

## 1989-1990 Season Review

# Ross pulls away from Redskins

## Little Giants roll to 78-59 victory

By MARK GRIFFIN  
Staff writer

Fremont Ross head coach Pat McGhee couldn't help but breathe a big sigh of relief following the Little Giants' 78-59 non-conference victory over Port Clinton Friday night.

McGhee watched his team build a 14-point first-quarter lead, only to have the Redskins close to within six late in the third period before pulling away at the end.

"I feel very lucky to get out of here with a win," said McGhee after Ross won its season opener and dropped Port Clinton to 1-1.

"I respect the Port Clinton team and their staff. We saw their first game (a win over Genoa) and they were very sharp. We knew they had a lot of offensive weapons, and this is a tough place to come and play. Plus, we have an inexperienced team."

Not to mention one that features a pair of 6-foot-6 juniors — one of which (Chris Wolfe) isn't afraid to put it up from 3-point land — and a half-dozen or so shooters who aren't afraid to fire away from beyond the 3-point circle.

Ross made 10 of its first 15 shots and connected on four 3-pointers in the first quarter to open up a 28-16 margin.

"Ross was hot early in the game ... they didn't miss," Port Clinton Coach Tom Bodager said. "But they cooled off and we were simply unable to take advantage."

The Little Giants gave the Redskins two problems offensively. The long-range shots forced the Port Clinton defense to play the perimeter, while at the same time the 'Skins had to try and counter Wolfe and 6-6, 225-pound Jeff Green underneath.

Green finished with a game-high 20 points, Wolfe added 17 and Ross went on to hold a 38-19 advantage on the boards. Of Ross's 12 field goals in the first quarter, 10 were either scored on 3-pointers or in the paint.

"Tonight's story was the

boards," Bodager said. "When we chipped it down by halftime, there were so many opportunities for us to take advantage. They'd throw it away or miss or whatever, but we could not come down and capitalize."

The Little Giants continually beat the Redskins down the floor in the second quarter to open up a 37-21 lead with 6:27 to go in the half. A Steve Smith 3-pointer and a Scott Thomas layup pulled the 'Skins within 41-31 with 1:44 showing, and the first half ended with Ross still up by a 44-35 margin.

Port Clinton's switching zone defenses took the Little Giants out of their offense for much of the third period. Matt Zetzer's layup got PC as close as 52-46 with 1:39 left to play in the quarter, but Mark Gottron finished a 9-2 Ross run by hitting a jumper at the buzzer for a 61-48 bulge.

McGhee said he knew the Redskins would make a run at the Little Giants sooner or later.

"We told the kids, 'They'll make a push at us, but if we maintain our composure and just pass the ball, we'll get shots we want,'" McGhee said. "They took us out of our game in the middle of the third quarter, but at the end of the quarter we got the ball back inside."

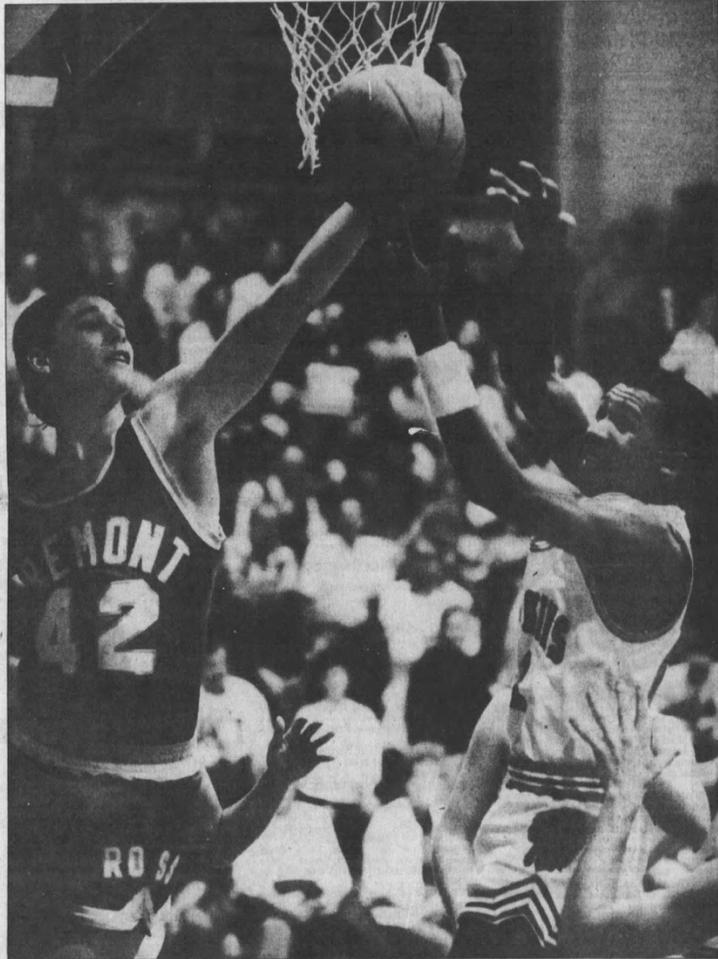
Port Clinton stayed within reach, 63-53, until PC's Marc Wolfe committed a foul and drew a technical for slamming the ball to the court. Ross junior guard Todd Clark, who finished with 10 points, calmly sank four straight free throws for a 14-point lead.

The Little Giants outscored the Redskins 11-6 the rest of the way.

Port Clinton made only 14 percent of its shots in the final quarter and finished the game at 42 percent (21 of 50).

McGhee, whose squad shot 51 percent (30 of 59) from the floor and committed 23 turnovers to the Redskins' 20, said Ross's defensive strategy was simple.

"Steve Smith (18 points) is a great offensive player," he said. "They have a good shooting team."



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CHRIS WOLFE, left, of Fremont Ross and Port Clinton's Micah Daniels battle for a rebound Friday

night at Port Clinton High School during the Little Giants 78-59 victory over the Redskins.

## Ross 78, Port Clinton 59

### Score by quarters

Ross	28	16	17	17	— 78
Port Clinton	16	19	13	11	— 59

### Scoring

ROSS — Todd Clark 2-6-10, Shane McConnell 2-1-6, Chris Wolfe 8-0-17, Jeff Green 9-2-20, Mark Gottron 3-0-8, Cory Lance 2-4-8, Doug Gahn 1-0-2, Hector Rodriguez 2-1-5, Nick Wolf 1-0-2, totals 30-14-78.

PORT CLINTON — Nel Torres 2-2-6, Micah Daniels 1-0-2, Steve Smith 7-3-18, Marc Wolfe 4-2-13, Scott Thomas 4-2-11, Brad Kocher 2-4-8, Matt Zetzer 1-2-4, totals 21-15-59.

3-point goals: M. Wolfe 3, Gottron 2, McConnell, C. Wolfe, Smith.

Records: Ross 1-0, Port Clinton 1-1.

JV: Ross 47-46.

# Wolfe leads Little Giants past Perkins 63-41

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

Chris Wolfe scored 20 points and blocked six shots Saturday night, pacing Ross to a 63-41 win over Sandusky Perkins in the Purple Pit.

Ross, 2-0, broke away from a 32-22 halftime lead with a 12-0 run at the beginning of the second half and the game was cemented into the win column for the Little Giants.



WOLFE

The Little Giants' skintight man-to-man defense, which held the Pirates to 11-of-33 shooting, did not allow a Perkins score until 2:05 remained in the third quarter.

After falling behind 44-22, Perkins never got closer than 19.

"Chris Wolfe has the potential to be a very good basketball player," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said after his team's second win in as many days. "He just has to keep working hard and making good decisions."

He was doing that Saturday, and Perkins Coach Pat Riley noticed it.

"Ross was leaving their big 'hogs' back in the middle and

gambling out front, knowing that if we got around them, we're going to face the Wolfe kid ready to block a shot," Riley said.

Wolfe made the most of his defensive opportunities as the gambling Ross defense allowed few Pirates past.

Perkins committed 28 turnovers, 13 in the first quarter as Ross grabbed a 17-7 lead. Three of the four Pirate third-quarter turnovers led to half of the Little Giants' 12-point third-quarter run.

"I'm not saying we would have won," Riley said. "But at the beginning of the third quarter we missed two layups, and instead of being down six to eight points,

we're down by 20."

The other "hog" Riley referred to was Jeff Green. Wolfe and Green are both 6-6 juniors and were keys to Ross commanding the boards 35-27.

Green, after scoring 20 against Port Clinton Friday, had 11 points but was plagued by fouls, picking up his third with 6:34 remaining in the first half.

"Anytime you come out of your first weekend two-and-oh, you have to be happy," McGhee said. "We did a great job defensively in the third quarter. Jeff and Chris were able to take care of things inside and that allowed us to extend our defense."

McGhee was happy with being

able to play 12 players: nine in the first half and all 12 in the second half.

"We were able to look at some different people and we had nice scoring balance," he said.

McGhee said he had worried about opening with back-to-back games the first weekend. Now he's worried about a 10-day layoff. Ross hosts Toledo Woodward Dec. 12.

"I am worried about becoming stale in that layoff," he said and then attempted to see some good. "We do have some things to work on, so maybe it will work to our advantage."

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Having two wins under his belt may help make the layoff more enjoyable.

**ROSS NOTES:** Nine of the 12 Little Giants scored. After Green's 11, Shane McConnell had seven, Todd Clark six and Hector Rodriguez came off the bench to score six more.

Ross was 24 of 55 (44 percent) from the floor.

Juniors Chris Benson and Mark Gottron did not suit up for the game. Benson is out until at least Christmas with a knee injury and Gottron is nursing a sprained ankle suffered in Friday's 78-59 win over Port Clinton.

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# Basketball

## High School Boys

### Ross 63, Perkins 41

#### Score by quarters

Perkins	10	12	5	14	— 41
Ross	17	15	14	17	— 63

#### Scoring

PERKINS — Ike Harvey 3-0-7, Brad Harrold 2-2-6, Dan Rupp 0-1-1, Jerry Matthews 0-0-0, Jason Wierman 1-6-8, George Lenyo 2-7-11, Shannon Mullins 3-2-8, totals 11-18-41.

ROSS — Shane McConnell 3-0-7, Jeff Green 5-1-11, Chris Wolfe 7-6-20, Todd Clark 2-2-6, Justin Oxley 1-0-2, Nick Wolf 2-0-5, Cory Lance 2-0-4, Hector Rodriguez 2-2-6, Joe Frazier 0-2-2, totals 24-13-63.

3-point goals: Harvey, McConnell, Wolf.

### Ross JVs 60, Perkins 41

#### Score by quarters

Perkins	6	15	8	12	— 41
Ross	19	10	13	18	— 60

#### Scoring

PERKINS — Jason Hargreaves 3-2-8, Tom Bertsch 0-2-2, Andy Guerrera 3-5-11, Chad James 1-0-2, Brett Carpenter 2-1-5, Todd Garbe 1-1-3, R.C. Summers 2-4-10, totals 12-15-41.

ROSS — Joe Frazier 3-2-8, Jon Hetrick 3-1-7, Mark Sheidler 1-0-2, John Langston 3-8-16, Alec Shawl 1-0-2, Doug Horn 0-1-1, Justin Perry 1-1-3, Allen Dorsey 1-0-2, Damon Walker 3-7-13, Ryan Wolf 0-0-0, Ryan Zimmerman 3-2-8, totals 19-20-60.

3-point goals: Summers 2, Langston 2.

# Little Giants rip Polar Bears 78-54

## Ross scores first 10 points

By TIM HARMON  
Staff writer

Guard play, or lack of quality guard play, was the undoing of the Toledo Woodward boys basketball Tuesday night.

Fremont Ross attacked the Polar Bears guards, scored the first 10 points of the game and went on to a 78-54 victory.

"They are very inexperienced and we scouted them thoroughly," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "The game plan was to attack the guards and get the ball inside."

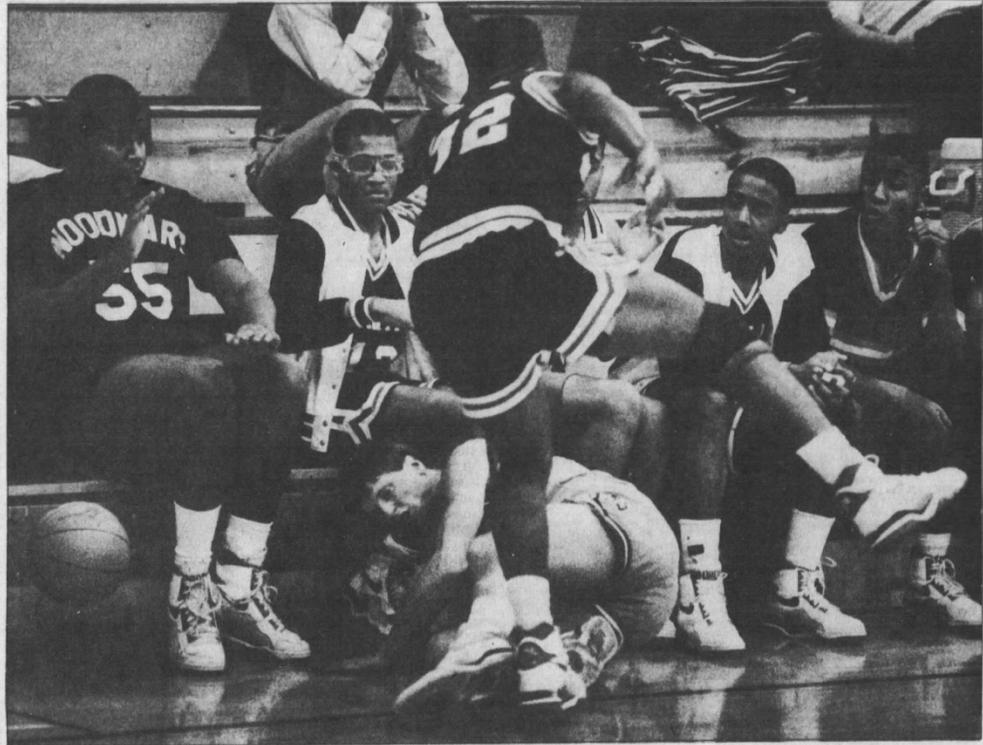
"We did that early and we pretty much had our way from there."

While Woodward's guards were making bad pass after bad pass at the outset, Jeff Green worked inside for two points, Chris Wolfe scored on a putback, Todd Clark eased in for a layup off a turnover, Wolfe added a basket off a feed from Green and Wolfe fed Justin Oxley for a layup and a 10-0 lead.

"We thought they would put a little more pressure on us like in the second half," McGhee said. "We broke the press a couple of times and took care of that early."

Wolfe scored 15 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, including 13 off the offensive glass, and Green finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Ross, 3-0, outrebounded Woodward 45-30. The Little Giants collected 27 offensive rebounds, including six by Oxley.



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SHANE MCDONNELL of Fremont Ross tumbles into the Toledo Woodward bench area after colliding with George Smith (32)

Tuesday night during the Little Giants' 78-54 victory over the Polar Bears.

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"The offensive boards are an important part of our game," McGhee said. "If you have a bad shooting night and get some offensive boards, it helps."

