

1963 Class AA District Tournament

Giants Meet Polar Bears Friday In TU Fieldhouse

Fremont Ross, with a little more experience, returns to the site of one of its crushing defeats of the 1961-62 basketball season Friday night.

It was at the Toledo university fieldhouse where the Little Giants ended their campaign a year ago after knocking off Eastwood in the "AA" sectional tournament at Bowling Green. Toledo Macomber just had too many guns and Ross fell hard, 61-37.

Ross is now back, this time playing Toledo Woodward, another strong club at 9 p.m. Friday in the second half of the district opener. York's Panthers travel to Tiffin Heidelberg's gym Friday for an 8 p.m. "A" district game against Ada, and Old Fort, also a member of the "A" flight for a berth down state later, will be in the Mansfield district Friday night at 9 against Western Reserve.

Just 10 years ago, Fremont Ross was represented in the Toledo district by a team that was defeated 73-60 by Lima Central Catholic after the Little Giants downed Tiffin Calvert in sectional play. On that Fremont team were such scoring stars as Larry Miller and Dean Doren.

Woodward, 18-3, is a strong board pounding team, led by 6-7 Sophomore Walt Piatkowski, who has been scoring close to 20 points per game. Piatkowski played in Fremont last season as a freshman and observers liked what they saw. Ross won that game 60-38.

Several of the Polar Bears are returning for another crack at Fremont; namely Dave Kronowa, a slick guard, Jim Leininger, a 6-3 forward who usually gets in double scoring figures; and Ernie Hollowell, 6-2, rugged rebounding forward.

Woodward patterns its style of offense around Piatkowski.

Coach Dick Norman of Fremont has had his boys working a little harder in practice this week. "This drill is to get the boys

Ross Sets First

According to John Titsworth of Ross, the local mid-year athletic program established a first for this district by either winning outright, or coping a runner-up trophy in three winter sports. Titsworth, who has been handling Fremont Ross athletic affairs for many years, comments that no other school can claim three such trophies in one season.

Ross won the district title in swimming, was runner-up in wrestling, and last Friday took one of the two trophies given a sectional basketball winner. The other was given to Fostoria by the Northwest Athletic Board.

"This is something to be really proud of," said Titsworth.

used to a little toughness under the boards," explained Norman as his team, drenched with perspiration, went through a hard session. The boys don't seem to mind the heavy duty, in fact, all have been putting out a little more in practice since tournament time rolled around.

It's down to the point of win or get out.

Woodward earned its berth in the district by conquering Toledo Waite last Friday, 39-40, in the Toledo sectional. Piatkowski had 17, Kronowa 15, Leininger 12 and Hollowell 10 in a well-rounded Bear offense.

Ross topped Toledo St. Francis at Bowling Green, 44-43, on John Prosser's rebound shot with only 40 seconds remaining. Center Frank Moore and Guard Dick Hufford were offensive sparks, while Russ Hagerty contributed much on defense.

Guard Bill Feagins has missed some school this week, causing Norman to be a little doubtful as to who will start at guard. Hagerty will be one, for sure, Norman indicated, and either Hufford or Feagins will start at the opposite spot. Jim Davis and Prosser will man the forwards and Moore will again be at center.

Moore, the quiet, intelligent lad, is closing out his basketball career at Ross and carries with him the reputation as being one of the hardest working boys ever to play under Coach Norman.

York will be out to halt a ram-paging Ada Bulldog team that has swept through 10 consecutive op-

ponents—14 of its last 15 after losing two of the first three—and has choked off its last nine foes with 47 points or less each game.

Ada will not be able to match York's superior height of 6-5 Mike Richmond, 6-4 Bud Hayward and 6-3 Gary Johnson, but the Bulldogs may prove pesky with a full court press that is employed at all times.

Jerry (The General) Bogner, 5-9, and Rich (The Net) Zieber, 5-8, round out York's starting five.

Ada probably will start Dave Rayl, 6-4, at forward along with Don Allen, 5-10. At center will be Dennis Burris, 6-1, and at guards are Glen Williams, 6-0, and Tracy Brown, 5-6. Burris, Brown and Rayl led a balanced scoring offense.

Old Fort faces a lad who has scored 51 points in one game this season and hit 35 in his last outing. Mike Hyde, 6-8 center for Western Reserve, is averaging 27.5 points per game and poses a big problem for Ray Burton's short but fighting Stockaders.

Hyde scored 51 against Monroeville earlier and 35 last Friday against Plymouth when Reserve won 56-54 to advance.

Coach Ike Ferrer's co-champions of the Firelands Conference, the Rough Riders also count heavily on the scoring of Bob (6-0) Sherwood, who has meshed 309 points from forward. Other starters are Tom Lasley, 5-11 guard, Dick Todd, 5-9 guard, and Chet Fairchild, 5-10 forward.

Lasley pulled Western Reserve through the Plymouth game with six straight points in overtime after Hyde and Sherwood had fouled out.

