

1951 Sectional Tournament Champions

# Season Win Over Pt. Clinton Means Nothing, Coach Asserts

Anything can happen in a basketball tournament. Examples: St. Joseph's difficulty with low-ranking Clyde in the Protest; Jackson's hard time with Townsend, winner of only one game, in the county.

With those two examples fresh in his mind, Coach Al Ziemke is taking nothing for granted as his Ross high squad enters tonight's class A sectional struggle with Port Clinton at Sandusky.

The Giants trounced Port Clinton during the season, 74-52, but they weren't under a bit of pressure as they ran up a 25-7 first-quarter lead. How they will react in the tournament, where nerves play a big part in determining winners, is something else.

#### Wants Normal Performance

Ziemke is hopeful his club will be "loose as a goose", as the saying goes, when it takes the floor tonight. "If we can go out and play our normal game, we will be okay," said the burr-headed mentor. "If we tighten up," he continued, "we will be in for trouble."

**Although gratified that his team had the record (13-4) to make it that way, Ziemke is uncomfortable over the fact his team is the top-seeded one in the tournament. He says that top-seeded clubs seldom win.**

Port Clinton won only four games during the season, but managed to score plenty of points, even in losing. Ted Selgo is the Redskins' leading point-getter. Selgo had a comparatively bad night against Ross in the season, getting only 10 points. He generally scores between 15 and 20.

Ross and Port Clinton are due to play at 9 o'clock, following the 7:30 contest between Sandusky and Norwalk. Sandusky is favored to win and meet Ross in the semi-finals IF Ross can oust Port Clinton.

The tournament is being played in Sandusky junior high school.

## Bellevue, Tiffin Columbian Win Close Contests

SANDUSKY, Feb. 28—Both seeded teams advanced to the semi-finals round with last second victories last night, but not before some thrilling, unexpected action from determined underdogs.

Bellevue (11-7) nipped Willard (7-9), 58 to 56, when center Don Adams tipped in a rebound with one second left in an overtime.

Tiffin Columbian (9-7), the second seeded team in the tourney downed Tiffin Calvert (2-10) 49 to 47, when Bob Harger pushed in a lay up with eight seconds left in the game.

Calvert, which failed to defeat a class A foe during the season, led from the first three seconds until the last eight.

Columbian downed Calvert by 15 points and Bellevue routed Willard by 16 during regular season games.

Bellevue trailed from the middle of the first quarter to midway in the fourth, when the Redmen forged ahead 48-46. Bob Bone tied the score at 48-48 and then Willard wrested the lead again on a rebound by substitute J. C. Miller.

#### DeBlase Ties Score

Sam DeBlase connected on a corner shot for a 50-50 count with 1:55 to play. That was all the scoring until the overtime. DeBlase missed a free throw with 1:35 left.

Willard's Ken Henry scored in the first moments of the extra period, then freshman Ralph Eisenhauer made it 52-52. Adams, back in action after being sidelined the last six weeks because of knee and ankle injuries, put Bellevue in front, 54-52.

Dave Draime, shooting from far out, tied the score again as the teams continued to wage a furious battle. DeBlase and Draime traded goals, Draime's

# Redskins Stubborn; Question: Did Boucher's Bucket Count?

SANDUSKY, March 1—Sandusky and Fremont Ross high schools will meet at 9 o'clock in the semi-finals of the class A sectional basketball tournament, just as they were supposed to do, but the Fremonters almost didn't make it.

**Sandusky breezed by Norwalk, 63-39, after a 24-point second quarter. Ross, however, was ahead by only two points, 52-50, with two minutes and 30 seconds to play.**

A foul by John Lewis and a goal by Dick (Mr. Swish) Houghtaling made it 55-50. Ted Selgo scored for Port Clinton with 55 seconds left, then Ross retained possession of the ball the remainder of the time. Selgo fouled out in the closing seconds.

#### Difference Of Opinion

The scoreboard clock showed the count to be 54-50, but the official scorers had recorded only 52 points for the Giants. The newspapermen had 54. Coach Al Ziemke claimed that the official scorer did not count a field goal by Bob Boucher, who was fouled while in the act of shooting. The shot went through and was ruled okay, according to neutral observers and the Ross mentor. However, it was not recorded. The official scorebook does not show a field goal for Boucher in the last period.

Both Lewis and Boucher played despite slight attacks of influenza. Boucher was out of school Wednesday because of the illness, while Lewis missed Monday and Tuesday. According to Ziemke, they will play again tonight, but will be a long way from par as far as physical condition is concerned.