Ross shot 39 percent (30 of 77) from the field. Woodward, 1-5, made 18 of 55 shots (33 percent).

"We didn't execute our offense," Polar Bears Coach Kim McCualsky said. "We haven't executed all year."

"They played good man-to-man defense. Our kids got hyper and took some bad shots ... rushed shots when we

were in trouble instead of reversing the ball to the backside."

Ross led 23-13 after one quarter, 41-21 at halftime and 62-38 after three quarters.

Mark Gottron gave the Little Giants their biggest lead, 57-25, when he made two technical free throws with 2:40 left in the third quarter after the officials felt McCualsky had chewed on their ears long enough.

"We hoped to be three-and-oh at this point," McGhee said. "Anytime you can win, you have to be pleased."

"Three-and-oh is fine, but we have a tough game Saturday so we can't celebrate too long."

Ross hosts Marion Harding Saturday night.

# Basketball

## High School Boys

### Ross 78, Woodward 54

#### Score by quarters

Woodward	13	8	17	16	— 54
Ross	23	18	21	16	— 78

#### Scoring

WOODWARD — Mark Reed 0-1-1, Eugene McCoy 2-0-4, Richard Wright 4-0-8, Kevin Rome 5-0-15, George Smith 3-7-13, Chris Reynolds 0-1-1, Willie Miller 2-0-4, Corey Hoskins 2-4-8, totals 18-13-54.

ROSS — Mark Gottron 2-4-9, Cory Lance 1-2-4, Doug Gahn 4-1-9, Justin Oxley 1-2-4, Todd Clark 4-0-8, Shane McConnell 5-1-12, Nick Wolf 1-1-3, Chris Wolfe 7-1-15, Jeff Green 5-4-14, totals 30-16-78.

3-point goals: Rome 5, Gottron McConnell.

Records: Woodward 1-5, Ross 3-0.

### Ross JV 43, Woodward 35

#### Score by quarters

Woodward	8	7	11	9	— 35
Ross	13	11	7	12	— 43

#### Scoring

WOODWARD — Mike Rose 1-1-3, John Jackson 7-2-16, Tim Lawrich 1-0-2, Larry Snodgrass 2-0-4, Anton Jones 4-0-8, Corey Hoskins 1-0-2, totals 16-3-35.

ROSS — Jon Hetrick 0-4-4, Mark Sheidler 7-0-16, John Langston 0-1-1, Alec Shawl 1-0-2, Justin Perry 2-0-4, Allen Dorsey 1-2-4, Damon Walker 2-5-9, Joe Frazier 2-5-9, totals 14-13-43.

Records: Ross 3-0.

# McConnell 'totals' Harding

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

Shane McConnell wasn't feeling well.

Friday, while taking his girlfriend home, his car slipped off a snow-covered road and slid across a yard into a house.

No one was hurt but the house was damaged considerably and McConnell's car was totaled.

Saturday night, McConnell totaled Marion Harding, hitting a looping 3-pointer with one second remaining, giving the Ross Little Giants a 56-54 win over Marion Harding in the Purple Pit.

"My shot was off all night," McConnell, a senior, said, "but I pulled up and that one just happened to fall."

It fell and wiped out a scrambling Harding comeback and kept Ross undefeated in four games. And made McConnell's weekend a bit happier.

After trailing 35-36 at the end of three quarters, the Presidents, 2-6, fell behind 47-37 with 5:18 remaining.

With Ryan Borland drilling in a pair of 3-pointers and D.C. Carter scoring four points, Harding ran off 11 straight points for a 48-47 lead with 2:59 to play.

McConnell grabbed the lead back, hitting a pair of free throws ahead of Chris Wolfe's bucket for a 51-48 Ross edge.

Seconds later, Ross led 53-50 on Jeff Green's rebound but Carter knocked in two free throws and a short jumper, putting the Presidents up 54-53 with 32 seconds on the clock.

McConnell's bad luck reared up again with a missed free throw with 25 seconds left but Chris Oliver of Harding missed a foul shot — McConnell drew the foul — with 12 seconds left and Green pulled in the rebound.

Ross worked the ball around the perimeter until McConnell pulled up and kayoed Harding.

"That kid threw in a hell of a shot at the end," Harding Coach Jeff Diehl said. "We had him guarded and the guy threw it in."

McGhee said, "Harding got the tempo of the game to their liking. We could not get out and run tonight."

"They did an excellent job of rebounding and their offense took our legs out," the Ross coach said, "we had to play defense a lot of longer than we liked but we were able to get to the inside, get them in foul trouble and get to the offensive boards."

Nick Wolf, Cory Lance and Mark Gottron came off the bench to help keep Ross fresh.

"That's the best our bench has played all year," McGhee said. "Nick got some rebounds and was very active on offense. Lance is really active on defense and Gottron did a good job when he had to; they picked us up."

Harding employed zone defenses most of the game, forcing Ross to shoot from long range and the Little Giants could not respond.

"We were just one of seven from the 3-point line in the first half," McGhee pointed out.

Green, who finished with 14 points, helped Ross to a 23-22 halftime lead with six points, four on layups, in the second quarter. Ross was nine-of-29 in the half and finished with 21-of-58.

"We never could string a couple together from the outside," McGhee said, so we had to get to the offensive boards."

Ross was able to do that, grab 16 offensive rebounds in the second half and 26 for the game while holding a 45-33 rebounding lead.

Wolfe topped Ross with 16 points, six coming down the fourth-quarter stretch. McConnell had 10 points while Wolf finished with seven.

Harding, 2-6, was led by Carter's 18. Jason Gandee had 13 and Borland 12.

## Ross 56, Harding 54

### Score by quarters

Harding	10	12	14	18	— 54
Ross	8	15	15	18	— 56

### Scoring

**HARDING** — Chris Oliver 3-2-8, D.C. Carter 7-4-18, Ty Stoneburner 1-1-3, Ryan Borland 5-0-12, Jason Gandee 5-3-13, totals 21-10-54.

**ROSS** — Chris Wolfe 6-4-16, Jeff Green 6-2-14, Shane McConnell 2-4-10, Todd Clark 2-0-4, Cory Lance 0-1-1, Nick Wolf 3-0-7, totals 21-11-56.

3-point goals Borlan 2, McConnell 2, Wolf.

Records: Ross 4-0, Harding 2-6.

## Ross JVs 54, Harding 46

### Score by quarters

Harding	12	14	10	10	— 46
Ross	15	15	6	18	— 54

### Scoring

**HARDING** — Oliver Hardman 7-2-15, Chris Helton 3-0-6, Jayson Klepzig 2-3-7, Rob Musser 1-0-2, Brian Sprinkle 2-0-4, Bill Taft 5-0-12, totals 20-3-46.

**ROSS** — Jon Hetrick 2-5-9, Mark Sheidlr 4-0-10, Justin Perry 3-2-8, Damon Walker 0-1-1, Ryhan Zimmerman 6-0-12, Joe Frazier 5-4-14, totals 20-12-54.

3-point goals: Hardman, Taft 2, Sheidler 2.

Records: Ross 4-0, Harding 2-6.

# BG will test Ross defense

By TIM HARMON

Staff writer

Fremont Ross is sporting a 4-0 record as it prepares to host Bowling Green Friday night, and Coach Pat McGhee isn't about to let his team get complacent.

"We went back to work on some of the basics this week," McGhee said. "Like rebounding, which I wasn't really pleased with against Marion."

The Little Giants edged Marion 56-54 last Saturday on Shane McConnell's 3-point field goal with one second left to play.

"The kids have responded real well in practice this week," McGhee said.

And they will have their work cut out for them Friday.

"Bowling Green has been playing very well as of late," McGhee said.

The Bobcats, 3-3, feature five seniors in their starting lineup.

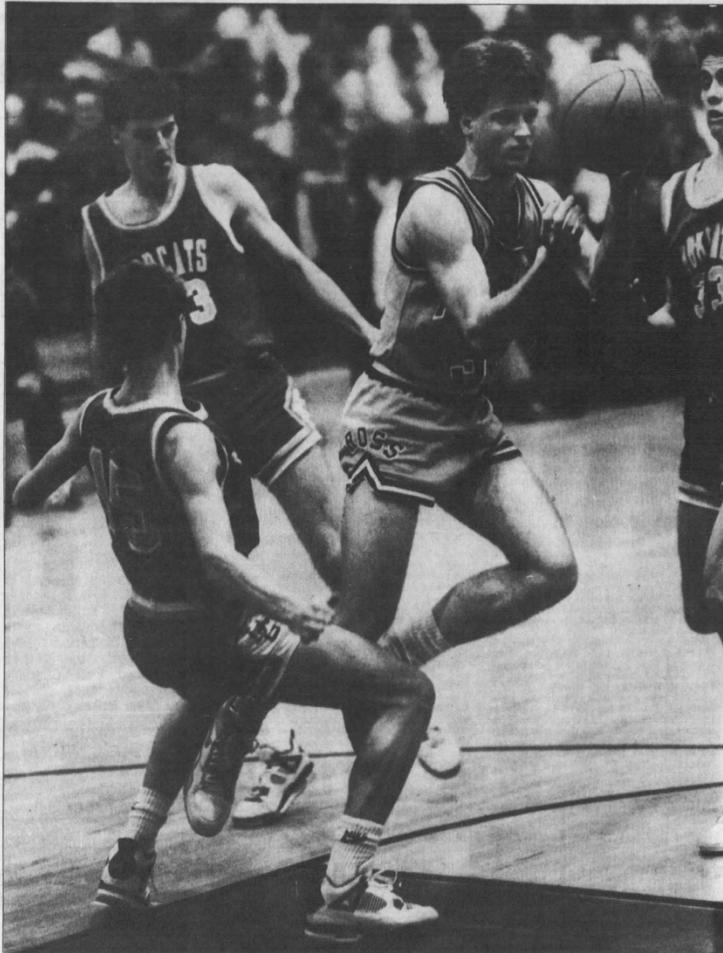
Imanui Lewis (6-8) and Randy Effner (6-5) are BG's inside players.

"They are bigger than we are," McGhee said. "Lewis is a very active player and their three outside players are all capable 3-point shooters.

"They really pose some problems for us. We have to play good half-court, man-to-man defense."

Chris Wolfe and Jeff Green lead Ross, scoring 17 and 14 points per game, respectively.

# Ross edges Bowling Green



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SHANE MCCONNELL of Fremont Ross tries to pass off to a teammate before charging into

Bowling Green's Chris Kec during the Little Giants' 57-54 victory Friday night.

## Little Giants unbeaten following 57-54 victory

By TIM HARMON  
Staff writer

Frigid free throw shooting by Bowling Green Friday night allowed Fremont Ross to escape with a 57-54 home victory.

The Bobcats made seven of 23 free throw attempts including one of six in the fourth quarter.

"I believe we can shoot better than that (30 percent)," Bowling Green Coach Tom Rex said. "We didn't do it when we had to."

The victory was Ross's fifth without a loss.

"We snuck out with one tonight," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "That's not going to happen too many times this season."

Ross trailed 50-45 with one quarter to play after BG erased a 36-31 halftime deficit with a 19-9 advantage in the third quarter.

The Little Giants, though, limited the Bobcats to four points in the fourth quarter. BG, 3-4, didn't score in the period until 1:49 remained — ironically on Chris Kec's free throw.

"The third quarter was really a poor defensive quarter for us," McGhee said. "If we were going to win the game it was because the defense was going to get the job done."

"The defense got it done when it had to."

Ross took the lead for good, 51-50, on a basket by Jeff Green with 6:50 to play. BG missed a chance to regain the lead when Imanu Lewis missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity a minute later.

A short jump shot and a technical foul shot by Todd Clark put Ross on top 54-50 before Kec's foul shot made it 54-51.

Clark made both ends of a one-and-one with 37 seconds left, but Steve Hart's 3-point field goal with 15 seconds remaining got BG within two points at 56-54. Mark Gottron made one of two foul shots three seconds later.

Hart had a chance to send the

game into overtime with a 3-pointer from the right corner, but was fouled by Justin Oxley with three seconds remaining.

Not surprisingly, Hart missed the first free throw. Rex then used a timeout to set up a play that would force an overtime.

Hart threw his second foul shot off the back of the rim and Kec tipped the ball back to Hart at the top of the 3-point arc. Hart's 3-point attempt missed its mark.

"Their pressure really wore us down," Rex said. "You have to give them credit for that, but I still believe in my heart we can shoot better than we did."

BG took an early 10-6 lead but a basket by Green off a rebound and a steal and layup by Clark tied the score at 10-all.

Green scored 10 of his game-high 18 points in the first quarter and Clark scored six of his 14 in the period and Ross led 23-16.

The Little Giants pushed its lead to eight, 26-18, with 6:12 left in the first half but a 7-0 run by the Bobcats made it 26-25.

"We let them get away from us a couple of times," McGhee said.

Ross, which pushed its lead back to six before settling for a five-point halftime edge, omitted seven of its 11 turnovers in the second period.

"We just didn't execute in the second quarter," McGhee said. "We went five or six possessions without a basket. You can't do that and expect to win."

Ross still led by five, 40-35, when BG took its first lead since the first quarter on back-to-back 3-pointers by Hart, who led the Bobcats with 15 points.

BG stretched its margin to five behind the play of reserve guard Mike Adler, who scored five points in the final 3:31 of the third quarter. Adler filled in for Kec at point guard after Kec

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picked up his fourth foul.

"Our bench gave us a chance to win," Rex said. "We had to make a lot of rotations and everyone who came in responded really well."

Said McGhee: "When Kec went down, (Jeremy) Kerr went to point guard and he looked to penetrate and create. The subs they brought in did a nice job."

Lewis, who grabbed seven of his team-high 10 rebounds in the second half, also was saddled with four fouls.

"We applied some pressure and had some success with that," Rex said. "But between foul trouble and fatigue, we were limited in what we could do."

Lewis's rebounding helped BG outrebound Ross 23-13 in the second half after the Little Giants held a 20-13 rebounding edge at halftime.

Green led Ross with 10 rebounds and Chris Wolfe, who added 11 points, collected nine.

"We knew we would have to rebound well to play with them," Rex said. "We feel we did that in the second half, but we just didn't do a very good job putting the ball in the basket."

Ross took advantage.

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# Basketball

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## High School Boys

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### Ross 57, Bowl. Green 54

#### Score by quarters

Bowling Green	16	15	19	4	— 54
Ross	23	13	9	12	— 57

#### Scoring

BOWLING GREEN — Jeremy Kerr 3-0-6, Chris Kec 2-2-6, Steve Hart 6-0-12, John Effner 2-3-7, Imanu Lewis 4-0-8, Mike Adler 2-1-5, Pete Kramp 3-1-7, totals 22-7-54.

ROSS — Justin Oxley 1-0-2, Todd Clark 2-10-14, Shane McConnell 2-0-4, Chris Wolfe 5-0-11, Jeff Green 6-6-18, Mark Gottron 2-1-5, Cory Lance 1-1-3, totals 19-18-57.

3-point goals: Hart 3, Wolfe.

Records: Bowling Green 3-4, Ross 5-0.