Western Reserve tied "AA" Perkins for the conference title, splitting with the neighboring Sandusky school. Two other teams to defeat Reserve this year were York, 58-41, and Hiland by a point. Toledo Center, 19-1, plays Fostoria, 15-6, in the opening game in Toledo Friday. At Tiffin's Columbian gym at 8 p.m. Friday is a game between Mount Victor, 15-9, vs. Lakeside, 9-11. First game at Mansfield Friday pits Attica, 13-9, against Colonel Crawford, 22-0.

Fish And Game Meet Tuesday

Annual Fish and Game hearing of Sandusky county will be held next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Izaak Walton clubhouse. Sportsmen are invited to attend.

One of the principal topics of discussion will be moving the opening date of pheasant and rabbit season from November 15 to November 1.

Delegates will be elected to attend the district meeting to be held at Sandusky at a later date.

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It's All Over For Ross; York

Giants Lose 64-57 Tilt To Woodward

By RAY HERBAT
N-M Sports Editor

Fremont Ross' basketball season came to a halt—but the Little Giants went out kicking. That's for sure.

Scoring 40 points in the second half alone, Ross still was unable to overcome a 28-17 first half advantage garnered by Toledo Woodward and bowed 64-57 Friday night in the opening round of the "AA" district basketball tourney at the Toledo university field house.

Toledo Central crushed Fostoria 54-36 in the first game Friday and set up an all-Toledo district final tonight at 8. Winner moves to the Toledo regional next week.

Led by sharp-shooting Forward Jim Davis, who closed out a brilliant career for the Little Giants, Ross shot 50 per cent from the field on 25 of 50 and continually bothered the much taller Woodward Polar Bears the second half. Davis topped all scorers with 25 points on 12 buckets and a free throw.

Ross trailed 13-8 and 28-17 in the first half before staging two 20-point second half quarters. Trouble is Woodward refused to weaken.

The Polar Bears, now 19-3, commanded the boards with their superior height. Center Walt Piatkowski goes 6-7 for the Toledoans and Ernie Hollowell stands 6-4. Jim Leininger, the other forward, measures 6-3.

Ross was able to get only one shot at a time the first half. Fremont padded its excellent shooting percentage in the second 16 minutes, hitting more than 60 per cent from the floor.

The Little Giants opened the second half meaning business and pumped in four of their first five cracks at the goal. Thus, Ross was able to whittle Woodward's lead down to 31-25 with five minutes remaining in the third frame.

John Prosser and Dick Hufford with two baskets each stunned the Woodward lads in this flurry as Ross nudged closer.

However, Fremont—try as it may—was unable to cut the Woodward lead down to more than six or eight points as the big chase was on.

Occasionally, Woodward powered its way back up to 10 and 12 point spreads only to see the scrappy Little Giants once again come back.

Ross gained only three points the third quarter and trailed 45-37.

Piatkowski, a tough ball player who was boxed in fairly well by Davis, Prosser and Frank Moore in the early stages, went over the rim for a tip in to start the fourth frame and give Woodward a 47-37 margin. Hufford hit from the key

Post Says Wally Butts Gave Plays To Bryant

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The Saturday Evening Post says Wally Butts, former athletic director of the University of Georgia, gave Alabama coach Paul Bear Bryant plays of the Georgia team prior to the Georgia-Alabama football game last fall.

Both Butts and Bryant issued quick denials and Butts' attorneys said they intend to file a libel suit against the magazine. Bryant has pending in federal courts a \$500,000 libel suit against the Post for an earlier article.

Fight Results

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ROME—Mario Dos Santos, Brazil, stopped Gianni Esposito, Italy, 5, Welterweights.

DETROIT — George Chuzalo, 265, Toronto, knocked out Rico Brooks, 195, Chicago, 2. Sonny Banks, 199, Chicago, stopped Lery Roker, 215, St. Louis, 6.

but Dave Kornowa battled loose under the boards to get that one back for the Toledoans. Moore struck gold from the foul circle but Kornowa spoiled that with a zooming long push shot.

Russ Hagerty of Fremont continued the give-and-take affair with his basket on a give-and-go play that was smoothly set up by Fremont.

Score at this point was 51-43, Woodward, with five minutes to go.

Woodward's sharp guard Jerry Barker dunked two free throws and Piatkowski sank a long shot from the top of the free throw circle and Woodward again led big, 55-43, with 4:20 to play.

Hufford sank a free throw but Hollowell broke free under the goal for two. Moore scored but so did Barker and it was still an 11 point difference. Davis canned his first basket of the fourth period and Prosser followed at the 1:57 mark to push Ross to within nine, 59-50.

Ross came to life again and a stir was felt in the Fremont rooting section as first Moore sank a free throw and Davis tallied on Moore's missed second shot. Ross was down only 59-53 with enough time remaining for an upset—1:24.

Kornowa helped stymie that with a drive in shot. Davis hit his 23rd point with 55 seconds showing. Woodward was given life when Hollowell and Carl Schultz dropped in three free throws to salt away the victory. Davis scored at the end to wrap up the 64-57 contest.

