

1940 Class A Tournament

Little Giants Primed For Opening Of District Meet

Win Over Willard Would Pit Purple Against Victor In Norwalk-Junior Order Clash; Gabelmen Favored To Clear Initial Barrier

Ross high's Little Giants, imbued with the "on to Columbus" spirit that has gripped the entire student body, travel to Sandusky Friday night with high hopes of clearing its first hurdle in the Class A district tournament.

Generally rated one of the strongest contenders in the 11-team district field, the Ross quintet opens its tourney play at 9:30 p. m., against Willard in the final game of the initial session at Sandusky's junior high school gym.

First game on tonight's card is between Bellevue and Tiffin Columbian, an important lower bracket contest, at 7 p. m. At 8 p. m., Norwalk faces Tiffin Junior Home, with the winner in this game to meet Ross at 9:45 p. m., Saturday. The Little Giants defeated both Norwalk and Junior Order during the regular campaign.

At Full Strength

Coach Ed Gabel announced his Ross line-up would be at full strength with Johnny Ruland and Gale Berger at forwards; Bob Shaw at center; and Jack Carroll and Dick Manahan at guards.

The Purple looked in fine fettle during practice this week and apparently have shaken off the effects of the 29-26 defeat handed them by Findlay last Friday night.

The upset by the Trojans snapped a Purple win streak at 11 straight and left the Rossmen with a season record of 16 victories in 18 starts. The only other defeat was a 46-43 loss to Fostoria, which was more than atoned as the Little Giants hammered the Redmen, 59-21, in their second meeting.

Willard Crippled

Unless the Little Giants go extremely sour, or Willard plays in-

spired ball, Fremont should move into the second round in good style.

Willard has been badly crippled during the past month. Vern Hurst, veteran 6-foot forward, was lost through an appendectomy, while Junior Whisler, sophomore forward, was forced from the line-up because of a slight concussion and influenza. Don Freed, substitute guard, went out last week with a broken big toe.

But even with these three players on the bench, Willard boasts one of the rangiest clubs in this sector. Don Sands, second highest in team scoring stands 6-feet, 2-inches. He is aggressive and a good ball handler. Richard Simons, senior guard, is 6-feet, 1-inch and ranks just behind Sands in scoring.

Win 7 of 19

Dexter Booth, senior substitute center and forward, is the tallest member on the squad at 6-feet, 3-inches. While not particularly adept at ball-handling, he is strong defensively. Hobart Neff, another senior guard, is 6-feet, 2-inches and is a good defensive player. Neff also is a consistent long shot.

Ken Thornton, senior substitute forward, stands an even 6 feet and is rated exceptionally good on defense.

Willard finished in the cellar of the Little Big Four and won seven of their 19 games, scoring 569 points to 587 by opponents.

Little Giants Clash With Junior Order Home Tonight

Bob Shaw Tallies 16 Points As Purple Turn Back
Stubborn Willard Club; Jack Carroll's Spurt In
Third Quarter Swings Tilt For Fremont

With the majority of some 2,000 fans pulling against them, the Little Giants of Fremont Ross turned back Willard high, 41-35, in a hard-fought opening round battle of the annual Class A district tournament at Sandusky Friday night.

Presumably on the theory that the mob always wants to see a champion dethroned, all except a comparatively small Ross delegation was rooting hard for the underdog Willard combine.

But the Purple did their own cheering in the form of a brisk third quarter rally that swept them into a commanding lead after they held a scant 21-19 margin at half-time.

hooked in a two-pointer from directly in front of the basket and followed with a free throw to swell the Purple advantage to 28-19.

time, Willard threatened midway in the final chapter to reduce Fremont's advantage to 37-33, but again the determined cagers of Coach Ed Gabel turned on the pressure to pump in four consecutive points and clinch the contest.

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Redmen Meet Shelby

Although Ross twice defeated Junior Order during the Buckeye league campaign, the form shown by Coach Artie Mehaffey's crew against Norwalk indicates the Purple are in for a tough evening. Should the Juniors be equally hot against the Rossmen, the ironical process of a cellar-dwelling club downing the champion of its league may develop. In the Buckeye circuit season, Ross won the title with eight wins in 10 starts, while Junior Order annexed only one triumph against nine defeats.