Ross led 11-6 midway through the first quarter, but four free throws by Selgo, who with 19 points led the Redskins' attack, made the score 11-10. It was 14-13

at the end of the period. Boucher had three personal fouls against him before the quarter ended.

#### Glover Takes Over

Port Clinton forged into the lead 18-14 at the start of the second quarter. Houghtaling scored three points, then substitute Charlie Glover, senior forward, pumped in a pair of one-handed shots from out on the court and added a foul a minute later for a 25-18 Ross lead.

Houghtaling incurred his fourth personal in the frame and was removed, cutting down the Giants' offense. Houghtaling is the team's second leading scorer.

**Port Clinton fell behind 11 points starting the last period but gradually worked to within range before Houghtaling and Lewis sewed it up in the last two minutes.**

Coach Ziemke paid tribute to Port Clinton declaring: "They played a good game. I'm not taking a bit of credit away from 'em."

Sandusky was behind 13-12 at the end of the first quarter, but the Blue Streaks put on a torrid show in the second canto, scoring 24 points for a safe 36-19 margin. Jim Holzmiller scored 15 and Bill Rice 14 for the winners. Sub John Storer made nine for the Truckers.

In the first game tonight, at 7:30, Tiffin Columbian, a close winner over Tiffin Calvert, plays Bellevue, which nipped Willard in an overtime in the first round. Tonight's victors play Saturday for the tournament championship.

	G	F	P	T
<b>ROSS (55)</b>				
Houghtaling, f	6	1-1	4	13
Boucher, f	4	3-5	4	11
Lewis, c	3	3-7	2	9
Farver, g	1	2-4	1	4
Schaefer, g	3	0-1	2	6
Glover, f	2	4-6	1	8
Wolf, f	1	0-2	1	2
Ameling, g	1	0-0	0	2
Totals	21	13-26	15	55
<b>PT. CLINTON (52)</b>	G	F	P	T
Coyle, f	2	1-2	3	5
Flick, f	3	1-1	3	7
Budd, c	2	2-3	4	6
Selgo, g	8	3-6	5	19
Easton, g	4	1-2	5	9
Klein, g	2	1-1	2	5
Floro, f	0	1-2	0	1
Totals	21	10-17	22	52
Score by quarters:				
Ross	14	7	43	55
Pt. Clinton	13	23	34	52

	G	F	G	F
<b>Sandusky (63)</b>				
Schwanger, f	2	0	Seitz, f	2
Holzmiller, f	6	3	Poth, f	0
Elgert, c	3	2	Bev'r'dge, c	3
Acierito, g	2	1	Hoerig, g	2
Theibert, g	3	4	M'Donald, g	0
Rice, f	4	6	Storer, f	3
Ward, g	0	3	Deebie, f	1
Miller, f	0	1	Olcott, g	1
Stradtman, g	0	2	Sweet, g	1
Camp, g	0	1		
Totals	20	23	Totals	13
Score by quarters:				
Sandusky	12	24	13	44-63
Norwalk	13	7	9	10-39

## Bobcats Get 2 On All-County

Green Springs, co-champion with York township in the Sandusky county basketball league this season, placed two players on the second annual News-Messenger All-County team.

York, Woodville and Jackson, the tourfament winner, shared the other three berths.

The Bobcats placed Jerry Little and Norman Cockrell, veteran cagers whose careers ended in the tournament. York's Ralph Swartz, a talented guard; Jackson's Cecil Long, the loop's leading scorer, and Donald Little,

# Lewis' Goal Wins Overtime, 51-50, After Houghtaling Gives Giants Another Chance

By Al Coxon

News-Messenger Sports Editor

SANDUSKY, March 2—A game band of basketeers from Ross high, twice only seconds from elimination, entered the finals of the sectional class A tournament here last night in a sensational finish before 1,700 spectators.

You had to see it to appreciate it.

Trailing Sandusky 49-50 with 15 seconds to play in an overtime period, John Lewis, six-foot, three-inch junior center, leaped in the air, shot from 15 feet from the side of the basket and looped a field goal that put the Giants ceiling one shot with a minute to play. He made it. The score was 48-50.

The 51-50 victory goes down in Ross basketball history as one of the most thrilling ever won by the local school. Lewis' shot means that the Giants and Tiffin Columbian will play Saturday at 8:30 p. m.

Tiffin had an easy time in its semi-final game, trouncing Bellevue 52-42. Columbian led all the day.