### Ross JV 50, B. Green 49

#### Score by quarters

Bowling Green	2	14	22	11	— 49
Ross	7	10	15	18	— 50

#### Scoring

BOWLING GREEN — Chris Flynn 2-0-4, Matt Hover 2-1-5, Carl Frushour 2-0-4, Pete Kramp 6-2-14, Mark Saneholtz 1-0-2, Dean Smith 1-0-3, Andy Tracy 7-2-17, totals 21-5-49.

ROSS — Jon Hetrick 2-0-5, Mark Sheidler 4-0-8, John Langston 1-0-2, Alec Shawl 1-0-2, Justin Perry 4-2-10, Damon Walker 2-1-5, Ryan Wolf 1-0-2, Ryan Zimmerman 2-0-4, Joe Frazier 3-2-8, Chris Benson 2-0-4, totals 22-5-50.

3-point goals: Smith, Tracy, Hetrick.

Records: Ross 5-0.

# Knights stop Ross streak

## St. Francis captures 63-45 victory

By **BOB MARKER**  
Staff writer

TOLEDO — Toledo St. Francis outscored sporadic Ross 63-45 Tuesday in the Northwest Ohio Holiday Prep Classic at John F. Savage Hall.

The loss snapped the Little Giants' win streak at five and was the seventh win in eight games for the Knights.

Ross will play Maumee, a 47-45 loser to Toledo Central Catholic, in the Division I-II consolation game, beginning at 5 p.m. tonight.

St. Francis play TCC in the 9 p.m. championship game.

The Little Giants suffered a "half and half" attack but not a half-hearted effort, according to Coach Pat McGhee.

"I thought we played a strong game defensively," McGhee said, "but our offense never got squared away."

"Our kids played hard and gave it everything they had, but it just was not enough today."

Ross was its own worst enemy, missing several opportunities to cut into the Knights' lead that grew to its largest margin only in the final minutes.

Ross trailed 31-20 late in the first half but closed to 31-25 at the half. The Little Giants committed 10 turnovers in the second quarter and added to their troubles in the third period.

Ross scored just four points, had nine turnovers, and trailed 41-29 after three quarters.

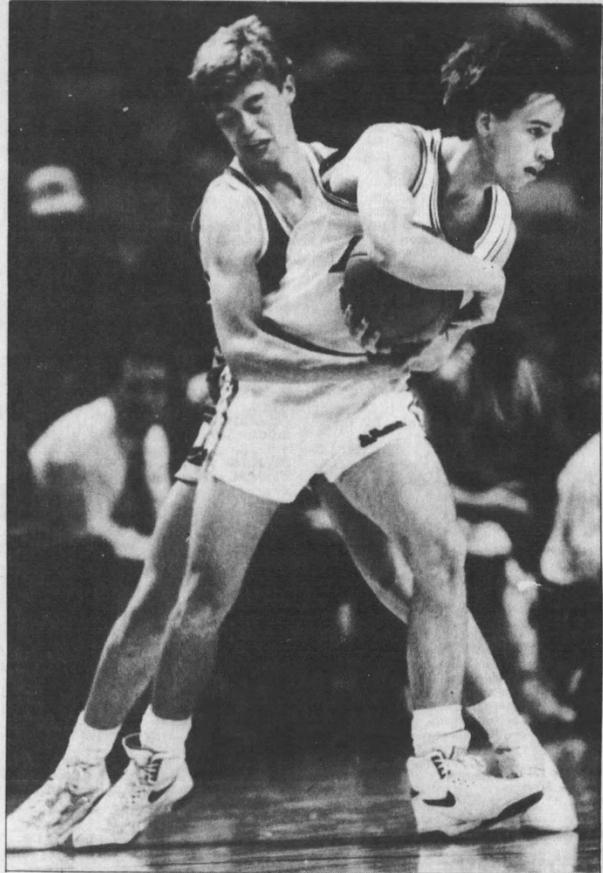
"We had chances in the first four minutes of the third quarter to cut that lead in half again and we did not get it done," McGhee said. "Against a good team like St. Francis, you only get so many shots at it."

Ross trailed 36-29 but committed five consecutive turnovers before the Knights' Raymon Dixon hit a free throw with 1:19 remaining in the third quarter.

Ross, after getting a basket from Shane McConnell with 4:40 remaining in the third quarter, did not score again until Chris Wolfe's basket 10 seconds into the final quarter.

Ross cut the lead to under 10 only twice more at 46-37 and 54-45, the last with 2:22 remaining.

Along the way, Ross was mak-



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**ROSS SENIOR** Justin Oxley tries to reach the ball from behind Toledo St. Francis' Randy Palicki during action Tuesday night at the Northwest Ohio Holiday Prep Classic at John F. Savage Hall.

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ing just 17 of 38 shots and was a cold 10-of-23 from the foul line. Ross normally shoots 70 percent from the foul line.

The Little Giants also lost three players — Wolfe, Jeff Green and Todd Clark — via fouls.

Jerome Gray scored 14 first-half points for the Knights, but a box-and-one defense neutralized him in the second half. James Johnson picked up the slack, scoring 13 of his game-high 22 points in the final 16 minutes.

"Defensively, we did not get hurt," McGhee said, "but we beat ourselves on offense."

St. Francis Coach Ray Schreiter said both teams played well defensively but noted that both teams were ragged.

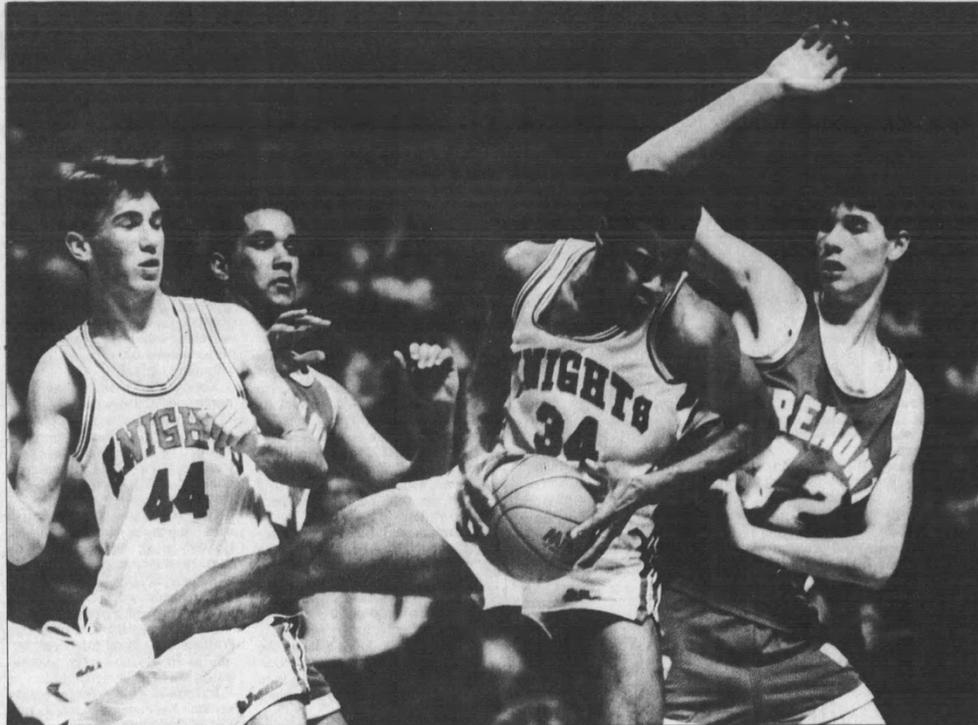
"I think that is because of lack of practice around the holidays," he said.

"In the fourth quarter, we realized that we had to play smarter because we realized that we had been playing pretty stupid at times. It was just a matter of executing.

"They (Ross) did get into foul trouble, though, and one of our goals was to get their big people into foul trouble because they really did not have much depth."

Johnson and Gray were the only Knights in double figures. Wolfe and Clark had 10 apiece for Ross, with Green scoring nine and McConnell eight.

St. Francis outrebounded Ross 36-21.



News-Messenger/Terry Reimer

ST. FRANCIS FORWARD Jerome Gray (34) hauls in the ball in front of Ross's Chris Wolfe Tuesday night at John F. Savage Hall in To-

ledo. Looking on are Craig Eastop (44) of St. Francis and the Little Giants' Jeff Green.

## St. Francis 63, Ross 45

### Score by quarters

Ross	13	12	4	16	— 45
St. Francis	15	16	10	22	— 63

### Scoring

ROSS — Chris Wolfe 4-1-10, Jeff Green 4-1-9, Shane McConnell 2-4-8, Justin Oxley 0-1-1, Todd Clark 4-2-10, Cory Lance 1-0-2, Nick Wolf 2-1-5, Mark Gottron 0-0-0, totals 17-10-45.

ST. FRANCIS — Jerome Gray 4-7-15, Jeff Edgecombe 6-1-13, James Johnson 6-10-22, Raymond Dixon 2-3-7, Randy Palicki 2-2-6, Joe Nachagel 0-1-1, totals 20-23-63.

3-point goals: Wolfe.

Records: Ross 5-1, St. Francis 7-1.

# Little Giants third at Holiday Prep tournament

By TIM HARMON  
Staff writer

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross scored the first nine points of the game and parlayed the early burst into a 54-45 victory Wednesday night over Maumee.

The win was good for third place among Division I-II schools in the 1989 Northwest Ohio Holiday Prep Classic at John F. Savage Hall on the University of Toledo campus. Three baskets by Jeff Green

and a basket and a free throw by Chris Wolfe gave the Little Giants' their early lead. Green and Wolfe finished the game with 17 and 14 points, respectively.

"Chris and Jeff did a nice job positioning themselves inside," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "We got the ball inside, which we intended to do."

Maumee, 5-3, erased Ross's nine-point lead with a 14-4 run and took its only lead at 14-13 on Tony Cutway's three-point play with 5:58 left in the first half. Ross, 6-1, never trailed after Green scored off a Wolfe feed 14 seconds later.

The score was tied five times, including 27-all with 6:33 remaining in the third quarter.

The Little Giants' defense, which featured a box-and-one on Maumee's Brian Borchardt, then turned the tide for good.

"It was a good defensive ef-

fort," Maumee Coach Jim Robinson said. "They were prepared; they played the way they had to. We were confused offensively."

Borchardt entered the game averaging more than 25 points per game but was held to 17.

"Pretty solid defensive effort," McGhee said. "(Shane) McConnell and (Justin) Oxley did a nice job on Borchardt. They had to work very hard to guard him."

Ross used 10 players in the game to Maumee's seven. The Little Giants shot 43 percent (23 of 54) from the field and the Panthers made 16 of 48 (33 percent) of their floor shots.

"It was our second game in two days (Ross lost to Toledo St. Francis 63-45 Tuesday) and we have to play again Friday (at Lancaster)," McGhee said. "We had to try and use more players

to keep people fresh."

It wasn't until the fourth quarter when Borchardt made a 3-point field goal and drew two fouls that resulted in four foul shots that McConnell and Oxley became tired.

"They played (Borchardt) with no back-side help, and we weren't very strong in other areas," Robinson said. "Our execution was very poor, but you have to give them credit for their defense."

Borchardt and Maumee also faced a "gimmick defense" in a 47-45 loss to Toledo Central Catholic Tuesday.

"We spend a lot of time on gimmick defenses," Robinson said. "It's the thing to do."

"(Borchardt) is a fine player and teams are giving him some respect. He earned a real fine 17 points tonight."

## Ross crushes Fostoria wrestlers

News-Messenger reports

FOSTORIA — Ross won all but two matches in defeating Fostoria 52-9 in a high school wrestling match Wednesday.

The Little Giants, who won the 13-team Rogers Invitational earlier this month, racked up four falls, three technical falls and a major decision while dominating the Redmen.

Matt Kanan (125), Rodney Pettiford (135), Brian Moreno (189) and heavyweight Chad Green pinning their opponents. Pettiford had the quickest fall, stopping Shawn Feehan in a minute and 28 seconds.

Phil Missig (140), Dan Lopez (145) and Terry Carter (171) posted technical falls.

Ross is idle until Jan. 6 when it hosts the eight-team Mal Mackey Invitational Tournament.

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The Little Giants led 35-29 after three quarters and took a 44-31 lead with 4:29 left to play when Green scored off a pass from Wolfe and added a foul shot.

The Panthers pulled within 44-38 on a basket by Sean Allen and Borchardt's 3-pointer and two free throws. Back-to-back driving layups by McConnell, though, pushed the lead back to 10.

Two more Borchardt foul shots and a driving layup by Wolfe followed before Maumee's Jim Richardson, who added 14 points for the Panthers, made a 3-pointer and a layup to make it 50-45 with 29 seconds remaining.

Todd Clark made four of four foul shots in the final 24 seconds.

"Our shot selection was a lot better tonight," McGhee said. "We took it inside and we took the ball to the basket.

"I get no credit for this one. The kids did a good job of recognizing things; they deserve the credit."

# Basketball

## High School Boys

### Ross 54, Maumee 45

#### Score by quarters

Maumee	7	16	6	16	— 45
Ross	13	12	10	19	— 54

#### Scoring

MAUMEE — Jim Richardson 6-0-14, Brian Borchardt 4-8-17, Sean Allen 3-1-7, Tony Cutway 3-1-7, Chad DiSalle 0-0-0, totals 16-10-45.

ROSS — Todd Clark 1-6-8, Justin Oxley 1-0-2, Jeff Green 8-1-17, Shane McConnell 2-0-4, Chris Wolfe 7-0-14, Cory Lance 2-0-4, Nick Wolf 2-1-5, totals 23-8-54.

3-point goals: Richardson 2, Borchardt.

Records: Maumee 5-3, Ross 6-1.

# Lancaster whips Ross

Special to The News-Messenger

LANCASTER — Lancaster spoiled Fremont Ross's Buckeye Central Conference opener 74-55 Friday night.

It was the third game in four days for the Little Giants and their second loss in that time.

Greg Cave scored 22 points and Bucky Triplett added 20 for Lancaster, 5-3 and 3-0 in the BCC.

"Their big people were very active and (Jeff) Kennedy and Triplett did a nice job handling the pressure in the backcourt," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said.

"We didn't shoot the ball very well from the field. You can't shoot under 30 percent and expect to win on the road."

Ross, 6-2 and 0-1 in the BCC, got 14 points from Chris Wolfe, 12 from Todd Clark and 10 from Nick Wolf.

Lancaster led 19-13 after one quarter, 36-26 at halftime and 55-45 after three quarters.

"We just never got over that eight-to-10 point hump," McGhee said.