Other second round games Saturday evening will find Sandusky facing Mansfield at 6 p. m.; Ashland meeting Port Clinton at 7:15 p. m., and Bellevue encountering Shelby at 8:30 p. m.

Bellevue, favorite to reach the finals in the lower brackets, displayed a sensational brand of shooting to whip Tiffin Columbian, 44 to 21, Friday night. Everything tossed at the basket by the Redmen dropped through the meshes in the rout of the Tiffin team.

Lose Stars

Willard's rangy club played brilliant ball against the Rossmen, especially in the first half in which the Crimson Flashes matched the Purple almost point for point. Don Sands and Dick Simons, center and guard, who stand well above the six-foot mark, were uncanny in their shooting during the initial half. Each flipped in four field goals, hitting the hoop on almost every try.

Big Bob Shaw, hooted lustily by a throng comprised mainly of Tiffin, Bellevue and Willard fans, tallied 16 points to head the Purple. He plunked in six fielders and connected on four of his nine chances at the charity stripe.

Able supporting Shaw was Jack Carroll, who tallied four fielders and four of five gift shots for a 12-point total. As a matter of fact, it was a five-point spurge by Carroll that featured Fremont's game-deciding rally early in the third quarter.

At the start of the fourth period, Shaw sank a free throw to boost the Ross margin to 22-19. Then Carroll broke through for a clean short shot. After Dick Manahan arched in a charity fling, Carroll

hooked in a two-pointer from directly in front of the basket and followed with a free throw to swell the Purple advantage to 28-19.

Held to Four Points

In this Ross flurry both Sands and Forward King went out of the Willard lineup on personal fouls to seriously weaken the Flashes. Willard was limited to but four points in the entire third canto but in the final chapter made a desperate bid that again threatened the Pur-

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Get 25 Gift Shots

Scoring from the field was even with each quint scoring 14 baskets, but Ross high's 13 free throws settled the issue, Willard dropping in only seven. Willard had a total of 16 gift attempts while Ross went to the charity stripe for 25 shots, giving both teams almost an even percentage.

The Little Giants completely out-classed Willard in rebound work with Shaw and Berger especially outstanding. Carroll and Manahan came through with their customary excellent ball handling and floor work, while Johnny Ruland turned in his usual aggressive, all-around game.

Besides Sands and King, Willard also lost Dexter Booth, guard, on fouls. Ruland was lost to Fremont on infractions late in the fourth period Jenkins, who registered three timely points, starred in his relief role at forward:

The summary:		G. F. P.
Ross 41		
Ruland, f	.....	1 0 2
Berger, f	.....	1 1 3
Shaw, c	.....	6 4 16
Manahan, g	.....	1 3 5
Carroll, g	.....	4 4 12
Jenkins, f	.....	1 1 3
Hall, f	.....	0 0 6
Frantz, g	.....	0 0 0
Totals		14 13 41

Willard 35	G.	F.	P.
King, f	0	0	0
Barber, f	1	1	3
Sands, c	4	0	3
Neff, g	2	1	5
Simons, g	6	0	12

Booth, g	0	1	1
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Officials: Bacon (Wabash), Clymer (Ohio State).

Triumph Over Junior Order, 49-41, To Gain Semi-Finals

Gabelmen Play Most Of Wide-Open Second Round Battle At Sandusky With Patched Lineup; Trail At Quarter, 15-12; Ruland Stars With 14

Hurdling a dangerous Tiffin Junior Order Home team, 49-41, in a wide-open second round contest Saturday night, the Little Giant cagers of Mentor Ed Gabel carry their title hopes against the snarling Tygers of Mansfield high in the semi-finals of the current Class A district tournament at Sandusky Friday night.

After drawing first round bye, the defending champions Mansfield quintet nosed out Sandusky's Blue Streaks, 35-31, in the other quarter-final game in the upper bracket Saturday evening.

