friday night. The first opened the scoring for the Little Giants and the second brought victory for the Ross gridders. After each of the Werling to Liggins touchdown passes—the only two passes completed by the Little Giants Friday night—senior fullback Young battled his way into the end zone for big extra points. The first time Young pushed the score to 19-7 and the next time, his two points brought the score to 21-20 with 42 seconds remaining in the game.

Liggins and Young were big men for the Little Giants all day as they off 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 ground gainers with 114 yards in 19 carries and pulled in two passes for 50 yards. Young drove into the heart of the Sandusky defense for 97 yards

in 19 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 Streaks to keep an eye on, added 20 yards in six carries, and Werling shipped in with 17 yards, including two key first down runs.

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## News-Messenger SPORTS

### Yardstick

Score by Quarters  
ROSS 14 6 6 0  
SANDUSKY 7 14 0 7

ROSS	SANDUSKY
1st Quarter	14 6 6 0
2nd Quarter	7 14 0 7
3rd Quarter	6 0 6 0
4th Quarter	0 7 0 7
Final Score	20 21

ROSS	SANDUSKY
First Downs	18 15
Yards Gained	306 209
Passing	50 30
Rushing	10 10
Penalties	2 7
Fumbles	3 2
Ball Lost	4 3
Penalties	30 31
Fumbles	2 2
Average	37 60.3

ROSS	SANDUSKY
Runner	Carrier Yds. Ave.
Tom Liggins	19 114 6
Robin Young	19 97 5
Len Ferguson	6 20 3.3
Jim Werling	2 17 8.5
Larry Shuffeld	1 1 1
Passing	
Jim Werling	10 2 39 2
Al Comp	1st Yds. TD
Jim Werling	10 2 39 2
Receiver	Catches Yds. Ave.
Tom Liggins	2 39 20.5
Kicker	Kicks Ave.
Scott Johnson	4 22

ROSS	SANDUSKY
Runner	Carrier Yds. Ave.
Elmer Lippert	27 209 7.8
Mark Deming	4 13 3
Ben Chapman	2 13 6.5
John Ferrell	1 4 4
Ray Scott	1 4 4
Passing	
Al Comp	1st Yds. TD
Ben Chapman	10 2 39 2
Receiver	Catches Yds. Ave.
Jim Kennedy	3 20 11.7
Bob Crabb	1 12 12
Ray Scott	1 12 12
Kicker	Kicks Ave.
Ken Legation	2 40.5
Receiver	Catches Yds. Ave.
Elmer Lippert	10 82.7
Jim Frank	1 26 26

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Start—6:28
End—6:38
<b>Monday, October 27</b>
Start—6:29
End—6:35
<b>Tuesday, October 28</b>
Start—6:30
End—6:34



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**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)

## Ross Defenders "Made Big Plays"

"The defense really did the job, even though they (Sandusky) scored all those points," head coach Shuff praised after the Ross victory Friday. "The defense came up with the big ones."

Although they yielded 27 points to the Blue Streaks, the defense did come through with the big play. Sophomore Chuck Lindsey picked off a pair of Sandusky passes, returning one 54 yards for a touchdown and halting a late second quarter drive with the other.

Sophomore Den Mikoy helped stop a drive with a fine one on one tackle of the powerful Elmer Lippert in the fourth quarter. Sandusky was forced to punt, leading to the Ross punt that was fumbled by the Streaks and recovered by the Giants.

Sophomore Tom Liggins stopped Mark Deming for a one yard loss when Sandusky had fourth and one on the Blue Streaks' own 48 yard line in the third quarter.

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

## Elyria Draws Close To Conference Title

The Elyria Panthers took another giant step toward the Buckeye Conference championship by edging the Marion Presidents, 24-19, Friday night.

The narrow victory boosted the Panthers' record to 5-0 in the conference with just two games remaining. The Panthers' four Friday drives failed most one beats Lorain on the final week of the season. The two other top challengers, Marion and Sandusky, both slipped Friday night and now have two losses apiece in the league.