# Lancaster 74, Ross 55

## Score by quarters

Ross	13	13	19	10	— 55
Lancaster	19	17	19	19	— 74

## Scoring

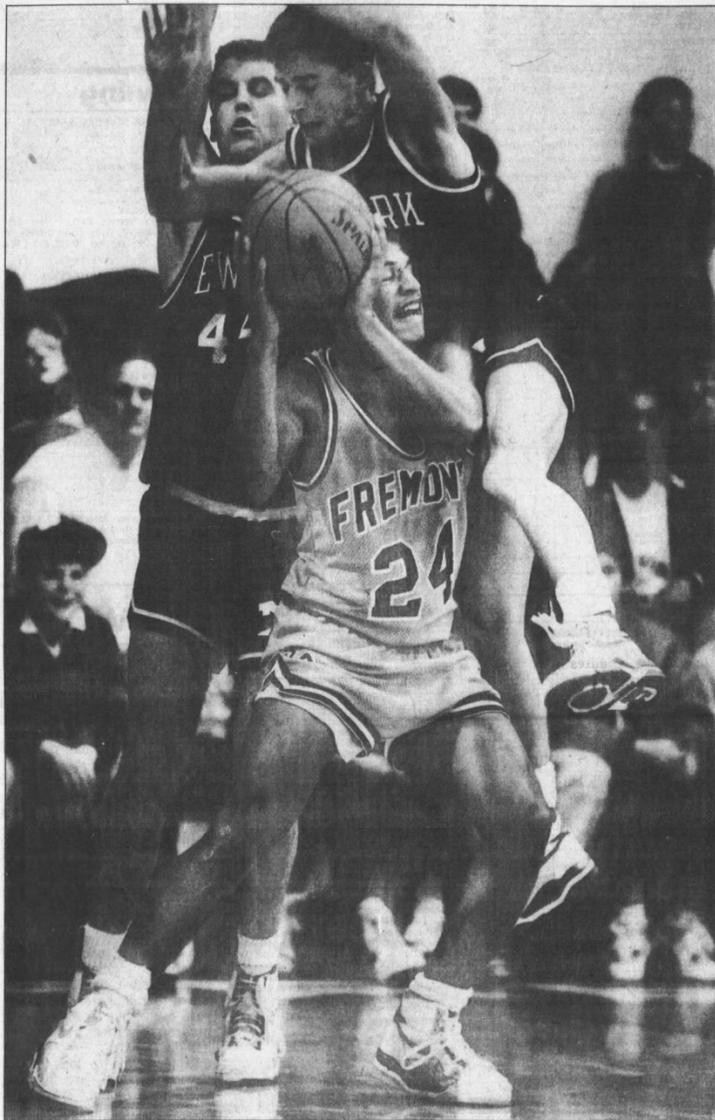
ROSS — Mark Gottron 3-0-7, Todd Clark 4-4-12, Shane McConnell 3-0-8, Nick Wolf 3-2-10, Chris Wolfe 5-2-14, Jeff Green 2-0-4, totals 20-8-55.

LANCASTER — Jeff Kennedy 2-0-5, Trevor Walker 3-2-8, Greg Cave 9-4-22, Billy Dilley 3-0-6, Bucky Triplett 4-11-20, Tim Henwood 3-0-6, Joel Foote 2-1-5, Colin Foote 1-0-2, totals 27-18-74.

3-point goals: Gottron, McConnell 2, Wolf 2, Wolfe 2, Jeff Kennedy, Bucky Triplett.

Records: Ross 6-2 (0-1), Lancaster 5-3 (3-0).

JV: Lancaster 50-37.



**FOUL!** Todd Clark (24) of Ross is fouled seconds before the first half buzzer by Brice Jones of

Newark. Rob Evans of Newark gets in on the close action. Clark sank both foul shots.

News-Messenger/Scott Lightfoot

## Wildcats beat Little Giants

By **TIM HARMON**  
Staff writer

A game in the Buckeye Central Conference often affirms that basketball is a rough sport.

Fremont Ross and Newark banged heads Friday night — adding credos to the rough-and-tumble style — before the Wildcats walked off with a 64-58 victory over the Little Giants.

Newark, 8-1 and 2-0 in the BCC, parlayed 10 straight points late in the second quarter into a lead it never relinquished.

Ross, 6-3 and 0-2 in the BCC, trailed 47-44 after a 12-6 run closed the third quarter, but the Wildcats scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter and iced the game at the foul line.

"We got disorganized in a couple of spurts," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "They changed defenses and we didn't recognize it very well.

"We didn't do a good job getting into our man-to-man offense."

The Wildcats switched from a match-up zone to a man-to-man defense — and back.

"We were able to change our defenses and keep them off

stride a little bit," Newark Coach Gary Walters said. "We jumped from one to another."

If Newark needed a spark, it got it from a second-quarter skirmish that left Wildcat Jeff Wells with a broken nose.

Following a missed free throw by Rob Evans which gave Newark a 24-20 lead, Jeff Green controlled a loose ball in the Ross backcourt while lying on his back. Wells' nose apparently got in the way of a Green elbow before Green was able to elbow a pass to Todd Clark.

Shane McConnell fired in a 3-point shot from the top of the arc seconds later. As Wells' nose bled profusely, Walters was whistled for a technical foul.

Clark made both foul shots, giving Ross its final lead of the night 25-24.

"It's unfortunate for an emotional lift to come from something like that," Walters said. "It fired us up."

When the Wildcats regained possession, Dwayne Romine made a 12-footer, Bob Sellers sank two free throws, Romine

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## Cavs' comeback topples Bullets

Associated Press

**RICHFIELD, Ohio** — The Cleveland Cavaliers overcame a 19-point first-quarter deficit Friday night and handed the Washington Bullets a club-record 12th consecutive road loss 119-107 as Mark Price scored 27 points and Craig Ehlo 23.

Jeff Malone led the Bullets with 28 points but he had only two in the fourth quarter when Cleveland outscored Washington 32-20.

The Cavaliers trailed 41-22 late in the first quarter and then rallied behind the hot outside shooting of Price and Ehlo and the inside game of John Williams.

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The Bullets had lost 11 straight road games in three previous seasons.

The Cavaliers, a team plagued by injuries all season, also were able to get their fast break untracked.

"We just put in a new system for the last few games, trying to push the ball up the floor every time," Price said.

He made 10 of 15 shots, several off the fast break, and added 10 assists.

"We feel we've got something that can work for us now, if we execute. I think we're getting

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added another jump shot and Evans capped the run with a layup off a steal and a jumper with 2:21 left before halftime.

Ross missed four free throws the rest of the period and stayed within seven points, 34-27, on a basket by Chris Wolfe with 1:03 left in the half.

McConnell led Ross with 16 points, including four 3-pointers, Clark added 12 points and Green and Wolfe each chipped in 10.

"You need a little more of an inside attack, but I can't fault our shot selection," McGhee said. "We got some great shots tonight that didn't drop.

"And you have to make some free throws ... let's face it."

Ross, which was 10 of 20 from the foul line, converted four of its missed field goal attempts in the first quarter as the teams played to a 15-all tie. The Little Giants had 10 offensive rebounds at halftime but pulled down only two more in the second half.

"They started boxing out better," McGhee said. "They are so big, if they lay a body on you you're not going to get anything."

Newark, which got 19 points from Alsindor Allen, 13 from Bob Sellers and 12 from Romine, out-rebounded Ross 13-6 in the second half.

"(Rebounding) was one of the focal points we made pregame," Walters said. "It got better as the game went along."

The Wildcats also shot better as the game progressed, finishing 24 of 48 from the floor, while Ross made 20 of 51 shots (39 percent).

The lead changed hands 10 times in the first half before Newark took command. Ross, which didn't score in the fourth quarter until a basket by Green with 4:14 remaining, trailed 57-51 with 3:17 left but the Wildcats made six of 10 fouls shots down the stretch to preserve the win.

## Basketball

### High School Boys

#### Newark 64, Ross 58

##### Score by quarters

Newark	15	19	13	17	— 64
Ross	15	12	17	14	— 58

##### Scoring

**NEWARK** — Bob Sellers 3-7-13, Alsindor 7-4-19, Jeff Quackenbush 3-3-9, Rob Evans 4-1-9, Dwayne Romine 6-0-12, Brice Jones 1-0-2, totals 24-15-64.

**ROSS** — Todd Clark 3-5-12, Nick Wolf 2-0-5, Jeff Green 3-4-10, Chris Wolfe 4-1-10, Shane McConnell 6-0-16, Mark Gottron 1-0-3, Cory Lance 1-0-2, totals 20-10-58.

3-point goals: Allen, Clark, Wolf, Wolfe, Gottron, McConnell 4.

Records: Newark 8-1 (2-0), Ross 6-3 (0-1).

#### Newark JV 47, Ross 45

##### Score by quarters

Newark	15	10	4	18	— 47
Ross	6	17	9	13	— 45

##### Scoring

**NEWARK** — Andre Crockwell 6-3-16, T.J. Somers 3-6-12, Brett Salsberry 1-0-2, Dan Shackelford 4-0-8, Antwon Spivey 1-0-2, Mark Wilson 3-1-7, totals 18-10-47.

**ROSS** — Jon Hetrick 0-1-1, Mark Sheidler 4-1-9, Alec Shawl 2-1-5, Justin Perry 1-0-2, Damon Walker 0-1-1, Ryan Zimmerman 3-1-7, Joe Frazier 7-3-17, Chris Benson 0-3-3, totals 17-11-45.

3-point goals: Crockwell.

Records: Newark 6-2, Ross 6-3.

# Fourth-quarter spurt revives Little Giants

News-Messenger reports

TIFFIN — Ross came up with its second highest scoring quarter this season and used it to defeat Tiffin Columbian 68-54 Saturday night in a high school boys basketball game.

Ross, 7-3, led 33-24 at halftime but Columbian, 3-7, rallied to deadlock the game at 41-all after three quarters. The Little Giants outscored the Tornados 27-13 in the final period.

In its first game of the season, Ross scored 28 points in the first quarter against Port Clinton.

“We did not attack the basket very well in the third quarter,” Ross Coach Pat McGhee said, “but in the fourth quarter, we did attack very well and we pretty much shut them down.”

Ross chalked up the victory despite not having top scorer Chris Wolfe. The 6-6 junior is out indefinitely while battling a case of mononeucleosis. Wolfe played sparingly Friday night in a 64-58 loss to Newark.

In the fourth quarter, Justin

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Oxley had a steal and blocked shot, Todd Clark was six of eight from the foul line, Shane McConnell sank a pair baskets back-to-back and Jeff Green grabbed eight rebounds to key the Ross resurgence.

Green, who put back a pair of his final quarter rebounds for buckets, had 17 as Ross outrebounded Columbian 35-24.

Green led the Little Giants with 23 points and McConnell scored 18, including three 3-point baskets. Clark finished with 11.

Ross made 25 of 51 shots and Columbian 20 of 56.

## Ross 68, Columbian 54

### Score by quarters

Ross	18	15	8	27	— 68
Columbian	15	9	17	13	— 54

### Scoring

ROSS — Mark Gottron 1-0-3, Cory Lance 1-2-4, Doug Gahn 1-1-3, Juston Oxley 20-0-4, Todd Clark 2-7-11, Shane McConnell 7-1-18, Nick Wolf 0-2-2, Jeff Green 11-1-23, totals 25-14-68.

COLUMBIAN — Matt Fawcett 2-3-7, Mike Martin 2-0-5, Mike Betz 1-2-3, Brian Hall 6-3-16, Paul Myers 5-1-11, Chris Hedden 4-3-11, totals 20-12-54.

3-point goals: Gottron, McConnell 3, Martin, Hall.

Records: Ross 7-3, Columbian 3-7.

## Ross JV 45, Col. 30

### Score by quarters

Ross	12	13	12	8	— 45
Columbian	5	6	11	8	— 30

### Scoring

ROSS — Jon Hetrick 2-0-4, Mark Sheidler 3-0-6, John Langston 0-1-1, Justin Perry 2-1-5, Allen Dorsey 3-0-6, Damon Walker 1-1-3, Ryan Zimmerman 5-1-11, Joe Frazier 3-0-6, Chris Benson 1-1-3, totals 20-5-45.

COLUMBIAN — Jeff Fey 1-1-4, Matt Combs 0-1-1, Brian Kern 2-0-4, Criag Losey 1-0-2, Chris Bowlin 1-0-2, Shawn Hively 0-1-1, Joe Lundy 4-3-11, Eric Blust 2-0-5, totals 11-6-30.

3-point goals: Fey, Blust.

Record: Ross 7-3, Columbian 1-9.

# Zanesville topples Ross 75-65

Special to the News-Messenger

ZANESVILLE — Early turnover problems proved costly for Fremont Ross Friday night.

The Little Giants committed six of their 16 turnovers in the first quarter, and Zanesville took advantage for a 13-2. The Blue Devils went on to 75-65 Buckeye Central Conference boys basketball victory.

Zanesville, 5-7 and 1-3 in the BCC, led 21-10 after a quarter. Ross, 7-4 and 0-3, held a one-point edge the rest of the game but the damage was already done.

The Blue Devils led by as many as 15 in the second quarter, but Ross pulled to within 39-31 at halftime. The Little Giants trailed 43-40 with 5:11 left in the third quarter, but after a timeout Zanesville pushed its lead back to 11 at 58-47 by the end of the period.

Brandy Erwine scored the first six points of the fourth quarter as part of an 8-0 run for Zanesville that made it 66-47.

Ross countered with nine straight points and trailed 66-56 with 3:31 left to play, but the Little Giants got no closer than 70-63.

Jeff Green led Ross with 16 points, Shane McConnell had 15 and Todd Clark added 12.

Bobby Johnson scored a game-high 19 points for Zanesville, Erwine added 13 and Jon Ohlinger chipped in 12.

The Blue Devils shot 57 percent (29 of 51), while Ross made 39 percent (22 of 57) of its shots. The Little Giants, who made 14 of 18 free throws, made seven of 21 3-point field goal attempts.

## Zanesville 75, Ross 65

### Score by quarters

Ross	10	21	16	18	— 65
Zanesville	21	18	19	17	— 75

### Scoring

ROSS — Jeff Green 5-6-16, Justin Oxley 1-0-2, Todd Clark 4-2-12, Shane McConnell 6-0-15, Nick Wolf 3-2-9, Cory Lance 2-2-6, Joe Frazier 0-2-2, Mark Gottron 1-0-3, totals 22-14-65.

ZANESVILLE — Steve Hodge 4-0-8, Bobby Johnson 9-1-19, Jason Payton 2-0-4, Kevin Wintucky 1-2-4, Brandy Erwine 4-4-13, Jon Ohlinger 4-4-12, Chris Norris 4-2-10, Brent McGlade 0-2-2, Brian Palmer 0-1-1, Jim Goines 1-0-2, totals 29-16-75.

3-point goals: Clark 2, McConnell 3, Wolf 1, Gottron, Erwine.

Records: Ross 7-4 (0-3), Zanesville 5-7 (1-3).

JV: Zanesville 46-42.

# Ross whips Eagles

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

PEMBERVILLE — Fremont Ross combined a pair of scoring streaks with solid defense Tuesday night for a 67-47 victory over Eastwood.

The victory, Ross's eighth against four losses, was costly. Sophomore starter Nick Wolf fractured his right wrist during a third quarter scramble and is out indefinitely.

"It is the same one he broke in football," Ross athletic trainer Joe Hershey said.

Eastwood (1-10), too, had its share of misfortune, losing leading scorer Todd Adams 30 seconds into the game because of a knee injury. In the second half, Eagles' sixth man Brandon Keiser took a blow to the jaw, putting him out of the game.

But it was a "W" for Ross, Coach Pat McGhee said.

"Offensively, we spurted a little bit," McGhee said, "and we got a lot of things off our defense that we had not been getting.

"I thought our free throw shooting was a lot better (16 of 24); I know we got them at the right time. It seemed like we did a lot of little things right.