## Swish Ties Score

The Giants would never have had to play the overtime if Dick (Mr. Swish) Houghtaling hadn't hit one of his specialty shots, a one-hander from the corner, with 12 seconds to go in the final period. Sandusky was ahead by two points, 47-45, and appeared to have the game in the bag when Jude Theibert was called for stepping the wrong direction over the back-court line.

Ross took the ball and moved down court. There were 20 seconds to go when the locals received possession. Gladys Schafer, whose ball-hawking helped upset the Sandusky efforts to stall out the last 55 seconds, passed over on one side to Charlie Glover. Glover threw back to Schafer, who fired the ball to Houghtaling.

From the corner, Dick let fly. It was a true hit, the ball never touching the rim.

In the overtime, Ross took possession of the tipoff, but Glover missed a shot at the hoop and then Shafer fouled Jude Theibert of the Blue Streaks. It was the fifth personal on Schafer, who was forced to leave with 2:35 of the three-minute overtime remaining. Theibert made his shot, and Sandusky was on top 48-47.

## Ross 3 Points Behind

Ross couldn't score, and with 1:15 left, McNutt was fouled while shooting and was given two shots. The substitute made the first. Before another shot could be tried, Coach Vic Malinovsky of Sandusky jumped up and told his team to waive the free throw and take the ball out of bounds. However, the ball had already been handed McNutt and Referee C. W. Jones ordered that the foul be attempted. Under the rules, if the player decides to shoot the ball and is handed it, the decision cannot be changed.

When McNutt's second shot severed the cords for a 50-47 lead, it appeared that the victory was again out of reach for Fremont.

Lewis, however, was fouled just before getting off a shot re-

top 43-41 with 3:55 to play. Lewis was fouled by Ted Schwanger, his fifth personal. Schwanger joined Howard Elgart on the bench, the latter fouling out with five minutes to play in the third quarter.

The score was tied 12 times in the game as the thrilling finish neared. Lavon Ward was almost a Sandusky hero, scoring from in front of the hoop with 1:17 left to put his team ahead, 47-45.

Lewis made three fourth-period goals that didn't count, each time being fouled by Harold Stradtman before getting off a shot. The Ross center scored his team's first eight points and was the game's chief point-maker with 22.

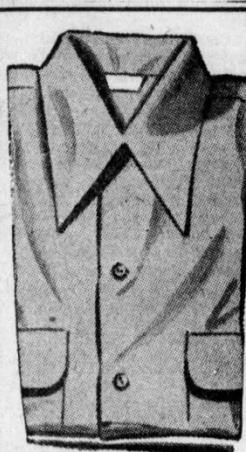
Saturday's championship tussle promises to be another scorcher, as Tiffin was impressive in routing Bellevue.

## Ohio Wesleyan To Pay Tribute To Jud Millhon

DELaware, O., March 2—*P*—Friday will be "Jud Millhon night" at Ohio Wesleyan University, in honor of the six-foot, five-inch center who holds every basketball scoring record in the university's books.

Millhon has averaged 25.5 points a game this season, enough to place him among the nation's top scorers. And he has meshed 1,601 points in 70 games in the last three years. Tonight's game with Wooster will be the last for Jud and three teammates, his twin brother, Bill; Dick Rowland, and Russ Ramsey.

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## SAVE!

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## Game Slated For 9 O'clock On Sandusky Jr. High Floor

Ross high's never-say-die basketeers, tired but willing after Thursday's hectic overtime victory, go after the sectional tournament championship tonight at Sandusky.

The Giants play Tiffin Columbian, a sharpshooting aggregation that was impressive in its easy triumph over Bellevue in the semi-finals. The game is scheduled for 8:30, following a preliminary that starts at 7:30.

Tickets will remain on sale at Tremper's news stand until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Tonight's winner goes to the district tournament at the Toledo University field house.

Ross defeated Tiffin twice during the season, but both were tough encounters. The Giants won at Tiffin 48-43 and on the home floor it was 55-48.