While Elyria was knocking off its second major challenger in two weeks, Lorain was keeping pace with a 40-0 victory over Mansfield. Admiral King downed Findlay, 20-17.

The Panthers halted a Marion drive on the one yard line with just four minutes remaining in the game. Elyria picked up its twenty-first straight victory as the result of linebacker Lorain hosts Elyria on the season's final Friday.

There were others making big contributions to the game. Shuff praised the effort of his coaches. "They didn't know the meaning of the word quit. This was one heck of an effort. It all exploded in them at once."

The Ross head coach could just nod his head in agreement to the question of whether this was the greatest win ever by one of his teams.

In praising the defense he pointed out that much of the game the Giants were going with two sophomore linebackers, Mikoy replaced Ed Palmer, who was injured early in the game. "We started our linebackers more than usual and they (Sandusky) did not pick them up."

Reminded that many of the Giants who performed so well Friday would be around the high school scene for another year or two, Shuff simply replied, "I don't mind that at all."



**BIG GAINER**—Elmer Lippert, Sandusky's leading ground gainer is shown in action here. Lippert scored four touchdowns and gained 204 yards Friday night. Chasing Lippert is Chuck Celik. (News-Messenger Photo)



# 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 9-0. The victory, which hiked the Pioneers' Buckeye conference record to 6-0, 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.

So impressive 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 misuses piled up 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 has 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 Tony Godbolt, who led the Pioneers with 159 yards in just 12 carries, broke open for runs of 18 and 26 yards and even speedier 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 stayed in the battle and had their finest moment of the ball 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 settled seven yards for the Pioneers, the Little Giants' defense stopped Godbolt for a one yard loss and held Husband for no gain. The score remained 6-0 with about six minutes to go in the half.

Ross took over on its own two yard line and, aided by a spurring 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 LaFord Corn with a 30 yard touchdown pass to give the Pioneers a 12-0 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' leading ground gainer and scorer, injured his knee.

Liggins never re-entered the game and watched the second half in his street clothes. The loss of Liggins was all the more damaging because the Giants had already lost hard running Len Ferguson, who broke his hand at practice Monday, and had been playing for several

weeks without injured Mike Ruland, another of the Little Giants' top runners. When things went wrong they seem to multiply and on the next play after Liggins was injured, Elyria picked off a Jim Wering pass. The Pioneers had plenty of time to move quickly down the field for another score. Barton hit Tim Graham with a 25 yard scoring aerial 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 bid in the second half received a jolt when burlly John Husband, who was the Pioneers' second leading ground gainer for the day, broke through the line and raced 72 yards from his own 14 to the Little Giants' 14. Three plays later Husband bulled

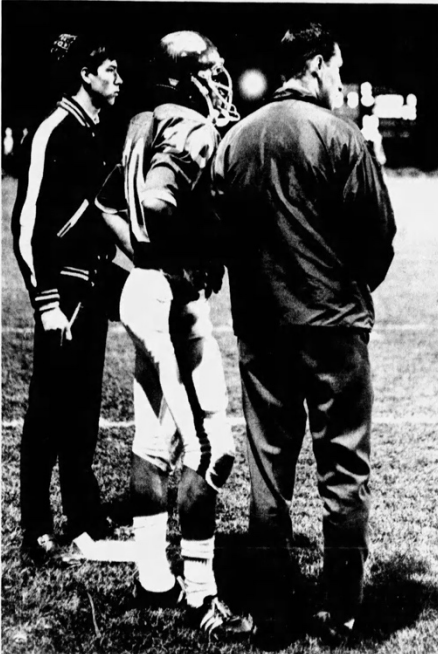
his way into the end zone for the touchdown that raised the score to 26-0. This fourth Elyria touchdown came about midway through the third quarter and from there on it was strictly a matter of what the final score would be.