"Like taking a couple of charges, getting our 'block outs' squared away at halftime and doing a better job at that."

Ross, normally a strict man-to-man defensive team, slipped into a zone defense against the Eagles.

"The zone did hurt us," Eastwood Coach Steve Stoller said. "They had been basically a man-to-man team before."

McGhee said going to the zone was not unusual. He said his team will have to alternate the defenses to win the rest of the season.

The sticky zone held Eastwood to 16 of 47 shooting.

After trailing 5-2 and 9-7 in the first quarter, Ross took the lead 11-9 on Joe Frazer's short shot. Eastwood tied it a 17-all early in

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the second quarter, but Mark Gottron hit a layup and Ross never trailed again.

Leading 21-18, Ross poured in the next 10 points as Shane McConnell, Cory Lance and Jeff Green led the spurt. McConnell had eight second-quarter points and Green and Lance four helping Ross to a 37-25 halftime lead.

The Little Giants put the game away with a 13-5 third quarter scoring advantage. Ross's biggest lead was 66-41 with under a

minute to play.

Green and McConnell led Ross with 15 points apiece. Todd Clark and Lance had 11 each. Lance came off the bench to do his work.

Gary Haas had 21 and Denny DeWese dropped in 11 for Eastwood, 1-10.

Eastwood outrebounded the Little Giants 21-19 in the first half but after McGhee's halftime adjustment, Ross outrebounded the Eagles 31-13 in the second half.

In the junior varsity game, Eastwood bounced back from a 10-point first half deficit to win 53-50 on Steve Staats' midcourt shot at the final buzzer.

## Ross 67, Eastwood 47

### Score by quarters

Ross	13	24	13	17	— 67
Eastwood	12	13	5	17	— 47

### Scoring

ROSS — Jeff Green 6-3-15, Nick Wolf 1-0-2, Shane McConnell 7-3-15, Todd Clark 2-7-11, Mark Gottron 1-2-4, Joe Frazier 3-0-6, Justin Oxley 0-2-2, Cory Lance 5-1-11, Doug Gahn 0-1-1, totals 25-16-67.

EASTWOOD — Todd Adams 0-0-0, Jason Bowser 0-1-1, Denny DeWese 5-1-11, Gary Haas 7-4-21, Heath Wagner 0-0-0, Brand Keiser 1-0-2, Dan Smith 2-3-9, Jeff Kessen 1-0-2, totals 16-10-47.

3-point goals: McConnell, Haas 3, Smith 2.

Records: Ross 8-4, Eastwood 1-10.

## Eastwood JV 53, Ross 50

### Score by quarters

Ross	17	15	12	6	— 50
Eastwood	11	15	12	15	— 53

### Scoring

ROSS — Doug Gahn 1-0-2, Chris Benson 5-7-17, Jon Hetrick 1-1-3, Mark Sheidler 1-0-2, John Langston 1-0-3, Alec Shawl 2-0-4, Justin Perry 2-1-5, Damon Walker 2-2-6, Ryan Zimmerman 2-0-4, totals 18-11-50.

EASTWOOD - Matt Bauer 2-4-8, Rod Bauer 0-2-2, Greg Keiser 3-7-13, Chad Miller 1-6-8, Steve Staats 2-2-7, Tony Weis 5-4-15, totals 13-25-53.

3-point goals: Langston, Staats, Weis.

Records: Ross 7-5, Eastwood 3-8.

# Banged-up Ross boys host Findlay

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

Pat McGhee promises his Fremont Ross basketball team will show up Friday night, but how many Little Giants will be there is another matter.

Ross will host Findlay Friday while the Ross girls travel to Toled Macomber Saturday.

Illness and injury have knocked two starters from the Ross lineup, the most recent 6-foot-3 sophomore Nick Wolf. Prior to that, it was 6-6 junior and leading scorer Chris Wolfe.

Wolf, the one without the "e," broke his right wrist Tuesday night in a 67-47 win over Eastwood. Wolfe with the "e" is battling mononucleosis and has missed the last two games.

The status of both are indefinite.

If illness and injuries are not enough problems for McGhee's crew, Findlay rolls into town Friday night for a Buckeye Central Conference game.

"We started the season with a lot of guys we had confidence in and we still have confidence in them," McGhee said. "We are going to have to have people do a better job of rebounding; that is going to be the big thing."

McGhee said he may jumble the varsity team makeup. He did that when Wolfe sat down, bringing up 6-4 junior Joe Frazier from the junior varsity.

"Joe has played pretty well," McGhee said, "but we may look to bring someone else up off the JVs."

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"You know that (Cory) Lance and (Justin) Oxley are tough kids and they will play hard, but they are going to have to play bigger than the 6-1, 150 pounds or whatever they are."

Findlay will bring a fast-breaking, quick transition team to Fremont, and, McGhee pointed out, the Trojans will be taller than the Little Giants.

"Their fast break can devastate you in a short amount of time," McGhee said about the Trojans, 6-3 and 1-1 in BCC play.

"We are going to have get

some boards," McGhee said. "Rebounding, now with Nick being out, is really, really a key area."

The Trojans are 6-6, 6-5, 6-3 across the front line along with a pair of 6-2 guards.

Sophomore Matt Miles is 6-6 and will clash with 6-7 Ross junior Jeff Green. That is the area where Ross will match up the best, McGhee said.

Chris Vance, 6-5, and Todd Jensen, 6-3, are the other Trojan front-liners. McGhee did not name a lineup but could go with 6-3 senior Shane McConnell, Frazier, Lance or Oxley flanking Green.

The Findlay guards are twins Korey and Kevin Hinkle. Ross

will counter with 5-10 Todd Clark at one guard and possibly Mark Gottron, Doug Gahn, Hector Rodriguez or Oxley at the other guard.

Jensen leads the BCC in scoring, averaging more than 21 per game, while Vance is fifth with nearly 16 per contest. Green leads Ross scorers with just over 14 per game.

Green is sixth in the conference rebounding with eight a game. Nick Wolf, before his injury, was third in 3-point goal shooting, hitting 43 percent on six of 14.

Ross, 8-4, is winless in three BCC games.

The Ross girls travel to Ma-Comber for a 1 p.m. Saturday

game.

Coach Sue Wolf's team has won two straight and is 7-5 after defeating Tiffin Columbian 49-42 Tuesday.

In BCC stats, Joy Eishen of Ross is sixth in scoring with more than 13 a game and teammate Kim Borys is 10th, averaging nearly 10 and is second in 3-point accuracy with 33 percent on three of nine.

Borys is also second in assists with over five a game and is first in steals with over three per contest.

Dian Schepflin pulls down 10 rebounds a game for Ross, good for second in the BCC. Vickie Castile is shooting 51 percent from the field, ranking fifth.

# Findlay first Ross BCC victim

## Lance, Oxley play key roles

By TIM HARMON  
Staff writer

Basic basketball starts with man-to-man defense.

Fremont Ross got down to the basics Friday night in a 62-59 boys victory over Findlay.

"We tried to play zone early and they busted a couple of shots from the outside," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "We switched to match-up zone and that didn't work then went to a gimmick... triangle-and-two ... and that lasted one possession.

"We were out of tricks and all we had left was man-to-man."

Ross, 9-4 and 1-3 in the Buckeye Central Conference, forced Findlay into 37 percent shooting.

"We tried to pressure their shooters," McGhee said. "(Cory) Lance did a very nice job on (Todd) Jensen, and obviously scored some points.

"I thought (Shane) McConnell played solid on (Chris) Vance, and we weren't going to overlook (Korey) Hinkle."

Jensen, the BCC's leading scorer, led all scorers with 25 points but 11 of those came in the first quarter.

"We didn't have anyone else to make up the scoring load offensively," Findlay Coach Roger Renz said. "We got out to a 13-3 lead on them, and they bounced

right back."

Vance added 11 points for the Trojans and Matt Miles had 10, but Hinkle scored only two.

Renz made reference to the absence of Ross's leading scorer, Chris Wolfe, as well as Nick Wolf. Wolfe and Wolf missed the game with mononucleosis and a broken wrist, respectively.

McGhee, however, decided to downplay their absence.

"That happens to every team; we just happen to have them come at the same time," he said. "I've said all along that one of our strengths is our depth.

"The effort level was unbelievable for both teams in the gym. We were fortunate to make a couple more shots."

Although the Little Giants made only 21 of 57 shots, they made 19 of 29 free throws as the Trojans committed 24 fouls.

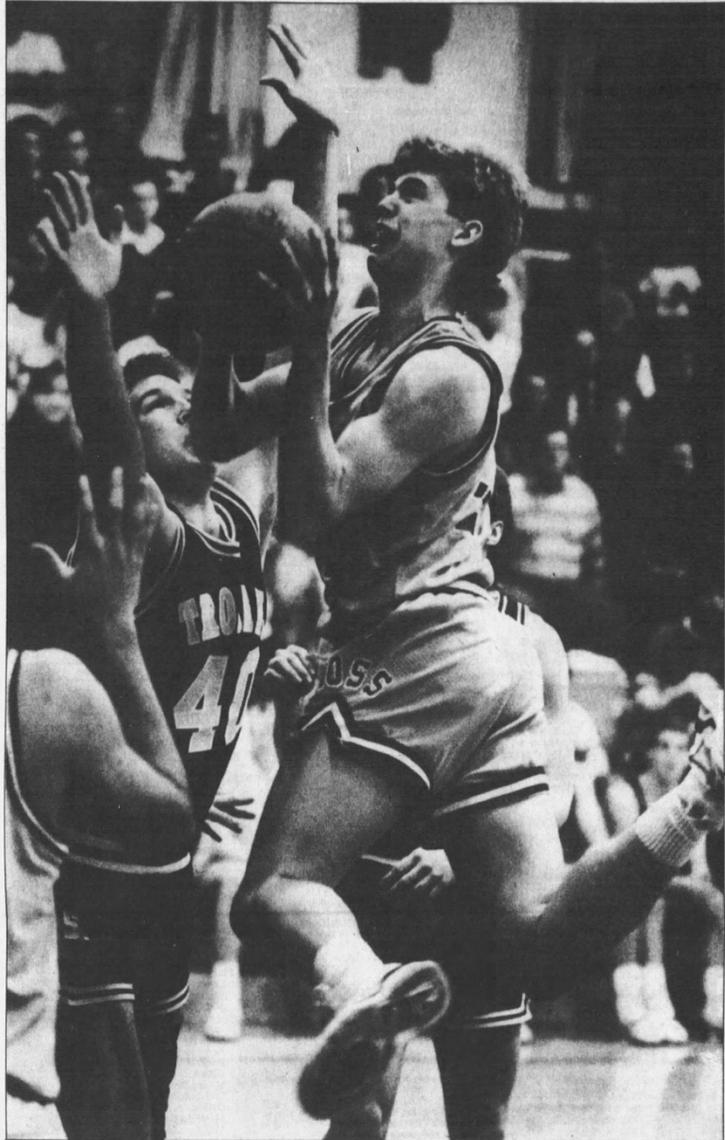
Ross's depth shown through brightly Friday in the person of Cory Lance.

Lance scored a career-high 18 points on seven of 11 shooting from the field and pulled down nine rebounds.

Justin Oxley added a career-high 15 points and collected eight rebounds, including six on the offensive end.

"Rebounding" is critical with

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## Crimson Streaks escape against Bettsville 58-57

News-Messenger reports

BETTSVILLE — Escaping Bettsville with a 58-57 victory Friday night, Fremont St. Joseph remains in first place in the Midland Athletic League boys basketball race.

"I don't know how we do it, but we're winning," St. Joe Coach Biz Paeth said.

St. Joe overcame a seven-point deficit with five minutes left to play and staved off an upset when Ryan Chapman's jump shot from the lane missed with two seconds remaining.

"We just kept pecking away, and we're fortunate to get out of there," Paeth said.

The Crimson Streaks, 10-2 and 9-0 in the MAL, led 15-14 after one quarter and 33-29 at half-time. The Bobcats, though, out-scored the Streaks 20-10 in the third quarter for a 49-43 lead.

St. Joe regained the lead 56-54 on a basket by Mike Denman, who led all scorers with 26 points

and grabbed 16 rebounds.

Jeff House made it 58-54 with a driving layup before Chad Straub's 3-point shot with 18 seconds to go accounted for the final points.

The Bobcats got their final chance when Tim Meek missed the front end on a one-and-one after Straub's 3-pointer.

Straub scored 23 points for Bettsville, 3-8 and 2-7, Bryan Chapman added 14 and Ryan Chapman chipped in 10.

"It seemed they (Bettsville) were playing not to lose instead of to win once they got the lead," Paeth said. "Until you start winning some games, I guess that's what happens."

The loss was Bettsville's second straight one-point setback.

The Bobcats fell 65-64 to Old Fort Tuesday after a one-point win over St. Wendelin last Friday and a two-point loss to New Riegel.

JUSTIN OXLEY of Ross returns an offensive rebound for two points in front of Findlay's Matt Miles Friday night during the Little Giants' 62-59

Buckeye Central Conference victory over the Trojans at the Purple Pit. Oxley, who had scored just 21 points this season, had 15 against the Trojans.



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**MARK GOTTRON**, left, of Ross reaches for the ball while attempting to steal it from **Chris Ireland** of Findlay during Friday's game at Ross High School. Ross won 62-59.

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our size now," said McGhee.

Findlay won the rebounding battle 42-37, but Lance, Oxley and Jeff Green with 14 rebounds did enough boardwork to neutralize the Trojans, 6-4 and 1-2.

After Findlay raced to its early lead on four baskets by Jensen and two by Miles, Lance sparked an 11-4 Ross run with eight points and the Trojans led 17-14 after one quarter.

Ross, which led 1-0 and 3-2, didn't lead again until an Oxley putback made it 30-28 with 1:18 left in the first half.

Findlay, which led by as many as seven in the second quarter, appeared to have momentum

heading into the lockerroom when Vance gave it a 34-30 lead on a steal and slam dunk with two seconds remaining in the half. Vance, though, was assessed a technical foul for hanging on the rim and Todd Clark made both free throws.

Lance scored six points and Oxley had five in the third quarter and the period ended with the teams tied 47-all.

The Little Giants opened up a 61-53 lead with 2:14 left in the game, but a Jensen 3-point field goal and two free throws by Todd Phillips made it 61-58.

"We made some incredible turnovers in the last few minutes," Renz said. "It kept us from getting back in the game."

The Trojans, who made 25 of 67 shots, committed seven of their 15 turnovers in the fourth

quarter.

Clark and Kevin Hinkle traded free throws and the teams each committed a turnover in the final 1:17, but Findlay had two chances to force an overtime.

"We were fortunate to get a couple of shots," Renz said.

With eight seconds left, Jensen got off a 3-point attempt from the right corner with Lance in his face.

"We knew they would get a shot," McGhee said. "We wanted to try and force them out farther than they normally would be. We didn't want to give up a 3-pointer with their feet set."

Jensen's shot missed and Lance was tied up after grabbing the rebound off the floor.

Possession went to Findlay and Vance missed a 3-pointer from out front.