### Players Tired

Coach Al Ziemke gave his charges a workout yesterday and said that the boys appeared "worn out" after their stirring

**Ross Record**      **Tiffin Record**  
71. Willard 30      150. Bucyrus 35  
69. Postoria 57      37. Willard 29  
18. Findlay 56      67. Clinton 44  
74. Norwalk 63      68. Findlay 56  
70. Mans. Mad. 41 1/2      53. Ross 48  
51. Elyria 65      60. Sandusky 46  
37. Findlay 69      60. Postoria 36  
65. Marion 64      47. Clinton 36  
53. Sandusky 46      58. Findlay 46  
64. Pt. Clinton 52 1/2      51. Bellevue 40  
74. Postoria 50      48. Findlay 58  
60. Bellevue 52      48. Calvert 48  
60. Sandusky 52      48. Ross 55  
39. Findlay 65      48. Bowl. G. 47  
15. Tiffin 48      53. Postoria 54  
44. Marion 65      47. Marion 59  
66. Bowl. G. 48      49. Calvert 47  
55. Pt. Clin. 52      52. Bellevue 42  
51. Sandusky 50

\*Tourney games      \*Tourney games  
Won 15, Lost 4      Won 11, Lost 7

semi-final encounter with Sandusky. The Giants came from behind twice, Dick Houghtaling tying the score for a 47-47 deadlock in regulation time, and John Lewis sinking a shot for a 51-50 victory in a three-minute extra period.

The Ross mentor paid tribute to his team today, declaring that it was sheer fight that won over the Blue Streaks. "We took shots before Lewis finally scored in the last 15 seconds and our boys were really battling for the ball. I'm proud of them. They deserve a lot of credit, for the pressure was terrific but they didn't blow up."

Discussing his strategy in the closing seconds of Thursday's thriller, Ziemke said he was fully aware of the facts—the score and time, but figured that an advantage in size made it worth the gamble of waiving a free throw and taking the ball out of bounds although his team was trailing only one point.

Dick Houghtaling, who has made 74 per cent of his foul shots this season, had two shots with 20 seconds to play in an overtime period and Ross behind, 50-48. Houghtaling, cool and poised despite the tense situation, made the first, but Ross took the ball out of bounds instead of letting Houghtaling try again.

Ziemke's estimate of the situation proved accurate, for the Giants had five shots before

John Lewis finally made a rebound from 15 feet to one of the baskets with 15 seconds to play.

Ross has now won 15 and lost four, while Tiffin has an 11-7 record.

## Matthews Asks Chance At Title

NEW YORK, March 3.—**P**—Harry Matthews, boxing's latest sensation, sought a title shot with light heavyweight champion Joey Maxim today following his decisive victory over Irish Bob Murphy.

The 28-year old ex-G.I. from Seattle and Idaho showed 6,922 fans in Madison Square Garden and television viewers some of the finest boxing seen around here in many years last night. There hasn't been a better body puncher in these parts since Jake La Motta was sending them solid about five years ago.

No. 2 in the ring ratings, the sturdy built westerner knocked Murphy, ranked No. 3, right out of the race with a magnificently rounded attack that all but blew Irish Bobby out of the Garden. There were no knockdowns but Matthews won the unanimous ten round decision handily.

Whether the transplanted Idaho rocker gets his title shot depends on many factors. Maxim's manager, Wily Jack (Doc) Kearns, said he is weighing offers to fight middleweight champion Ray Robinson, heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles and British light heavyweight king Don Cockell as well as the Seattle boxer.

### TAKES SCHOOL POST

CINCINNATI, March 3.—**P**—Frank Roifes, manager of last year's University of Cincinnati baseball team, has been selected as new coach at Deer Park high school. His new post becomes effective March 5.

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**TUES., MAR. 6**

8:30 P. M.



**THRILLS**

# Giants Spurt In 4th Period, Beat Tiffin 57-54; Dick Houghtaling Scores 24 Points

Ross high's cool and determined basketeers, in their third straight pressure-packed game, became champions of the sectional tournament at Sandusky Saturday night by coming from behind in the last quarter to defeat Tiffin Columbian 57-54.

The Giants were ahead 55-54 with two minutes and five seconds to play when they started to stall out the remaining time. They waived three free throws, the first with 1:40 to go, then took a three point game clinching lead when John Lewis went in unguarded to score on a layup.

Amazing accuracy at the foul line is the prime reason why the Giants will participate in the one-game district eliminations at Toledo this Saturday. The Giants made 15 of 16 tries. Tiffin, outscored from the field 20 goals to 21, also showed a good percentage on its free throws. Coach Harry Auble's lads made 14 of 20.

**Dick (Mr. Swish) Houghtaling**, whose field goal in the last 12 seconds tied the score in the Sandusky game and enabled Ross to go into overtime, again rose to the occasion by scoring 24 points.

Coach Al Ziemke's aggregation treated the crowd to another thrilling finish, although it wasn't quite as dramatic as Thursday's overtime victory over Sandusky. The lead changed hands eight times and the score was tied on six occasions.