Smelling championship, the Pioneers displayed a flock of fine running backs, led by the 175 pound Godbolt and the 208 pound Husband. Godbolt, burning Ross badly throughout the first half, gained 159 yards, while Husband had 128. In all, the Pioneers piled up 438 yards on the ground and 122 through the air.

In spite of the fact that he was injured about two-thirds of the way through the second quarter and never re-entered the game.

Liggins led the Ross runners with 56 yards in nine carries. Robin Young, who continued to battle courageously for yardage in the second half even when the Elyria defense could concentrate on him, was second with 46 yards.

In the second half effort to find a more productive attack, coach Charles Shuff even turned to quarterback Jim Wering at the halfback spot, inserting sophomore Ben Lopez at quarterback. Another sophomore, Chuck Lindsey, the team's regular defensive back and a punt return specialist, ran the ball five times from 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 with the action as Elyria smacked Ross, 41-0, at Ely stadium Friday night. From left to 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 any hopes that Lorain Senior had for title for the Buckeye

Marion, Lorain Senior and Sandusky all are 4-2 in the league, Steelmen. Lorain battled back in

## Elyria-Ross Yardstick

Score By Quarters  
ROSS 9 0 0 0-9  
ELYRIA 6 14 12 8-41

**Scoring**  
E-Mac Thomas, 35 yard run (run failed)  
E-LaFord Corn, 30 yard pass from Brad Barton (run failed)  
E-Tim Graham, 25 yard pass from Brad Barton (Brad Barton, run)  
E-John Husband, one yard run (run failed)  
E-Barry Enom, two yard run (Tony Korman kick)  
E-Brad Barton, one yard run (LaFord Corn, pass from Brad Barton)

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	H	E
OFFENSIVE PLAYS	52	66
FIRST DOWNS	8	23
Running	6	18
Passing	1	5
Punts	0	0
NET YARDAGE GAINED	128	550
Running	42	428
Passing	14	122
PASSES ATTEMPTED	8	11
Completed	1	6
Had Intercepted	2	0
FUMIBLES	1	2
Lost	0	1
PENALTIES	3	4
Yards Penalized	35	60
PUNTS	0	1
Average	20	25

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

	Carries	Yds.	Ave.
Runner			
Tom Liggins	9	56	6.2
Robin Young	12	46	3.8
Jim Wering	4	12	3
Chuck Lindsey	5	12	2.4
Ben Lopez	1	5	5
Larry Sheffield	6	9	1.5

**Passing**

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Jim Wering	3	0	2	0
Ben Lopez	5	2	0	14

**Receiving**

	Catches	Yds.	Ave.
Mike Thomas	1	12	12
Mike Gerber	1	2	2

**Kicker**

	Kicks	Yds.	Ave.
Handy Arnold	6	174	29

**Kick Returns**

	Returns	Yds.	Ave.
Tom Liggins	2	41	20.5
Jim Thomas	1	23	23
Chuck Lindsey	3	48	16
Robin Young	1	16	16
Jim Wering	1	9	9

**ELYRIA**

	Carries	Yds.	Ave.
Tony Godbolt	12	159	13.2
John Husband	15	126	8.4
Mac Thomas	9	60	7.6
Barry Enom	8	45	5.6
Tom Wilson	1	15	15
Dave Caswell	1	10	10
Jeff Carls	1	2.5	2.5
Chuck Booth	1	9	9
Brad Barton	2	9	4.5

**Passing**

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Brad Barton	9	0	10	2
Receives				

**Receiving**

	Catches	Yds.	Ave.
Tim Graham	3	54	18
Mac Thomas	2	38	19
LaFord Corn	1	30	30

**Punting**

	Kicks	Yds.	Ave.
Griffin	1	29	29
Kick Returns			
Mac Thomas	3	48	16



MAKING THE STOP — Rick Washington of St. Joseph high brings down Oak Harbor's Glenn Brannum in action at Oak Harbor Friday night. Moving in to help out is Pat Waggoner.