# Basketball

## High School Boys

### Ross 62, Findlay 59

#### Score by quarters

Findlay	17	17	13	12	— 59
Ross	14	18	15	15	— 62

#### Scoring

FINDLAY — Todd Jensen 11-0-25, Kevin Hinkle 2-1-5, Matt Miles 5-0-10, Chris Vance 4-3-11, Korey Hinkle 1-0-2, Vince Perrine 1-0-2, Todd Phillips 0-2-2, Rick Ritzler 1-0-2, totals 25-6-59.

ROSS — Cory Lance 7-4-18, Justin Oxley 5-5-15, Todd Clark 0-7-7, Shane McConnell 4-0-9, Jeff Green 3-3-9, Mark Gottron 2-0-4, totals 21-19-62.

3-point goals: Jensen 3, McConnell.

Records: Findlay 6-4 (1-2), Ross 9-4 (1-3).

### Ross JV 46, Findlay 34

#### Score by quarters

Findlay	6	8	10	10	— 34
Ross	8	5	14	19	— 46

#### Scoring

FINDLAY — Aaron Gralak 2-0-4, Jeff Lobb 6-0-12, Matt Gray 1-0-2, Eric Fenberg 1-0-2, Chris Richardson 1-0-2, Chris Allison 1-0-2, Anthony Hall 1-0-2, Doug DePuy 4-0-8, totals 17-0-34.

ROSS — Jon Hetrick 2-6-11, John Langston 3-0-6, Justin Perry 2-1-5, Damon Walker 2-0-4, Ryan Zimmerman 4-1-9, Chris Benson 4-1-9, Hector Rodriguez 1-0-2, totals 18-9-46.

3-point goals: Hetrick.

Records: Findlay 6-4, Ross 8-5.

# Sandusky hands Ross non-conference setback

By TIM HARMON  
Staff writer

Sandusky bounded into the Purple Pit Saturday night fresh from a 78-32 pasting of North Ridgeville Friday evening.

The Blue Streaks raced to a 14-6 first-quarter lead and went on to defeat Fremont Ross 64-51 in a non-conference high school boys basketball game.

One didn't have to look hard to find the keys to the game.

"We got off to good starts in the first and third quarters," Sandusky Coach John Schlessman said. "That was certainly a factor."

Ross, 9-5, never led.

"They got a quick jump on us," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "The quick start was a factor. It took away a lot of things we would have done defensively, like zones and things. They spurted on us one other time."

The ninth-rated team in Ohio, according to The Associated Press, also outscored the Little Giants 10-3 at the start of the second half to win for the 13th time in 14 games.

"This is not an easy place to win at," Schlessman said.

Ross trailed by as many as 19 points, 42-23, with 5:53 remaining in the third quarter.

"They could have quit," Schlessman said. "Instead, they came out and trapped us and their seniors really helped pick up the defensive intensity."

Ross, which trailed 32-20 at

halftime, still trailed by 13, 49-36, after three quarters.

Cory Lance opened the fourth quarter with a rare putback for Ross. The Little Giants eventually made the score 58-49 with 2:17 left to play on back-to-back 3-point field goals by Shane McConnell.

Ross's lone basket the rest of the way was a hoop by Joe Frazier with 33 seconds to go.

"Offensive rebounds, free throws, loose balls ... I don't think we did the little things we need to do to win," McGhee said.

Ross missed 10 of its 21 foul shots.

"Poor free throw shooting is inexcusable," McGhee said. "It's concentration and practice."

"You have to take a lot of pride in your free throw shooting. Everybody takes it for granted, and you can't against a team like Sandusky."

Jeff Green led Ross with 15 points and McConnell scored 13.

Jarrold Williams led Sandusky with 15 points, Shawn Reed scored 14, Terrill Green added 13 and Orlando Keys chipped in 12.

"Fremont controlled the tempo of the game, but we still got some transition baskets," Schlessman said.

Sandusky only took 47 shots but made 21 for 45 percent. Ross was 19 of 52 (37 percent).

The Blue Streaks also controlled the backboards, pulling down 40 rebounds to 24 for Ross.

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### Sandusky 64, Ross 51

#### Score by quarters

Sandusky	14	18	17	15	— 64
Ross	6	14	16	15	— 51

#### Scoring

SANDUSKY — Jarrod Williams 5-4-15, Terril Green 4-5-13, Orlando Keys 6-0-12, Shawn Reed 3-0-7, Darvio McDaniel 3-8-14, Sha-Ki Johnson 0-1-1, Maurice Kirsey 0-2-2, totals 21-20-64.

ROSS — Cory Lance 4-1-9, Todd Clark 2-3-7, Justin Oxley 1-0-2, Shane McConnell 4-2-13, Jeff Green 6-3-15, Chris Wolfe 1-1-3, Joe Frazier 1-0-2, totals 19-10-51.

3-point goals: Williams, Reed, McConnell 3.

Records: Sandusky 13-1, Ross 9-5.

### Sandusky JV 58, Ross 49

#### Score by quarters

Sandusky	10	9	16	23	— 58
Ross	10	12	18	9	— 49

#### Scoring

SANDUSKY — Scott Irby 1-0-2, Brian Willis 7-6-21, Brad Johnson 1-2-4, Bryce Weatherspoon 4-1-9, Chad Taylor 2-2-6, Kinyuna Hearns 6-0-12, Todd Lawson 1-2-4, totals 22-13-58.

ROSS — Jon Hetrick 1-0-2, Mark Sheidler 1-2-4, Alec Shawl 1-0-2, Justin Perry 2-1-5, Damon Walker 2-0-4, Ryan Zimmerman 7-6-20, Chris Benson 1-1-3, Doug Gahn 4-1-9, totals 19-11-49.

3-point goals: Willis.

Records: Sandusky 13-1, Ross 8-6.



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TODD CLARK (24) of Fremont Ross looks for an open teammate despite tight defense from a Lancaster player Friday night during the Little Giants' 54-43 victory over the Golden Gales.

# Ross downs Golden Gales

## Little Giants post BCC win

By JOHN HARMON  
Staff correspondent

Defense and rebounding keyed Fremont Ross' 54-43 Buckeye Central Conference victory Friday night over Lancaster.

The Little Giants, 10-5 and 2-3 in the BCC, stopped Lancaster's inside game of Greg Cave and Trevor Walker and outbounded the Golden Gales 34-25.

Cave scored 10 of his 13 points in the second half and Walker was held to just two for the game.

"This was a very important win to come back and beat a good ball club like Lancaster," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "We had good perimeter help defensively dropping down on Cave when he got the ball."

Ross avenged a 74-55 loss at Lancaster earlier this season. The Little Giants also kept the Gales, 12-5 and 5-2 in the BCC, from moving into a tie for the BCC lead.

Newark dropped only its third BCC game in the conference's three-year history, 70-68 to Findlay Friday, and fell to 5-1.

Lancaster shot 33 percent (15 of 46) from the field.

"That's as poor as we've shot all year," Lancaster Coach Jack Greathouse said. "I compliment Ross, they did a nice job playing good defense, we were out of sync all night."

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## Ross in hunt at Alliance

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ALLIANCE — Fremont Ross put itself in contention for the top spot in the 26-team Alliance Invitational Wrestling Tournament Friday.

Unofficial scoring has Ross either second or fourth after the first two rounds.

"The scored is a little fouled up and they were still working on it after the last matches," Ross assistant Coach Rick Boggs said. "One set of scores has us second and the other fourth."

The Little Giants are joined in the logjam at the top by Lakewood St. Edwards, Cleveland St. Joseph and Stow Walsh Jesuit, the top three teams in Ohio according to the Ohio High School Athletic Association Coaches Poll.

Ross has 10 of its 11 wrestlers left in the championship round going into today's quarterfinals.

David Boda, 103 pounds, David Alejandro (112), Jon Lugar (119), John Alejandro (125), Brian Palomo (130),

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Joe Frazier, who replaced Jeff Green with 3:30 left in the first quarter when Green picked up his second foul, was instrumental in holding Cave in check.

"Frazier did a super job and gave us some quality minutes spelling Green and (Chris) Wolfe," McGhee said.

Wolfe also got into early foul trouble with two fouls in the first quarter.

The game was scoreless until Cory Lance made a jump shot for Ross after 2:54 had elapsed in the game.

Ross led 8-6 after one quarter

and stretched its lead to 27-18 at the half.

"It's tough coming up here and we didn't play well," Greathouse said. "We knew we would be up against it here.

"We didn't shoot well and we didn't execute. We were not crisp at all."

Cave came to life in the third quarter and scored all eight of Lancaster's points as the Gales pulled to within six points, 32-26.

Lancaster pulled to within four, 34-30, when Bucky Triplett hit a jump shot from the corner with 6:15 remaining for two of his 12 points.

Lance, who finished with 12 points, scored off a rebound and Wolfe converted a three-point play to give Ross a 39-30 lead.

"Our rebounding was a key to

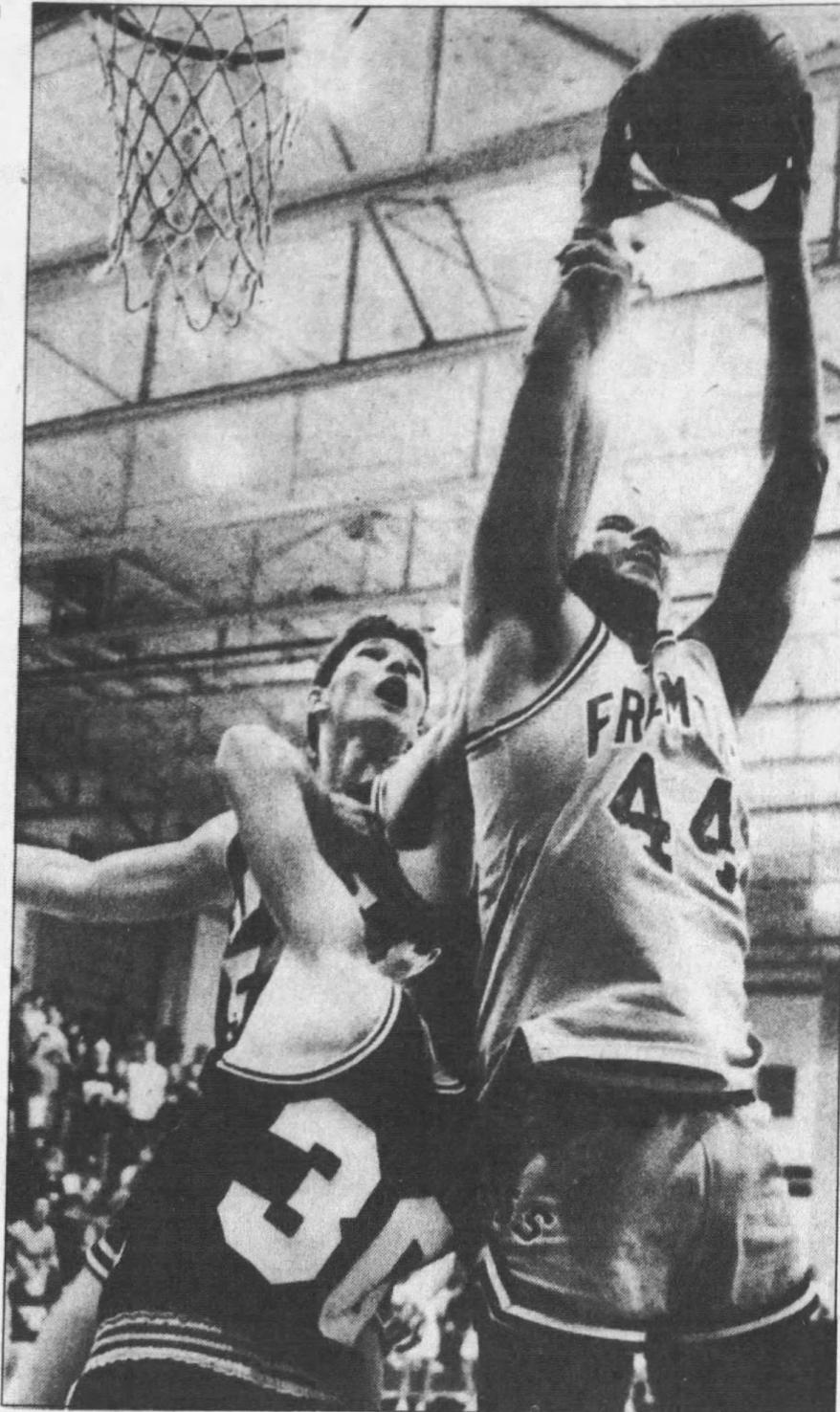
setting up our offense," McGhee said.

Green grabbed 10 rebounds and Wolfe collected eight.

The Golden Gales were forced to foul and shoot from long range. Jeff Kennedy hit a pair of 3-point shots to keep it interesting but Ross was able to hit the free throws down the stretch.

Todd Clark, who scored 10 of his team-high 14 points on perfect free throw shooting, and Wolfe was six out of nine from the foul line in the final period. The Little Giants were 20 of 29 from the line in the game.

"It was better than the 37 percent we shot last Saturday (a 64-51 loss to Sandusky)," McGhee said. "It's something we have to continue to improve on to win games the rest of the season."



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## Holding

Jeff Green of Ross grabs a rebound away from Greg Cave of Lancaster during second half action Friday at Ross. Cave has a good hold on Green's wrist as the two battle for the ball.

# Basketball

## High School Boys

### Lancaster 43, Ross 53

#### Score by quarters

Lancaster	6	12	8	17	— 43
Fremont Ross	8	19	5	22	— 54

#### Scoring

LANCASTER — Bucky Triplett 4-2-12, Bill Dilley 1-1-3, Jeff Kennedy 3-1-9, Joel Foote 1-0-2, Tim Henwood 0-2-2, Trevor Walker 1-0-2, Greg Cave 5-3-13, totals 15-9-43.

ROSS — Cory Lance 6-0-12, Justin Oxley 3-3-9, Todd Clark 2-10-14, Shane McConnell 2-0-6, Chris Wolfe 1-7-9, Jeff Green 2-0-4, totals 16-20-54.

3-point goals: Triplett 2, Kennedy 2, McConnell 2.

Records: Lancaster 12-5 (5-2), Ross 10-5 (2-3).

### Lancaster JV 51, Ross 45

#### Score by quarters

Lancaster	9	14	12	16	— 51
Ross	10	8	14	13	— 45

#### Scoring

LANCASTER — Kenny Muck 2-3-8, Jamie Garverick 2-2-6, Neil Snider 3-10-17, Matt Mauler 1-4-6, Larry Mitchell 0-1-1, Jason Newman 5-3-13, totals 13-23-51.

ROSS — Jon Hetrick 1-0-2, Mark Scheidler 4-3-11, Alec Shawl 4-0-8, Doug Horn 1-0-2, Justin Perry 1-0-2, Ryan Zimmerman 6-0-12, Chris Benson 2-1-5, Doug Gahn 1-1-3, totals 20-5-45.

3-point goals: Muck, Snider.

# Ross passes road test at Clay

By JOHN CUMMINGS  
Staff correspondent

OREGON — Fremont Ross students are in the midst of exams this week. Tuesday night, the Ross boys basketball team passed a test of its own, defeating Oregon Clay 64-53.