Clubs in the lower bracket semi-final Friday night will be Bellevue and Ashland, the former scuttling Shelby, 39-31, and the latter drawing Port Clinton, 39-23, in a Saturday night round.

The semi-final survivors will collide Saturday at 8 p. m. for the district crown and a berth in the state tournament at Columbus.

Juniors Take Lead

Ross confronted the same desperate, stubborn foe in Junior Order Saturday night as it did the previous night in Willard's rancid combine. However, while Willard

SATURDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS

Mansfield 35, Sandusky 31.
Ashland 39, Port Clinton 23.

Bellevue 39, Shelby 31

FRONT ROSS 49, Tiffin

J. O. Home 41.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

7:30 p. m.—Mansfield vs. FRE-MONT ROSS.

8:45 p. m.—Bellevue vs. Ash-land.

threatened the entire first half of a game in which the Red Flashes eventually bowed, 41-35, Junior Order embarrassed the favored Little Giant, 49-41.

Blasting away with deadly accuracy from every angle, the Tiffin cagers outscored Ross, 15-12, in the initial period, while the Purple and Blue Streaks, a 17-point margin in the second period while holding Junior Order to only three points and led 29-18 at the intermission.

Junior Order rallied to collect 11 points in the third quarter and 11 in the closing canto, but Fremont kept pace with nine and 11 points to cop a tilt in which a total of 90 points, an average of almost four a minute, were scored.

Loss Carroll

The battle was exceedingly rough with Junior Order losing two men and Ross one on personal foul. Carroll, a 17-point player, hung up game at guard and he scored 11 points, was chosen from the Purple line-up as the most valuable in the fourth quarter.

Dick Mansfield had three personals in the first four minutes of play and left in favor of Billy Jenkins, who delivered in great style, scoring four baskets and a free throw. Carroll, however, had 11 points, his lowest total in three years of varsity competition, was charged with his third personal mid-game in the second period and like Mansfield did not see service again until the fourth quarter.

Johnny Ruland, turning in his best game of the season to pace the Rossers with 14 points and 10 rebounds, and two free throws. Jenkins and Dale Bowles, sub forward, each finished with three personals against them while Gale Berger, who hung up eight points, finished with two on him.

Shaw Debates

A Purple line-up of Ruland and Bob Hall, forwards; Berger, center; and Carroll, end, and two defenders and two free throwers Jenkins and Dale Bowles, sub forward, each finished with three personals against them while Gale Berger, who hung up eight points, finished with two on him.

Shaw, in a second quarter debate with the officials that drew heavy heckling from a capacity crowd, but the Purple star was justified in taking an obstinate stand. He was called for charging Ashmore but Perkins, who had the free throw to shoot, The scoring table credited Ashmore with being called, but despite this the officials allowed the free throw to Perkins and turned a deaf ear on Shaw's protests.

The Ross-Junior Order fray was the final of four games carded that left tourney fans convinced the Fremont clash with Mansfield Friday night will be the most exciting of the meet. Bellevue's torrid crew is given the nod over Ashland.

Streaks Rally

Late in the fourth quarter of the Mansfield-Sandusky fray with the Blue Streaks behind 33-28, the cagers of Columbus Glennwright had to find range. Ben Fleming, Sandusky's ace center, whipped in two baskets and Bill Harris, forward, tallied another to reduce Mansfield's margin to 33-31.

But lanky Russ Beer, Mansfield pivot man, dropped in a two-pointer for the Tygers to put the game in doubt.

Bellevue saved its game with Shelby by scoring a 13-7 third quarter advantage. Bob Baur was

PURPLE FROSH GAIN FINALS

Win Two Games In Ju-nior High Cage Tournament At Sandusky

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Johnny Ruland May Be Lost To Ross Against Tygers

A nasty micro-organism, called by Mister Webster "bacillus influenzae," Thursday was gnawing away at the district title hopes of Fremont Ross high's cage team.

Taken ill at class Wednesday, Johnny Ruland was sent home and ordered to bed "for at least two days" by his doctor, who said the veteran Little Giant forward had an attack of the 'flu.

All of which has cast a pallid gloom over the Purple camp

where Coach Ed Gabel is polishing off his charges for their semi-final clash with Mansfield at Sandusky Friday at 7:30 p. m.