The Streaks played a fine defensive game, but the Rockets played a better one and won, 12-6. (News-Messenger Photo)

## High School Scoreboard

**Buckeye Conference**  
Elyria 41, Ross 0  
Sandusky 35, Admiral King 6  
Mansfield 20, Findlay 14  
Marion 21, Lorain 14

**Sandusky Bay Conference**  
Oak Harbor 12, St. Joseph 6  
Lakota 40, Ottawa Hills 22

**Northern Ohio League**  
Galton 7, Bellevue 6  
Norwalk 10, Willard 2  
Shelby 30, Bucyrus 14  
Columbian 8, Upper Sandusky 0

**Others**  
Lake 20, Genoa 0  
Upper Arlington 28, Marietta 0  
Benedictine 36, Cleveland John Adams 0

## Jack Breaks Tie At Top In Kaiser Golf Tourney

NAPA, Calif. (AP) — Young seven of his last 10 holes Friday, shot a 67, broke out of a solid 69 and moved into a tie for third place in the \$140,000 Kaiser International Open Golf Tournament, but had no illusions.

When big Jack Nicklaus is on his last start, was tied going into the second round with Lou for second place," the 24-year-old Californian said.

And big Jack Nicklaus is back on his game. The Golden Bear, in a slump most of the summer, birdied

Nicklaus, who won the Sahara when he was tied going into the second round with Lou for second place," the 24-year-old Californian said.

Graham held on with a 69 for 135 and second place. But Courtney faded back with a 73 for 139. Canada's little Wilf Horenauk matched the north course record on the Silverado Country

Dick Crawford set the south course record with an eight under par 64 and moved into contention at 137. He was tied at that figure with Billy Casper, Dan Sikes, Bob Goalby, Steve Reid, Kermit Zarley and Ed Sneed.

Arnold Palmer had a 69 for 140, Masters champion George Archer took a 69 for 139.

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# Elyria Tips Scales

Last Friday's game with d power-packed Elyria Pioneers w really tipped the statistical E scale in the favor of the Ross s opponents. Elyria outgained y Ross by more than 400 yards t and had 15 more first downs.

With just one game remain- ing 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 Lig- gins 99 yards in 17 carries and Ferguson 35 in eight carries.

## Yardstick

Schedule			
0	—	Rogers	— 7
26	—	West	— 26
6	—	Bowsher	— 21
24	—	Mansfield	— 22
14	—	Marion	— 28
20	—	Loran	— 28
12	—	Fondlay	— 35
28	—	Sandusky	— 27
0	—	Elyria	— 41
Admiral King			
Scoring By Quarters			
OPPONENTS	69	73	41 52-235
ROSS	18	34	28 34-130
TEAM STATISTICS			
		Ross	Opp.
OFFENSIVE PLAYS		528	511
FIRST DOWNS		120	145
Rushing		93	119
Passing		21	23
Penalty		6	3
NET YARDAGE GAINED		1903	3071
Rushing		1511	2403
Passing		392	578
PASSES ATTEMPTED		96	86
Completed		24	37
Had Intercepted		10	7
PENALTIES		24	38
Yards Penalized		235	357
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Scoring			
Player		TDs	Xps Total
Tom Liggins		15	8 98
Robin Young		1	4 10
Russ Zimmerman		1	0 6
Chuck Lindsey		1	0 6
Jim Werling		0	4 4
Rushing			
Runner		Carries	Yds. Ave.
Tom Liggins		108	581 5.4
Robin Young		129	543 4.2
Larry Sheffield		61	207 3.4
Len Ferguson		32	133 4.2
Jim Werling		45	54 1.2
Mike Ruland		6	8 1.3
Ben Lopez		3	7 0
Randy Arndt		2	0 0
Passing			
Passer		Att.	Comp. Int. Yds. TDs
Jim Werling		40	20 7 350 2
Ben Lopez		15	4 3 42 0 1
Tom Liggins		1	0 0 0 0 1
Receiving			
Receiver		Catches	Yds. Ave.
Tom Liggins		7	161 23 1
Bill Burkett		12	154 12.8 1
Len Ferguson		2	30 15
Russ Zimmerman		1	22 22 1
Mike Tooman		1	12 12 1
Steve Tooman		1	11 11 1
Mike Gerber		1	2 2 1
Kick Returns			
Runner		Returns	Yds. Ave.
Len Ferguson		5	102 20.4 1
Tom Liggins		15	306 20.4 1
Robin Young		3	56 18.7 1
Jim Thiesen		2	34 17
Chuck Lindsey		11	185 16.8
Mike Ruland		3	48 16.3
Jim Werling		5	57 11.4
Mike Tooman		1	9 9
Steve Tooman		2	4 2
Punting			
Kicker		Kicks	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 remained swollen yesterday afternoon, was believed to have suffered ligament damage. Hill had a 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 757 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 469 yards and 30 points for the season.