The big test for the Little Giants seemed to be how well they had studied the art of free throw shooting. They passed, hitting 20 of 29.

"We have worked very hard on free throw shooting, like every other team does," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "We have the ability to do well, but it is our most inconsistent area."

Ross made 15 of 19 free throws in the fourth quarter to preserve the win.

The Eagles held a 17-16 lead after the first quarter after taking their first lead,

12-10 with 3:12 left in the period on a 10-footer by Don Miller.

The Little Giants responded with a different defensive philosophy in the second quarter, holding Clay to eight points and taking a 33-25 halftime lead.

"The first quarter was up-and-down (the court), and I was a little concerned with the number of points being put on the board," McGhee said. "But we slowed it down in the second quarter, because we just can't play race horse basketball."

Ross opened the second quarter with an 8-0 run, forcing Clay to take a timeout facing a seven-point deficit.

"Their size and ability hurt us," Clay Coach Doug Dippman said. "We couldn't go inside so it took some things away from us. Their two big kids hurt us, they would post up, and even if they missed the shot

they would get the rebound. We couldn't do anything."

Chris Wolfe and Jeff Green, both 6-foot-6, combined for 17 points and 24 rebounds. Green led all players with 15 rebounds.

Neither team could do much of anything in the third quarter, as Clay outscored Ross 8-6.

Clay, 8-9, cut Ross's lead to 35-33 when Josh Jaco hit a short jumper late in the third quarter. A basket by Justin Oxley, and free throws by Mark Gottron and Shane McConnell gave Ross a 39-33 lead with one quarter left.

"(The third quarter) was our chance," Dippman said. "Fremont couldn't score, and we couldn't get good enough shots to take advantage, that says something for their defense."

The two teams went a combined four-

for-21 from the field in the third quarter.

"We picked up the pace a little (after that)," McGhee said. "We found a way to get the job done, to get the cushion, we are finding ways to win, and not really worrying about how we do it."

Ross built a 10-point fourth quarter lead, and a three-point play by Todd Clark off a missed Green free throw gave the Little Giants a 59-47 lead.

Clark finished with 12 points and seven rebounds. Oxley led Ross with 13 points.

"Todd had a nice floor game," McGhee said. "He made the adjustments that he had to make, and played a solid game, which is something a good point guard needs to do."

"His seven rebounds were just an added bonus, and he did it all real quietly."

Like studying for exams.

## Ross 64, Clay 53

### Score by quarters

Ross	16	17	6	25	— 64
Oregon Clay	17	8	8	20	— 53

### Scoring

ROSS — Mark Gottron 0-3-3, Cory Lance 0-2-2, Alec Shawl 0-2-2, Justin Oxley 5-3-13, Todd Clark 3-6-12, Shane McConnell 4-3-11, Joe Frazier 2-0-4, Chris Wolfe 4-1-9, Jeff Green 4-0-8, totals 22-20-64.

CLAY — Rob Belegrin 2-0-6, Josh Jaco 2-2-6, Jay Dunn 0-2-2, Steve Finch 2-1-5, Eric Markus 1-0-2, Don Miller 4-0-8, Mark Rouston 6-5-17, Pat Schwierking 1-0-2, Matt Szollosi 2-0-5, totals 20-10-53.

3-point goals: Belegrin 2, Szollosi.

Records: Ross 11-5, Clay 8-9.

## Clay JV 55, Ross 38

### Scoring

CLAY — Brad McMahon 4-2-11, Bryan West 3-4-10, Greg Shuler 2-3-7, Chad Parlette 3-3-10, Mark Tilton 1-2-5, Jeff Kohne 0-2-2, Ross Reve-nagh 1-0-2, Brent Keller 0-2-2, Josh Toth 3-0-6, totals 17-18-55.

ROSS — Jon Hetrick 1-0-3, Mark Scheidler 5-1-12, Doug Horn 2-0-4, Allen Dorsey 2-0-4, Damon Walker 2-0-4, Ryan Wolf 1-0-2, Ryan Zimmerman 1-0-2, Chris Benson 1-1-3, Alec Shawl 2-0-4, totals 17-2-38.

3-point goals: McMahon 2, Parlette, Tilton, Hetrick, Scheidler.

# McGhee: No surprises on Ross trip to Newark

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Things won't change for Fremont Ross when the Little Giants travel to Newark Friday night for a boys Buckeye Central Conference basketball game against the Wildcats.

Ross, 11-5 and 2-3 in the BCC, won't alter its style against state-ranked Newark, 15-2 and 5-1 in the BCC.

The Little Giants also won't see much change in the way the Wildcats approach the game.

"No major surprises," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "They are big and they are talented."

Jeff Quackenbush (6-8), Dwayne Roming (6-7) and Rob

Evans (6-4) form Newark's frontcourt.

"Their guard play is better than people think," McGhee said. "They're not as one dimensional as you think, but you still have to stop the two big kids up front."

Sophomore Bobby Sellers and senior Alsindor Allen, a pair of 6-foot guards, orchestrate the Wildcats.

"We're going to play man-to-man and get after them," McGhee said.

Ross will start Jeff Green, Chris Wolfe and Shane McConnell up front and Todd Clark and Cory Lance in the backcourt.

"We're going to take it right at them and see what we can do," McGhee said. "They'll try to put a lot of pressure on Clark handling the ball, and they will force us to shoot from the perimeter.

"We're just going to have to take high-percentage shots ... and it all comes back to rebounding as big as they are."

McGhee expects a big crowd at Newark High School, where the Wildcats are playing their last home game of the season.

"We have to play with the tempo and keep the crowd out of the game as much as we can,"

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McGhee said. "Be smart and execute."

Elsewhere Friday, Genoa will try to win its first Suburban Lakes League title since 1977-78 when it travels to Kansas for a game with Lakota, which is three games off the pace; Eastwood visits Gibsonburg in a game with less at take than in recent years and Woodmoore faces Otsego in Tontogany.

In Sandusky Bay Conference action, Clyde travels to Milan for a game against Edison, Oak Harbor hosts Margareta and Port Clinton travels to Sandusky Perkins.

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic, which is a half game behind North Baltimore in the Midland Athletic League, has the night off.

In MAL games, Old Fort takes on Calvert in Tiffin and Bettsville visits New Riegel.

Northern Ohio League-leading Bellevue hosts Upper Sandusky.

# Problems add up to 71-49 Ross setback at Newark

Special to The News-Messenger

NEWARK — Different kinds of problems at different times of the game Friday night for Fremont Ross added up to a 71-49 Newark victory over the Little Giants.

Ross, 11-6 and 2-4 in the Buckeye Central Conference, committed six of its 16 turnovers in the first quarter and Newark took a 13-11 lead.

The Little Giants made just four of 12 shots from the field in the second period, while the Wildcats made nine of 17 to increase their lead to 33-21 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Ross missed all five of its free throws as Newark made 10 of 14 foul shots.

"They had too much talent and skill inside for us tonight," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "I thought they played a super game."

Newark, 16-2 and 6-1 in the BCC, clinched at least a tie for its third straight conference championship.

Jeff Quackenbush scored 21 points and Dwayne Romine 20 for Newark, including eight and six, respectively, in the second quarter. Romine led all rebounders with 14 and Quackenbush grabbed 12.

The Wildcats outrebounded Ross 12-6 in the second quarter.

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The Little Giants, who made only six of 12 free throws, shot 35 percent from the field.

"They got in our face and made it tough for us," McGhee said, "and they really took us off the offensive boards."

Said Newark Coach Gary Walters, "Defense was a point of emphasis for us."

Chris Wolfe led Ross 16 points and 12 rebounds, but was the only Little Giant in double figures.

The Little Giants will host Fostoria Tuesday night. The Redmen are ranked seventh in The Associated Press Division II basketball poll.

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## Newark 71, Ross 49

### Score by quarters

Fremont Ross	11	10	17	11	— 49
Newark	13	20	20	18	— 71

### Scoring

ROSS — Mark Gottron 2-0-6, Cory Lance 3-2-8, Todd Clark 1-0-3, Shane McConnell 2-2-8, Chris Wolfe 8-0-16, Jeff Green 2-2-6, Hector Rodriguez 1-0-2, totals 19-6-49.

NEWARK — Brice Jones 1-0-2, Bob Sellers 7-1-15, Alcindor Allen 1-1-3, Jeff Quackenbush 7-7-21, Rob Evans 2-0-4, Dwayne Romine 7-6-20, Jeff Wells 2-2-6, totals 27-17-71.

3-point goals: Gottron 2, Clark, McConnell 2.

Records: Ross 11-6 (2-4), Newark 16-2 (6-1).

JV: Ross 54-49.

# Ross falls at home

By **BOB MARKER**

Staff writer

Toss out the old basketball proverb that the home court gives the home team an advantage especially when the home team is its own worst opponent.

Fostoria outscored Fremont Ross 22-7 at the foul line Tuesday night in The Purple Pit while struggling to a 58-51 high school boys basketball victory.

The Redmen, ranked seventh in the latest Division II Associated Press state rankings, shot 37 free throws to the Little Giants' 14.

However, Ross Coach Pat McGhee did not lay blame to

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the foul line seige.

"We had too many turnovers," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "We didn't take care of the ball very well and we did not block out defensively very well.

"Those were the two areas that we were very concerned with going into the game, and we just did not get the job done in those two areas."

Casey McBeth took advantage of the poor blocking out to take the air out of the Little Giants.

Ross trailed 49-42 with 2:21 remaining when Fostoria's Pratt Robinson missed a pair of free throws. A Little Giant appeared to have the ball but McBeth stepped around, grabbed the ball and laid it in, putting Ross down by nine.

Ross, 11-7, never recovered. The Little Giants closed to 54-49 with 1:01 to play, but McBeth's handiwork was a setback from which the Little Giants could not recover.

The Redmen, 16-2, canned seven of 10 free throws from that point to preserve the win.

Both teams had trouble handling the ball in the first half, each committing 14 turnovers.

Fostoria rebounded from a 13-9 first-quarter deficit to lead 24-22 at halftime.

While poor ball handling continued to plague Ross — the Little

Giants with 25, six more than the Redmen — in the second half, the Redmen went the other direction.

"We did a lot better job on the boards in the second half," Fostoria Coach Jim Rutter said, "and we handled the ball better."

Rutter said he also found some mismatches offensively that his team could not find in the first half.

"Normally we try to search for mismatches," he explained. "It does not have to be size mismatch; we look for a quickness mismatch or size mismatch."

Rutter found the quickness mismatch — and McBeth stabbed Ross in the back.

Fostoria spurred to a 29-23 lead early in the third quarter but Ross tied it on a pair of Chris Wolfe baskets and one by Jeff Green. That was the final time Ross got that close.

Fostoria built a 47-37 lead two minutes into the final quarter and never let it slip below five after that.

"We were inconsistent," McGhee said. "They have excellent athletes who are quick and very strong and they got some baskets that you'd like not give up ... like rebounds where they take the ball away and put it back in."

McGhee said he was happy with the tempo of the game. It was what he wanted.

"Everything was right," he said, "except the turnovers and the boards."

Wolfe, using a variety of moves

in the paint, led Ross with 23 points but he was the only Little Giant in double figures. Todd Clark had nine.

McBeth topped Fostoria with 14 and Ryan Hipsher, the Redmen's leading scorer this season with over 18 per game, had 12. He was scoreless in the first half after going to the bench early

with two quick fouls.

Fostoria had only two more rebounds, 37-35, than Ross but picked up the key ones when it needed them.

Ross was 21 of 47 shooting and Fostoria 17 of 48.

Ross hosts Zanesville Friday night in a Buckeye Central Conference game.



## Fostoria 58, Ross 51

### Score by quarters

Fostoria	9	15	16	18	—	58
Ross	13	9	11	18	—	51

### Scoring

FOSTORIA - Casey McBeth 6-2-14, Derek Kidwell 2-0-4, Ryan Hipsher 5-1-12, Pratt Robinson 2-4-9, Aaron Hampton 1-3-5, Robert Holmes 0-6-6, Davon Cousin 1-2-4, Tony Settles 0-4-4, totals 17-22-58.

ROSS - Chris Wolfe 11-1-23, Jeff Green 3-0-6, Cory Lance 0-0-0, Shane McConnell 2-0-4, Todd Clark 2-4-9, Justin Oxley 1-0-2, Mark Gottron 2-2-7, totals 21-7-51.

3-point goals: Hipsher, Robinson, Clark, Gottron.

Records: Fostoria 16-2, Ross 11-7.

## Ross JV 50, Fostoria 49

### Score by quarters (2 OT)

Fostoria	9	5	10	17	6	2	—	49
Ross	12	10	9	10	6	3	—	50

### Scoring

FOSTORIA - Ryan Dunbar 3-2-8, Anthony Ferguson 3-0-6, Rod Dunbar 1-0-2, Russel Robinson 11-0-25, Chad Robbins 3-2-8, totals 20-6-49.

ROSS - Mark Sheidler 5-5-15, Alec Shawl 1-0-2, Justin Perry 4-1-9, Damon Walker 3-0-6, Ryan Zimmerman 3-1-7, Charles Benson 3-1-7, Hector Rodriguez 1-2-4, totals 20-10-50.

3-point goals: Robinson 3.

# Ross edges Zanesville 58-55

By TIM HARMON

Staff writer

Nothing comes easy for the Fremont Ross boys basketball team these days.

In the final home game of the season Friday night, the Little Giants moved out to a 17-point lead then held on for a 58-55 Buckeye Central Conference victory over Zanesville.

"They should have never got that close," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said. "We had three stupid mistakes."

Three misses on the front end of one-and-one free throw situations in the final two minutes, a lane violation on another and uncontested layups by Zanesville's Steve Hodge and Jason Payton 25 seconds apart in the fourth quarter helped the Blue Devils reduce a 48-31 Ross lead.

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***"They should have never got that close."***

— Pat McGhee

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game," McGhee said. "We made them in a group and we let them have a run back at us."

After a 12-footer by Bobby Johnson made it 56-53 with 1:22 remaining, Ross's Todd Clark made both ends of a one-and-one with 41 seconds left.

The lane violation and a pair of misses from the foul line by Clark gave Zanesville three cracks at getting closer, but the Devils got no closer than the final count on Payton's putback with five seconds to go.

"We had a great comeback," Zanesville

Coach Lee Himmeger said. "We had a chance to come back and beat a good club."

Zanesville, 7-13 and 1-7 in the BCC, might have made it all the way back except for critical turnovers and two of 14 shooting in the third quarter.

"We forced ourselves to turn the ball over," Himmeger said. "When you're playing catch-up basketball, sometimes you become your own worst enemy."

Ross, 12-7 and 3-4 in the BCC, led 48-31 with 4:15 left in the third quarter but failed to score the remainder of the period.

"We were really sharp in the third quarter," McGhee said. "We got the shots we wanted and played good defense."

While the Little Giants were dissecting the Zanesville defense for six of 13 shooting in the third quarter, the Blue Devils

went six minutes without a field goal.

"We tell the kids to believe in our offense," Himmeger said. "If we have the shot we put it up. We go to who is available to get the job done."