A consistent player all season, Ruland was the outstanding Little Giant in the first two rounds of the current district meet. His aggressive follow-up work and hustling floor play were main factors in Purple triumphs over Willard and Tiffin Junior Order Home.

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Against Junior Order, Ruland pumped 14 points through the

meshes for his best offensive performance of the season. Although Ruland may recover in time to see action against the Tygers, Coach Gabel isn't counting too much on it.

He plans to move Jack Carroll up to Ruland's forward post and insert Billy Jenkins at guard. While Jenkins is almost ripe for regular service, the fleet-footed negro lad is shy a foot of Ruland's stature. Mansfield is paced by towering Russ Beer at center and the Little Giants will need all the height they can muster

for rebounds.

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Gabel gave his cagers a rest Monday and since has kept them in keen condition. Dick Manahan has a back ailment, aftermath of the Junior Order fray, but is expected to be ready to go full tilt against the Tygers.

Carroll, Bob Shaw and Gale Berger all are primed to carry on in the semi-finals with hopes of gaining the championship round, although without Ruland the odds would be stacked pretty high against the Purple.

Downed After Holding 34-24 Lead Entering Final Period

Little Giants Carry Game To Defending Champions
For Three Quarters, But Fade In Last Chapter;
Bob Shaw Knots Count With Seconds To Go

Fremont Ross high's Little Giants all but knocked the stripes off the Tygers of Mansfield high in the semi-finals of the Class A district tournament at Sandusky Friday night only to lose a stinging heart-break, 38-37, in a "sudden death" overtime period.

The Purple team, offed by Coach Ed Gabel, played the defending champions off their feet for the first three quarters, but failed to clinch to gain the championship round. But after holding a 34-24 margin, Ross faltered badly to tally only two points while Mansfield converted 10 points in the overtime period, 36-36 as the regulation time ended.

Bob Shaw, who justified his selection as all-state center with a 17-point total, hoisted a free throw with 10 seconds remaining by a period giving Ross a 37-36 lead. Three times Mansfield was fouled by Ross, but the Tygers were forced to take the ball out of bounds under the new ruling. Twice this meant nothing as the alert Ross, with 10 seconds left, accepted the ball. But on the third attempt the ball was floated in to Gene Manahan.

Swarm Onto Floor
The star Mansfield forward dove for the ball, but the ball went into the basket and let fly with an off balance shot. The ball caromed against the backboard and into the rim. After a dramatic trillium if one ever was scored in the district tournament, Mansfield fans swarmed the floor, the Tygers with hilarious joy as the game ended.

With the exception of the first half rebound work of Russ Beer, 6-foot, 5-inch center, Mansfield was the better rebounder by the inspired charges of Coach Gabel. The Little Giants swept to a 13-7 lead in the first period and went in front 18-13 at the intermission.

The second quarter saw the Purple pick up 18 points with comparative ease to top the Tygers, 34-24, setting up the "sudden death" which happened to the Rossmen in the last chapter is hard to explain.

Turn on Heat

They tried to play a conservative game but the Tygers, with everything to gain and nothing to lose, turned up the heat. In the first few minutes of play reduced Fremont's lead to 34-31.

With the game in an upsurge, the two teams squared off for a battle to the finish. However, the Tygers were the better rebounder as far as Ross was concerned. Only two points filtered through the Tyger hoop in the first period and those were dramatically registered by Shaw with 30 seconds left to play and Ross trailing, 36-36.

The regulation time ended with both clubs scrapping fruitlessly for miles. After Shaw's charity shot at the opening of the extra session, Shaw, Billy Jenkins and Jack Carroll, respectively, whittled the count to 36-36. A free throw by Big Center Don Rose, who collected 12 points, the victory moved Mansfield ahead, 37-36. Then Gale Berger shot a free throw and a gift shot to put Ross ahead, 38-37.

Shaw arched in another a few moments later to give the Tygers a 39-37 margin. Before the first chapter ended, Shaw slipped in a gift shot and then added another two-pointer to give the Gehleners a 39-37 margin.