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 Lukesic 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--28-0 by Elyria and 34-0 by Mansfield--and then lost to Marion, 20-7, 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 non-conference games.

Ross will be bidding for its third win of the season and a chance to finish fifth in the Buckeye conference race. The Little Giants and Mansfield are both 2-4 in the conference, while Findlay and Admiral 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 Gulde, Dan Hill, Mike Maddox, Brian Molyet, Ed Palmer, Larry Sheffield, Bill Thiesen, Steve Tooman, Jim Werling, Mike Wetzel, Robin Young and Russ 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 get the call at one of the halfbacks with Robin Young at fullback. The other halfback spot could go to one of a number of others. Coach Charles Shuff tried Jim Werling 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.

## Ross Falls To Admiral King, 21-12

# Bouncing Ball Plays Tricks On Little Giants In Final

BY ROY WILHELM  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

The bouncing ball played tricks on the Little Giants Friday night and partially because of that the Lorain Admiral King invaders went home with a 21-12 Buckeye Conference victory in the season final for both Ross and the Admirals.

Two times in the second quarter the bouncing football found its way into the possession of the Admirals and each time the invaders followed the recovery with a touchdown, moving from six points down to eight points ahead.

"If we could have recovered that quick kick," Ross high head coach Chuck Shuff said after the game, "it would have made a big difference in the ball game. I think we could have taken it in (for a touchdown) then."

Shuff was referring to a muffed Ross punt which seemed to be a big break for the Little Giants, but wasn't. Ross was leading 6-0 at the time. Set back by a holding penalty, the Little Giants had a third and 21 situation on their own 28 yard line when Shuff called for a quick kick. Quarterback Jim Werling pitched back to fullback Robin Young who booted a line drive at the Lorain graders. One of the King backfield men stuck up his hand and hit the ball and a host of Ross pursuers converged on the loose pigskin down field. There seemed little doubt that the Little Giants would

recover, but the elusive pigskin kept bouncing and sliding away until one of the Lorain graders recovered it. Instead of Ross taking over in King territory, the Admirals had the football.

The Admirals were set back by a holding penalty, but then King's only pass completion of the day sparked a drive that led to the first score for the visitors. Junior quarterback Mark Lakesie connected with halfback Gary Greenhill on a play that covered 32 yards and gave the Admirals the ball on the Ross 46 yard line. From there King blasted its way in to score in just five plays with Lakesie going the final six for the touchdown. The attempted kick for the extra point failed and the score was tied 6-6.

It was at this point that the bouncing ball once again found its way into the hands of a Lorain grader. Ross fumbled on the kick return and the ball scooped past a couple of Little Giant graders into the eager arms of one of the Admirals. It took the strong King offense just five plays to score from the Ross 27 yard line.