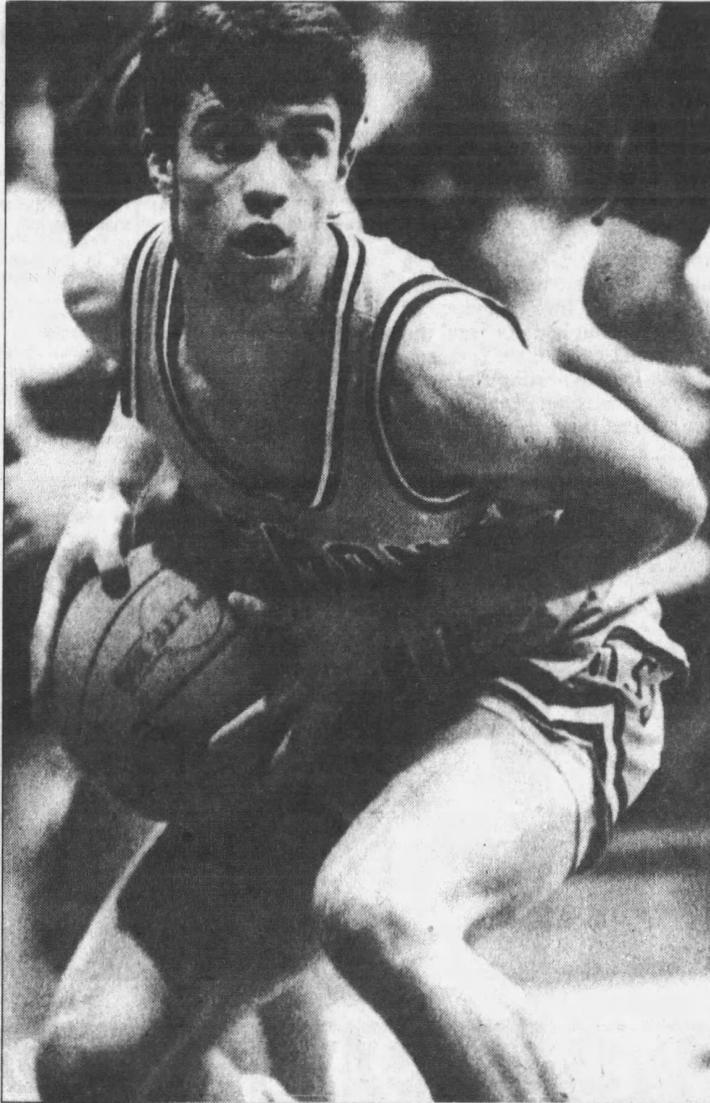
In the third quarter, though, the Devils got just one shot on most possessions.

Ross utilized several defenses — a 2-3 zone, a man-to-man and a 1-2-1-1 press.

"We wanted to keep their guards off balance," McGhee said. "We felt they had a good inside game. By changing defenses, they had to attack differently to get the ball inside."

Zanesville led 8-2 early before the Little Giants tied the score at 13-all and took an 18-17 lead after the first quarter. The Blue Devils last lead was a 17-16 with 32 sec-

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News-Messenger/Terry Reimer

**CORY LANCE** of Fremont Ross looks for room to operate Friday night in the Little Giants' 58-55 victory over Zanesville.

## Ross

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onds left in the period.

Chris Wolfe scored eight of his game-high 22 points in the second quarter, and Ross led 36-26 at halftime.

Johnson scored off a rebound with 1:22 left in the quarter, which closed at 48-33.

Zanesville's Brandy Erwine sandwiched a pair of 3-point shots around a Cory Lance free throw at the outset of the fourth quarter, pulling the Blue Devils

to within 10 points at 49-39.

A 17-footer by Clark with 6:41 left to play and a jump hook by Wolfe with 3:59 to go kept the Devils at bay until Hodge and Payton scored on layups.

"Maybe we relaxed a little too early," McGhee said. "We got a little tentative."

Jeff Green, who led all rebounders with 10, added 10 points for Ross.

Johnson led four Zanesville players in double figures with 17 points, Hodge scored nine of his 13 points in the first quarter and Erwine and Jason Payton added 10 points apiece.

## High School Boys

### Ross 58, Zanesville 55

#### Score by quarters

Zanesville	17	9	7	22	— 55
Ross	18	18	12	10	— 58

#### Scoring

ZANESVILLE — Chris Norris 1-2-4, Bobby Johnson 7-2-17, Steve Hodge 6-1-13, Jon Ohlinger 1-0-2, Brandy Erwine 3-2-10, Jason Payton 3-4-10, totals 21-11-55.

ROSS — Cory Lance 1-3-5, Justin Oxley 1-3-5, Justin Oxley 1-0-2, Todd Clark 2-4-8, Shane McConnell 2-0-6, Chris Wolfe 9-4-22, Jeff Green 5-0-10, Joe Frazier 2-1-5, totals 22-12-58.

3-point goals: Erwine 2, McConnell 2.

Records: Z'ville 7-13 (1-7), Ross 12-7 (3-4).

### Zanesville JV 40, Ross 35

#### Score by quarters

Zanesville	2	7	13	19	— 40
Ross	10	13	6	6	— 35

#### Scoring

ZANESVILLE — Brad Ziemer 6-2-16, Mike Lightfoot 1-3-5, Heath Touvell 0-2-2, Joe Dunn 3-0-6, Pete Mathews 3-5-11, totals 13-12-40.

ROSS — Jon Hetrick 2-0-5, Mark Sheidler 3-1-7, Alec Shawl 2-0-4, Justin Perry 4-0-8, Allen Dorsey 1-0-2, Ryan Zimmerman 1-0-2, Hector Rodriguez 3-1-7, totals 16-2-35.

3-point goals: Ziemer 2, Jon Hetrick.

Records: Zanesville 12-8, Ross 10-9.

# Findlay ends drought against Ross

By JOHN CUMMINGS  
Staff correspondent

FINDLAY — The Trojans of Findlay High School accomplished two things Friday night in their Buckeye Central Conference game with Fremont Ross.

□ The Trojans' 63-51 win gave them sole possession of third place in the BCC at 4-4. Ross, 12-8, finished the BCC season at 3-5.

□ It was Findlay's first win over the Little Giants in the past three years. Ross had won the last five meetings.

"It feels good to finally beat Fremont Ross," Findlay Coach Roger Renz said. "I think our kids were almost too ready, too high. So high that we were overplaying ourselves, it took awhile for us to get calm."

The Trojans, 13-7, took until the third quarter to calm down. After trailing 19-15 after one quarter and 32-28 at halftime, Findlay went on a 21-6 third quarter rampage, putting Ross in a 49-38 hole.

"Findlay did a lot of things well to-

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***"They took the low post away and we couldn't hit the outside shot. In a nutshell, that's the ballgame."***

— Pat McGhee, Ross coach

night," Ross Coach Pat McGhee said, "and that was the difference."

Findlay committed just three second-half turnovers, while its 1-3-1 zone forced 10 second-half miscues by the Little Giants.

"We didn't handle the (1-3-1) zone effectively," McGhee said. "We expected them to play some zone, and we got decent shots, but we just didn't hit them."

Ross made three of 12 from the field in the third quarter and five of 12 in the fourth quarter. Three of Ross's five fourth

quarter field goals were 3-pointers by Shane McConnell, who finished with 15 points.

Chris Wolfe, who also scored 15 for Ross, collected a game-high 11 rebounds although the Trojans outrebounded the Little Giants 30-27.

"If you miss the first shot, you got to get the next one," McGhee said. "And they took the low post away (in the second half) and we couldn't hit the outside shot. In a nutshell, that's the ballgame."

The Trojans shut the low post down to the extent that Ross's big men, Wolfe and Jeff Green, scored a combined eight points in the second half. Green, who finished with eight points, was held to one basket in the second half and Wolfe to six, including a slam off a Trojan turnover with 2:20 left to play that cut Findlay's lead to 61-51.

Chris Vance with 13 points was one of five Findlay players in double figures. Vince Perrine added 11 and Kevin Hinkle,

Matt Miles and Todd Jensen each added 10.

Back-to-back baskets by Jensen and Miles gave the Trojans their first lead of the game, 37-36, with five minutes left in the third quarter.

Findlay went on a 7-0 scoring run before Green got his lone basket of the second half, cutting the lead to 44-38 with 2:02 left in the third period.

Green's basket ended a three-minute scoring draught by the Little Giants.

Ross was held to 13 fourth quarter points as Findlay built a 14-point lead, 55-41. The Little Giants got closer than 10 — after Wolfe's slam.

"This is a tough place to play," McGhee said. "We would have liked to play better than we did."

"But it's back to work, right now they have the same record as we do, 0-0."

Ross plays Ashland in the Division I sectional tournament Tuesday at Norwalk.

# Basketball

## High School Boys

### Findlay 63, Ross 51

#### Score by quarters

Fremont Ross	19	13	6	13	— 51
Findlay	15	13	21	14	— 63

#### Scoring

ROSS — Chris Wolfe 6-2-15, Justin Oxley 1-0-2, Jeff Green 4-0-8, Shane McConnell 4-4-15, Todd Clark 3-0-6, Cory Lance 2-1-5, totals 20-7-51.

FINDLAY — Todd Jensen 3-4-10, Chris Vance 6-0-13, Matt Miles 5-0-10, Kevin Hinkle 3-3-10, Vince Perkins 4-0-11, Todd Phillips 1-0-3, Rick Ritzler 1-0-2, Chris Ireland 2-0-4, totals 25-7-63.

3-point goals: McConnell 3, Wolfe, Perkins 3, Vance, Hinkle, Phillips.

Records: Ross 12-8 (3-5), Findlay 14-6 (4-4).

### Findlay JV 50, Ross 39

#### Score by quarters

Fremont Ross	4	6	13	16	— 39
Findlay	15	15	13	7	— 50

#### Scoring

ROSS — Shawl 4-1-9, Horn 1-0-2, Perry 1-2-4, Dorsey 1-0-2, Walker 1-3-5, Wolf 1-0-2, Zimmerman 1-0-2, Benson 2-2-6, Langston 1-0-2, Sheidler 2-1-5, totals 15-8-39.

FINDLAY — Allison 3-1-7, Paris 4-1-9, Lobb 5-0-10, Hall 1-0-2, Gralock 4-0-8, Gray 2-2-7, Van Atta 1-0-2, Richardson 0-2-2, Fenberg 1-1-3, totals 21-6-50.

3-point goals: Gray.

Record: Ross 10-10.

## Northwest All-District

COLUMBUS — The 1990 Associated Press Northwest all-district boys and girls basketball teams, selected by a panel of sports writers and broadcasters representing the Northwest district:

### Division I

**FIRST TEAM:** Donnie Dobbs, Toledo Macomber, 6-foot-3, Senior, 29.0 points per game; Greg Simpson, Lima Senior, 6-1, So., 26.2; Terrence Carmichael, Mansfield Senior, 6-3, Sr., 15.7; Anthony Williams, Toledo Scott, 6-6, Sr., 21.0; John White, Toledo Scott, 6-1, Sr., 18.5.

**SECOND TEAM:** Terrill Green, Sandusky, 6-2, Sr., 16.5; Todd Jensen, Findlay, 6-3, Sr., 21.6; James Johnson, Toledo St. Francis, 6-0, Jr., 14.0; Sean Scrutchins, Toledo Scott, 6-4, Sr., 16.0; Kennie Joe Washington, Toledo Waite, 6-2, Sr., 17.1.

**THIRD TEAM:** Chico Feagin, Mansfield Senior, 6-6, Jr., 14.0; Doug Robinson, Toledo Rogers, 5-11, Sr., 25.4; Anthony Glover, Toledo Scott, 6-5, Sr., 12.0; Luke Ragan, Toledo St. John's, 6-6, Sr., 18.0; Jeff Myers, Wapakoneta, 6-1, Sr., 20.0.

**AREA HONORABLE MENTION:** Chris Wolfe, Jeff Green, Fremont Ross.

**Player of the year:** Donnie Dobbs, Toledo Macomber.

**Coach of the year:** Ben Williams, Toledo Scott.

# Wolfe first-team BCC choice

News-Messenger reports

Chris Wolfe of Fremont Ross was named to the first team, All-Buckeye Central Conference boys basketball team announced by the coaches.

Wolfe, a junior, was joined by classmate Jeff Green, a second-team selection, as the Little Giants' representatives on the coaches' selections.

Todd Jensen of Findlay and Dwayne Romine of Newark were named co-players of the year and Jack Greathouse of Lancaster won the coach of the year honors.

Other first-team selections included Jeff Quackenbush of Newark, Greg Cave of Lancaster and Bobby Johnson of Zanesville.

On the second team with Green are Bobby Seller of Newark, Chris Vance of Findlay, Jeff Kennedy of Lancaster and Chris Norris of Zanesville.

Todd Clark and Shane McConnell of Ross were honorable mention.

## SPORTS

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### Blair, four others named 'most valuable' at Ross awards program

News-Messenger reports

Ohio high school state diving champion B.J. Blair led a quintet of Fremont Ross High School athletes voted "most valuable" by their teammates in winter sports.

The winners of the special awards announced at the Ross Winter Sports Awards Program in the high school cafeteria Tuesday night.

Other "most valuable" performers named were Kim Borys in girls basketball; Shane McConnell in boys basketball; Tracie Baker in girls swimming; and Dan Lopez in wrestling.

Blair, a senior, was a four-time state meet qualifier, finishing 17th as freshman, fifth as

a sophomore and third last year before winning the title earlier this month. He also received the "Coaches Award" from head coach Neal Wensinger.

Chase Baker was named most improved swimmer on the boys swim team. Blair and Baker took home captain trophies.

Tracie Baker, a freshman, led the girls swim team.

Molly Zinkand won the most improved swimmer award while Ronda Mahr received a captain

trophy. Ronelle Mahr won the Coaches Award.

Lopez, a fifth-place finisher in the Division I state meet at 140 pounds, also won the most take-downs award with a school record 165. The previous record was 95.

Heavyweight Chad Green won the most pins (19) trophy and Phil Missig was the winner of the Coaches Award. David Boda was the team's most improved wrestler in awards handed out by coach Al Voggenthaler.

Terry Carter and Brian Palomo were given captain trophies.

Borys also took home a girls basketball captain trophy along with Missy Smith. Coach Sue Wolf presented

Vickie Castile, a junior, the most improved honor.

Other special awards went to Joy Elishen as the best percentage free throw shooter and Dian Schepflin for being the leading rebounder.

McConnell paced the boys honorees in awards handed out by coach Pat McGhee.

Justin Oxley and Todd Clark were presented with captain trophies while Clark took home the awards for the highest free throw percentage and most assists. Oxley won the best defensive player honor.

Jeff Green had the highest field goal percentage and Chris Wolfe took home the rebounding award.

Other special awards were presented by the Ross Athletic Boosters to Blair and Lopez for their state tournament accomplishments.

Members of the wrestling team who competed in the Buckeye Central Conference Tournament, were presented with championship plaques including conference champs Boda, Lopez, Carter, Scott Mezinger, Green and Brian Moreno.

Blair also won a four-year letter award. Three-year letter winners included Borys and Clark, wrestlers Palomo, Charles Chapman, Daniel Costilla and Moreno and swimmers Chase Baker, David Tallman and Sheila Poust.



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