

1949 Sectional Tournament

DICK SHERMAN ILL WITH COLD ON GAME'S EVE

Glover May Start At Forward; Tournament Commences Tonight

Ross high's lineup for its opening round game with Sandusky in the Class A Sectional basketball tournament there tomorrow night is as uncertain as their playing.

Coach Al Ziemke, whose spirited charges are pointing for another upset tomorrow, has only three definite starters for the Sandusky game, scheduled to start at 7:30.

Play in the tournament gets underway tonight. Tiffin Calvert and Tiffin Columbian collide at 7:30. Port Clinton and Willard are paired in the nightcap at 9 o'clock.

Dick Sherman, junior forward, is ailing with a cold and although Ziemke may be able to call on his services tomorrow night his play will undoubtedly be hampered.

4 In Running

The other forward berth is a wide open scramble between Marlin Farver, Dick Houghtaling, Gladden Shafer and Charlie Glover, all sophomores. Glover may get the nod because of his stellar work in last Friday's 47-46 upset at Bowling Green.

While Johnny Allen, another sophomore, is the likely starter at center, Ziemke is planning to give Freshman John Lewis, another B. G. hero, a lot of action. Lewis tied up the game at Bowling Green with a field goal in the final seconds of play.

Bob Beck and Bob Beeker, seniors, will be at the guard positions.

Calvert and Port Clinton are regarded as favorites in tonight's games. Calvert is the second seeded team in the tournament, having won 10 games while losing four. One of the losses was to Fremont St. Joseph's, 42-51. Columbian has failed to win a game in 15 starts.

Port Clinton has taken 11 of 16 games, while Willard has won only six of 15.

Ziemke To Use Same Lineup That Surprised Bowling Green

Game Starts At 7:30 Tonight; Port Clinton, Calvert Win Easily

A determined Ross high basketball team that makes up in spirit what it lacks in finesse, squares off with Sandusky tonight in the first round of the district Class A tournament.

The Ross-Sandusky game, set for 7:30, is the first on tonight's program. Two other ancient rivals — Bellevue and Norwalk — are paired in the nightcap.

The Little Giants, their hopes buoyed by a surprising 47-46 win over a well-regarded Bowling Green team there last Friday, have won only four of 19 games and are the definite underdogs tonight. Sandusky has won nine while losing five, including a 32-30 victory over Ross here February 18.

Sherman Under Par

Coach Al Ziemke announced today that Dick Sherman, Giants' leading scorer, will start tonight's game. He has been ill from a cold since Saturday and will not be in top condition.

Coach Ziemke said other starters tonight will be Marlin Farver, forward; John Allen, center, and Bob Beck and Bob Becker, guards.

The Ross high mentor would make no predictions on the outcome of tonight's game but sounded a pessimistic note by declaring that Sandusky was 10 points tougher on its home floor. He said that his team has no one to match the Blue Streaks' Don Barth, rangy senior forward, who is regarded as one of the classiest players in the tournament.

Kastor Poses Problem

Ziemke also looks for trouble from Ted Kastor, six-foot, four-inch senior who Sandusky Coach Vic Malinovsky has started at center the last four games. Kastor was the star of Sandusky's "upset" victory over Bellevue.

Tiffin Calvert and Port Clinton scored easy victories in the tournament's opening games last night. After Calvert disposed of Tiffin Columbian, 45-27, Port Clinton walked off with an impressive 62-35 verdict over Willard.

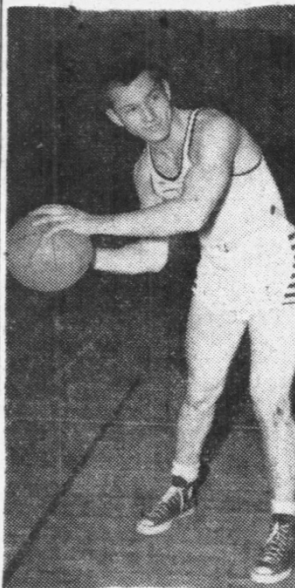
Columbian made a scrap of it for a quarter but was behind 10 points at halftime and never was in the game thereafter. The losers went for 12 minutes without scoring a field goal. They were held goal-less the final two minutes of the second quarter, the entire third quarter and the first two minutes of the fourth quarter.

Krupp Is Star

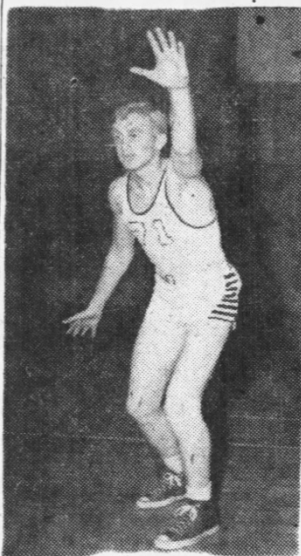
Port Clinton was ahead of Willard from the start as Dave Krupp and Harold Masing scorched the net with some sensational shooting. Krupp's all-around play was the highlight of the first night of action. The senior forward sank five of his first six shots and wound up with a total of 25 points. Krupp's clever passes set up many of Masing's goals. The big Port Clinton center scored 18 points.

Nowakowski, Willard's six-foot, seven-inch center, was held under control by Fritz, Port Clinton guard. The Willard star scored 10 points before fouling out of the game in the third period. Swert, with 11 points, took scoring honors for the losers.

Ross Seniors



Bob Beck



Bob Becker

TWO 'HOT' TEAMS TO ROLL IN ABC

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 2 —Two of the hottest teams in the country—Stroh's Bohemians of Detroit and Miller High Life of Brooklyn—are scheduled to make their bids tomorrow in the American Bowling Congress tournament.

Stroh's is captained by "Parson" Bill Kenet, former national doubles match game champion. All of its members average 200 or better.

Stan Slomenski, the country's most talked of bowler, will head the Miller High Life beer quintet.

Activities in the tournament today may overshadow those of ves-

SPORTS

By Al Coxon

WE'VE MISSED 'EM BEFORE, SO LAST NIGHT'S PREDICTION of Ross over Sandusky won't stand alone because it backfired, but we seldom have taken a beating as bad as that 50-24 score.

In 1938 we wrote, after Louis had K.O.'d Max Schmeling in the first round at Madison Square Garden: Joe Louis will never be defeated while heavyweight champion; he will retire with the crown.

We're proud of that one. A year ago we decided the American league pennant would go to either Cleveland or Boston. Those clubs finished one-two. We're also proud of that one.

And we have missed some nice ones, too. We were overboard on Georgia to beat Texas in the Orange Bowl. It didn't happen. We thought last fall's World Series would go to the Indians in four games. It took 'em six. We lost our all when the St. Louis Cardinals nosed out the Boston Red Sox in the World Series of 1946. And we can remember those same Cardinals taking us to the cleaners in 1942. Katey will never forgive me for betting a week's supply of groceries on the Detroit Tigers in the 1940 World Series. Cincinnati won, four games to three.

We picked Ross over Sandusky last night because we figured the Little Giants would be out there aflame with "tourna-

ment fever." We figured Sandusky would have the jitters.

We're not going to attempt to probe the cause for last night's score. That game's over and the Giants are done until next season. We were pretty disturbed at half-time when the score was 35-10. It's upsetting, to say the least, when your dark horse is trailing by 25 points.

But next season when Al Ziemke calls his boys together we'll be right there rooting for 'em. And when we have a hunch something unusual is going to happen we'll print it. Some of 'em will be right and some will be all wet.

But please, boys, don't **EVER** treat me like you did last night.