In spite of the fact that the Little Giants had a revamped backfield because of injuries, they opened the contest with one of their most impressive drives of the season. Robin Young, who was a pile driver working home all day long, led the charge as Ross drove 72 yards in 12 plays and a 15 yard

penalty against King. The Giants ate up five minutes and 15 seconds in the impressive drive. Young who led the Little Giants with 95 yards in 23 carries, picked up 39 yards in nine carries during the drive. Senior halfback Larry Sheffield added 15 yards in two carries, including a six yard jaunt for the touchdown. He finished the night with 65 yards in 14 carries.

Ross then held the Admirals without a first down the next two times King had the ball, but Lorain's third chance — which came after the quick kick — did not go to waste.

The Little Giants came back fighting in the second half and cut King's margin to just two points by the end of the third quarter. The Giants drove 62 yards in 11 plays for the third quarter score. Once again Sheffield and Young carried the load. Sheffield gained 37 yards in four carries, including a 23 yard dash that gave Ross a first down on the Admirals' 22 yard line. The scamper came in a big third and four situation. Young carried the pigskin seven times in the drive and gained 25 yards including the last one into the end zone. This was one of Young's finest games. Not only did he run hard and often, he blocked well.

Even with two of their top four season rushing leaders on the sidelines, Ross rushed for 187 yards against the Admirals and much of the credit must go to the solid blocking of the line in addition to the hard running by Sheffield.

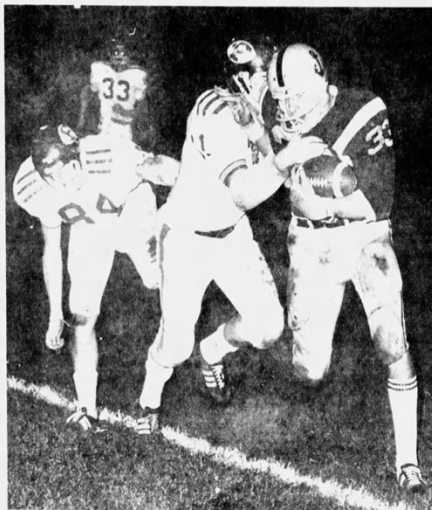
Young and Werling, who picked up 32 yards for the Giants. "The kids went at them real well," Shuff said after the ball game. "We came out firing, but we just couldn't keep going," he pointed out, referring to the fact that Ross completely dominated the second period. "They hurt us in the second quarter."

No less than seven starters were on the sidelines for the Little Giants when they took the field against King. That crew included Tom Liggins, Len Ferguson, Mike Ruland, Dan Hill, Bruce Gulde, Jack Rhoades and Gary Biddorf.

In spite of the number of men on the sidelines with injuries, the Giants were in the thick of the battle until the closing minutes.

Late in the fourth quarter with the hosts trailing by just two, Ross was moving the football near midfield. King's defensive tackle Ed Lozano got in the way of a Werling pitchout, however, and batted it in the air and then recovered it back at the Ross 38 yard line. Speedy Larry Barnes, who led all runners with 98 yards in 18 carries, dashed 31 yards to the Ross seven and two plays later he plunged into the end zone from two yards away. When Ed Santos booted the extra point to give the Admirals a nine point bulge there was just 2:34 left in the game.

Ross was unable to move the ball through the air and King took over as time ran out in the game.



**DEFENSIVE EFFORT**—Chuck Miller (71) of Ross runs Admiral King's Mark Leonard out of bounds in the game between the two teams Friday night. Moving in to help out are Bill Thiessen (84) and Bill Burkett (33). (News-Messenger Photo.)

## Little Giants Season's End Reflects Overall Picture

The Ross high football season ended Friday much as it had gone throughout most of the year—close, but no cigar. (Once again the Giants performed well, moving the ball and scrapping against a good ball club, but once again the Giants fell just short.)