## Ross Trails, 42-36

Columbian got off to a slow start but picked up 17 points in the third quarter while holding Ross to six for a 42-36 lead heading into the last period.

Tiffin led 45-41 with 6:18 remaining to play, but Houghtaling scored twice, once a long shot and again on a tip-in, to tie the score. Then Glayden (Little Poison) Shafer hit a side shot and the locals were in command. Jim Homan tied it up for Tiffin, however, with a shot from 10 feet out.

Charlie Glover, whose performance as a substitute helped the Giants over rough spots in each tourney game, sank a sizzling shot from the side with 4:15 to go and the Giants took a lead they never gave up, although Tiffin stayed too close for comfort.

Bob Harger's free throw made the score 49-48, but Lewis retaliated with a pair of free throws to make it 51-48 with 3:38 left. Harger and Houghtaling traded buckets, then Chad Vogt put Tiffin only a point back with a pair of fouls for a 53-52 count with 2:55 to play.

## Ross Starts "Freeze"

Bob Boucher, scoreless up to that time, scored from the pivot

and the Giants kept the lead, 55-52. Columbian swept down the floor and after Vogt missed a shot, Groman tipped the ball in and it was 55-54 with 2:15 left. Glover tried a shot from the side a few seconds later, missed, but Ross controlled the rebound and started their "freezing" act. Tiffin never came close to wresting control. Three personals were committed by Columbian, two in favor of Houghtaling and once on Lewis. Houghtaling was fouled with 1:40 left the first time, 0:57 the next, and Lewis turned down a shot with 0:53 remaining.

As the finish neared and with the crowd of about 1,000 persons shouting and screaming, the Columbian defense moved out toward mid-court. Lewis spotted the clear territory, took a pass from Houghtaling, bounced the ball once and scored.

Ross jumped into an early 6-1 lead and goals by Lewis and Houghtaling and two fouls by Houghtaling but Tiffin roared from an 8-2 deficit to take a 12-10 lead. Harger's shot from the side gave Tiffin the lead at the end of the quarter, 14-13, the ball being in the air when the buzzer sounded. Referee C. W. Jones first signalled that the shot was too late, but after conferring with the timer, ruled the opposite.

In the second period, the score was tied at 16-16 and 18-18, before Homan scored with 5:40 left for a 20-18 Tiffin lead. Lewis promptly tied it up on a rebound, then DeVon Simon and Harger scored to put Columbian on top by four points, 24-20.

## Giants Ahead At Half

The Giants ended the period with a flurry of baskets, Houghtaling, Glover, Lewis and Ken Wolf sinking goals for a 30-25 halftime margin.

The third quarter was harrowing for Ross. The team attempted 21 field goals but made only two, while Tiffin went over the .500 mark with seven for 13. But

## Sectional Champs!

	G.	F.	P.	T.
ROSS (57)				
Boucher, f .....	1	0-0	4	2
Houghtaling, f .....	9	6-7	2	24
Lewis, c .....	5	6-6	1	16
Farver, g .....	0	0-0	3	0
Schafer, g .....	2	1-1	5	5
Glover, f .....	3	1-1	2	7
Wolf, f .....	1	1-1	0	3
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>57</b>
	G.	F.	P.	T.
C. Vogt, f .....	5	3-5	1	13
Harger, f .....	5	5-6	5	16
Groman, c .....	5	3-5	3	13
Simon, g .....	3	1-2	1	7
Homan, g .....	2	2-2	1	6
Brinkman, f .....	0	0-0	0	0
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14-20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>54</b>

Score by quarters:  
 Ross ..... 13 30 36 57  
 Tiffin ..... 14 25 42 54  
 Officials: D. K. Wallace and C. W. Jones.

the Giants never gave up trying and stormed back in the last period to make nine of their 18 shots from the field.

Tiffin had a better average on field goal attempts during the game, making 20 for 61, an average of 32.7 per cent. Ross, however, had more opportunities. The Giants shot 79 times and made 21, a 26.4 mark.

One player on each side fouled out late in the game, Groman getting his fifth personal when he fouled Houghtaling with 1:40 left, and Schafer drawing No. 5 with 13 seconds to play.

The Giants have played better games than they did in Saturday's finals, but they continued to show nerves of steel in critical moments and that was the difference in the teams.

Houghtaling carried the scoring burden with 24 points, while Lewis, although the prime target of the Tiffin defense, made 16.

Tournament director Carl Mackey presented the championship trophy to Houghtaling and Schafer, the Ross co-captains, in a brief ceremony from the stage of the Sandusky junior high auditorium.

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