Coach Dick Norman said after the game that his team played well but Woodward's 14 of 22 free throws as compared with Ross' seven of 16 were a crushing blow.

Ross ends its season at 9-13. Piatkowski grabbed 20 rebounds and Davis bagged 11.

Bill Feagins, who had been ill almost all week with the flu, did not play for Fremont.

Ross (37)	G P T	Woodward (64)	G P T
Davis	12 15 25	Leininger	2 1 1
Prosser	4 6 8	Hollowell	2 2 8
Moore	2 2 6	Piatkowski	9 1 19
Hagerty	3 6 6	Kornowa	8 0 16
Hufford	4 3 11	Barker	3 6 12
George	0 0 0	Rogers	0 0 0
Peddicard	0 1 1	Schultz	0 4 4

Totals	25 57 57	Totals	25 14 64
Score by quarters:	8 17 27 57	— 57	
Ross	12 28 45 64	— 64	

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The three Ohio collegiate basketball teams in NCAA tournament play swapped shots in three midwestern mesh mecca Friday night, and when the scores were totaled up the Ohio teams had 182 points, their rivals 182 points.

But only Cincinnati's No. 1-ranked Bearcats, seeking their third straight NCAA major school diadem, came out of the shooting alive. At Lawrence, Kan., in the Midwest Regional, the Bearcats outlasted the University of Texas 73-68 — although the Longhorns'

six-shooters blazed with torrid accuracy.

Bowling Green got an early jump on Illinois, but the fire-and-fall-back Illini came on to capture a tight 70-67 nod in the Midwest Regional at East Lansing, Mich.

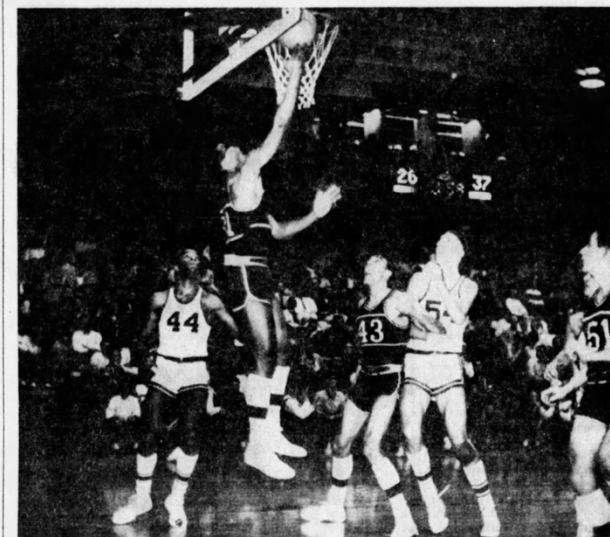
And the shot heard 'round the small college cage world was the 40-footer that South Dakota State's Sid Bostic swished at the game-ending horn to knock off Wittenberg 44-42 for the NCAA college division crown at Evansville, Ind.

Cincinnati advanced to tonight's

regional final against Colorado

78-72 conqueror of Oklahoma City behind George Wilson's 25 point and Ron Bonham's 24. The Bearcats showed the stuff of which they're made when they emerged with a 36-34 lead from a first half in which the Longhorns shot something like 80 per cent from the field.

With Howie Komives on target with his outside shots, Bowling Green rolled into a 25-14 lead against Illinois, which shares the Big Ten championship with Ohio State. But the Illini closed with a



Photos by Jim Walter

TOURNEY action at Toledo. Upper photo shows Ross' Jim Davis going up for a reverse lay up in the third quarter of the Little Giant-Toledo Woodward district tilt, won by the Polar Bears 64-57. This shot went in—one of 12 for Davis Friday night. Other Ross players in photo are Frank Moore, No. 43, and Russ Hagerty, No. 51. For Woodward, No. 44, Ernie Hollowell and No. 54, Walt Piatkowski. Bottom photo shows Piatkowski and Moore fighting for loose ball in fourth period off Fremont basket. Piatkowski, 6-7, gave Ross considerable trouble on the boards and hauled in 20 rebounds.

St. Louis Most Improved NBA Team

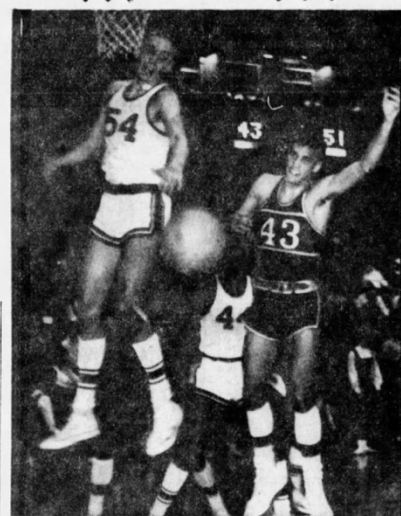
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The St. Louis Hawks are the most improved team in the National Basketball Association this season.

Despite their defeat by the San Francisco Warriors Friday night 119-108 at Oakland, the Hawks have 18 more victories this year with one more regular season game to play.

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'Cats Meet Buffs Tonight, Duke Plays St. Joseph's