Time ran out on the Giants as they moved toward the goal line against Toledo Rogers and then again against Cleveland West. Fumbles stalled more drives than the opposition in the loss to Toledo Bowsher. A big penalty and a fumble cut short a rally in the defeat by Marion. A matter of inches on a fourth down play, an intercepted pass and lack of time at the end of the game all played roles in the close loss to powerful Lorain. Only against Elyria were the Little Giants really out of the picture entirely in the second half, although Findlay dominated the game and broke it open in the fourth quarter.

In spite of the 2-7-1 season there were many good things with the narrow victory over state ranked Sandusky having to rate as number one. Through the season, the

Giants were successful at moving the ball, even against some rugged defenses and many youngsters—both sophomores and juniors—saw plenty of action.

Looking back on the year, head coach Charles Shuff agreed that he had seen a "Lot of Improvement" in the young team as the season progressed. However he indicated that one major problem still has to be solved. "We have to get more boys out for football. Our biggest job is to get more depth. We'll have the experience, but not the depth next year unless we get more kids out."

He did point to greater numbers in the junior, sophomore and freshman classes as compared to last year.

He praised the work of the seniors—who were lacking only in numbers—and told his underclassmen that he hoped they could do as well as individuals. In reviewing the entire season, the coach expressed the fact that the entire staff felt it was a pleasure to work with the "gentlemen" on the 1969 team and afterwards, said simply, "This is a heck of a fine bunch of boys."

## Yardstick

Score By Quarters  
ADMIRAL KING 6 14 0 7-21  
ROSS HIGH 0 6 0 6-12

Scoring  
R-Larry Sheffield, six yard run (run failed)  
M-Mark Lakesie, six yard run (kick failed)  
M-Larry Barnes, two yard run (Larry Barnes run)  
R-Robin Young, one yard run (run failed)  
M-Larry Barnes, two yard run (Ed Santos kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

	R	A
OFFENSIVE PLAYS	63	55
FIRST DOWNS	13	11
Rushing	12	10
Passing	0	1
Punt	1	0
NET YARDS GAINED	239	177
Rushing	387	162
Passing	32	19
PASSES ATTEMPTED	8	8
Completed	1	1
Ball Interceptions	0	0
FUMBLES	2	3
Ball Lost	0	0
PENALTIES	2	0
Yards Penalties	3	3
POINTS	31	25
Average	3.8	3.2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

ROSS HIGH  
Running  
Robin Young 23 96 41  
Larry Sheffield 14 65 48  
Jim Werling 19 32 12  
Mike Gierke 2 4 2  
Chuck Lindsey 1 5 5  
Ben Lopez 2 14 7

Passing  
All Comp Int Yds  
Jim Werling 2 1 0 10  
Ben Lopez 2 0 0 0

Receiving  
Catches Yds Ave  
Chuck Lindsey 1 10 10

Punting  
Kicks Yds Ave  
Kicker Robin Young 1 39 39  
Randy Ansel 1 145 29

Kick Returns  
Returns Yds Ave  
Chuck Lindsey 4 41 13 25  
Jim Werling 2 12 6

ADMIRAL KING  
Running  
Catches Yds Ave  
Larry Barnes 18 98 5.4  
Gary Greenhill 11 55 5  
Henry Neal 8 42 5.25  
Mark Lakesie 4 4 1  
Mark Leonard 2 8 4