Big Center, in a pair of char-toes to start the second period, but Berger batted in a rebound to give the Tygers a 40-37 lead. Bill Herpich sank a long shot for Mansfield. Shaw countered with a gift throw, but popped in a free throw from the line, leaving them behind, 46-37. Jenkins broke in for a short shot and Jack Carroll, who had three points, came in to tie the game as the half ended with Ross in front, 46-46.

Three-Point Spurt
After Miller arched in a basket to start the second half Manahan rattled in a two-pointer. Miller rattled with another in front, 20-17. Then he exploded at six points within a minute and a half. Shaw hooked in a pair of shots that failed to touch the rim and Ross leaped from the side. But a basket by Shiptel and two free throws by Beer put Mansfield ahead, 29-21.

Shaw drove in for a nest basket and a moment later added a free throw to give the Tygers a 29-22 lead to 29-21. After Don Rose showed in a fielder for the Tygers, Shaw showed in a fielder and swished in another gift shot to make the Ross another 32-23. Shiptel slipped in a fielder to give Jenkins slipped in a fielder to give the Purple a 34-24 lead as the third chapter transpired.

In the fourth quarter Mansfield waxed extremely hot. Miller made a fielder, Rose dropped in a free throw, Miller swished in another basket, and Shiptel bashed in a two-pointer to leave Mansfield with only a one, one, two minutes of the fourth chapter transpired.

Berger Lost on Foul
Beer dropped in a fielder to leave Mansfield behind only 34-33. But the fielder was the last fielder of the game on four personals. Rose missed the gift shot and the star center, with only one, one, two minutes remained. Then Beer,

hoisted in a gift shot to knot the count at 34-34.

Shiptel crashed in for a fielder with nine minutes remaining to apparently sew up the game for the Tygers. But Shaw flipped in a basket and with 10 seconds to play, knotting the score at 36-all and that's the way the regulation time ended.

After Shaw looped in a charity shot at the opening of the overtime period, he was fouled again, but was out of bounds twice on fouls by Carroll and Ruland, the latter's being called against Shaw. In the contest, Bob Hall took Ruland's place. Again Mansfield was the better rebounder.

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Derby Field Of 127 Announced

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 9.—
Inaugural Kentucky Derby Downs paired Bimblech and Bradley today as Col. Matt J. Winn announced 127 nominees for the first running of the Kentucky Derby May 4.

A long hard winter hasn't shaken the belief of Kentuckians in the utility of racing to help support Col. E. R. Bradley his fifth Kentucky Derby victory.

The purse for the mile-and-a-quarter race will be raised this year to \$75,000 added and the subscription list will run an even dozen over 1939, although there will be a slight cut predicted by Colonel Winn, president of Churchill Downs.

BROOKLYN DEFEATS CINCINNATI, 9 TO 6

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 9.—
The Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers transferred their graceful league series here today with a 9-6 victory for the Reds, a 9-6 ten-inning decision yesterday at Tampa under some of the most disagreeable weather of the spring. Pete Coscarat, Brooklyn second baseman, was confined to his room with a bad grippe and a temperature of 104.

CRIPPLED GRIMES ARRIVES IN CAMP

FORT MYERS, Fla., March 9.—
Oscar Grimes, a knee operator, performed a remarkable job. Indoor Oscar Grimes has arrived at the Cleveland Indians' training camp and will be here for a week or before beginning strenuous exercises. He walks with a limp and brought with him his personal instructions to the trainer for treatment of the leg.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

At Sandusky (Semifinals)
Mansfield 38, Fremont Ross 37
(overtime).

At Bellwood 26,
At Toledo (Semifinals)
Toledo White 27, Toledo Central Catholic 25
Clay 35, Toledo Macomb 28.

At Defiance (Finals)

Defiance 20, Bellwood 19.

At Kent (Finals)

Circleville 40, South Amherst 38.

Circleville 40, Bellwood 39.

Waynesburg 37, Howland 26.

At Leipsic (Semifinals)

Holmes 25, Leipsic 24.

Vaughnsville 34, Haskins 31.

INHERITS SPEED

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