Passing  
All Comp Int Yds  
Mark Lakesie 8 1 0 32

Receiving  
Catches Yds Ave  
Gary Greenhill 1 32 32

Punting  
Kicks Yds Ave  
Kicker Mark Mason 1 152 30

Kick Returns  
Returns Yds Ave  
Larry Barnes 1 10 10  
Rich Barnes 1 18 18

## High School Grid Scores

Buckeye Conference

Elyria 25, Lorain 6

Sandusky 39, Mansfield 6

Marion 49, Findlay 13

Admiral King 21, Ross 12

Sandusky Bay Conference

Haron 27, Margaretta 20

St. Mary 22, Gibsonburg 0

Lakota 34, Elmwood 0

Oak Harbor 12, Genoa 8

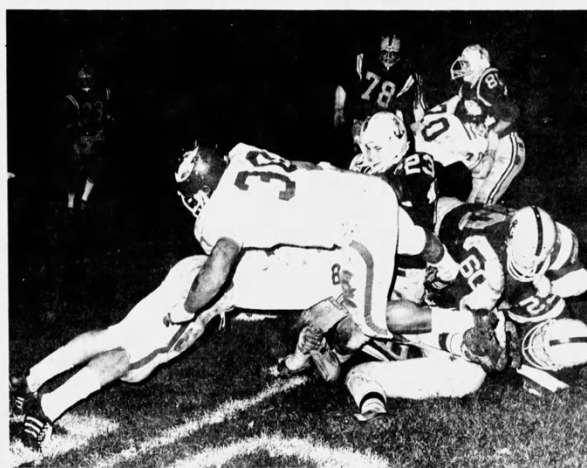
Others

Port Clinton 18, Postoria 8

Firelands 38, Vermilion 16

New London 32, South Cen-

tral 8



**FIGHTING FOR YARDAGE**—Ross high's senior halfback Larry Sheffield struggles for an extra yard as Admiral King defenders hold on Friday night. Blocking for the Little Giants are Mike Wetzel (70) and Russ Zimmerman (81).

Defenders include Dave Welter (21), Steve Thomas (60), Bill Dillon (62), Ed Lozano (78), Rich Barnes (81) and Mark Leonard (33). (News-Messenger Photo.)

## Hull Seen Elyria Finishes Unbeaten, Agreeing To Terms Lippert Leads Blue Streaks

TORONTO (AP)—The Globe and Mail says Bobby Hull has reached an agreement with a lawyer for Chicago Black Hawks but the National Hockey League club is stalling on final acceptance of the agreement.

The newspaper quotes the all-star left winger as saying he has been ready to skate since Wednesday.

"My lawyer and I are in accord with a new agreement we reached with Arthur Morse, the Hawks' lawyer. But the team is stalling on okaying the agreement."

Hull told the newspaper in an interview from Chicago that the club is denying \$15,000 from his salary as penalty for the 16 games he has missed so far this season.

"We've got it figured out that it's costing me \$800 a day," Hull told the Globe and Mail. Hull, who should be working

the completion of a perfect season for the Elyria Pioneers and a six touchdown performance by Sandusky's sensational Elmer Lippert were the highlights of final weekend action in the Buckeye Conference.

Elyria finished the season with a 10-0 overall record and a 7-0 Buckeye conference mark by ripping Lorain, 26-4. Marion and Sandusky tied for second in the loop—both were 5-2 in the Buckeye and 9-2 overall. Marion downed Findlay, 49-13, and Sandusky belted Mansfield, 39-6.

Lippert went on a scoring spree to raise his season's touchdown total to 24 as Sandusky stopped Mansfield. The 5'7", 185 pound, senior halfback gained 220 yards in the romp. He finished the season with 122

points in the Buckeye and Lorain finished in fourth place with a 4-3 mark. Ross, Admiral King and Mansfield each won two of seven league games, while Findlay finished last with a 1-6 league record.

Chip Benson, a 5'9", 165 pound senior fullback, set the pace for the Marion Presidents. Benson rushed for 172 yards and scored three touchdowns, including one on an 86 yard run.

As the season came to a close, Elyria finished on top of the league with a 7-0 mark. Sandusky and Marion each had 5-2 records

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# 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.

## 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 noteworthy. 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 Tooman, juniors Chuck Muller and Tom Nighswander and sophomore Chuck Lindsey.

## ★ 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.	5-8	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

### Backfield

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 Reese	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 Ellis	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

### Backfield

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, announced at a mobbed news conference Thursday that he is rejoining the Chicago Black Hawks.

Yers tried to tie things together mutually for both sides.

