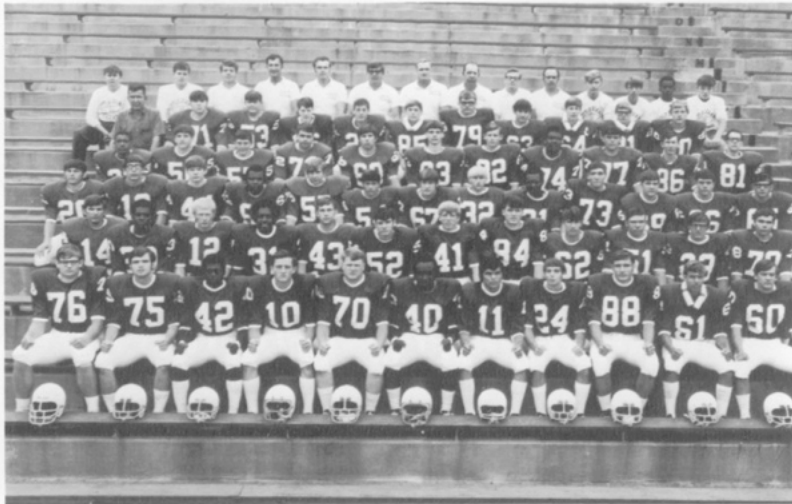


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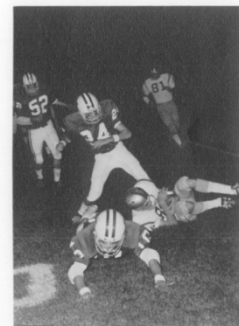
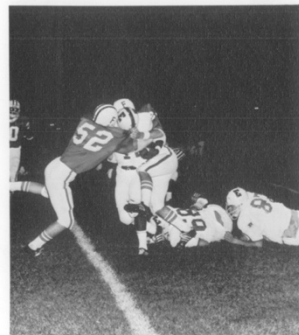
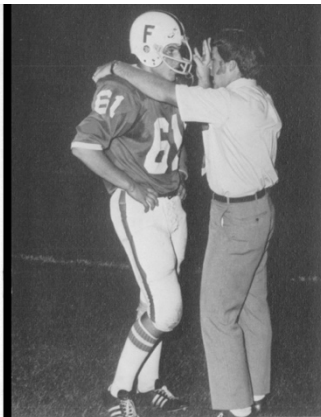
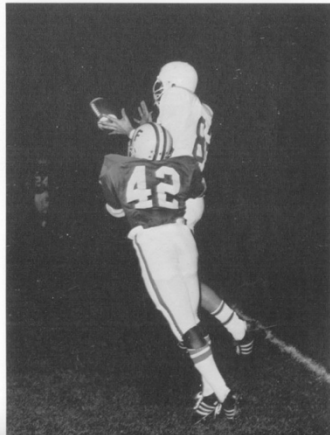
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Wolpack, Roothogs Outstanding Combination

The 1971 football team fought their way to a 9-1 record with teamwork as their key to success. Captains Mike Feasel, Ted Kreilick, Tom Liggins, and Ben Lopez led the team and were backed by 13 returning lettermen. The Little Giants rose to fourth place in the Associated Press State Ratings before being conquered by Elyria, and then ended the season in seventh place. Ross finished the year with a shut-out against their arch-rivals, the Sandusky Blue Streaks.



ABOVE: A Findlay receiver is downed by Seniors John Werling (24) and Mike Feasel (10). ABOVE LEFT: Coach Hammon confers with Senior Mike Sherman before sending him in. ABOVE FAR LEFT: Junior Rob Lytle heads down the field as Senior Ben Lopez precedes him. FAR LEFT: The Little Giants scramble for the ball. LEFT: An Elyria player cannot escape the clutches of two Ross tacklers.



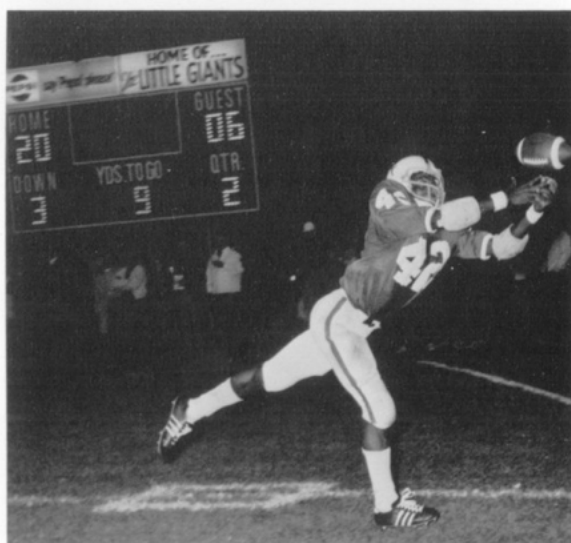
Sale Conference Tackle, End

Liggins, Lytle, Lindsey Gain Yard, Net Honors

The United Press International selected Ted Kreilick for their All-Ohio first team, giving Tom Liggins and Andy Sale second team positions. Chuck Lindsey, Chuck Celek, and Rob Lytle received honorable mention.

Tom Liggins had a total high school career yardage of 2,579 yards, making him third in career yardage in Ross' history. Rob Lytle ran 1,210 yards in the 1971 season, putting him in fourth place in season yardage. The fighting Little Giants, boosted by the loyal support of the student body, provided a memorable year in Ross football.

Mrs. Mary Gloer advised the Cheerleaders. The girls attended a clinic in Toledo and received second place for their excellence. They also attended a camp in Michigan especially for cheerleading and improving cheerleading skills.



For Little Giants

Offense, Defense Have Good Outing

"We need work on fundamentals and execution."

That was the observation of Fremont Ross football coach Chuck Shuff after his club scrimmaged with Defiance Saturday.

"Overall, it was a pretty good workout," Shuff said. "Our first and second team offenses scored eight times. Defiance, however, wasn't as strong as it has been in the past.

"They lost a lot of fellows from last year's club. And, they were trying to adjust to a new defense and were having problems with the assignments.

"Our defense did a pretty good job considering that it was our first test against outside competition. The fellows did fairly well when we were using our straight stuff but when we did some stunting Defiance broke off a couple of long runs.

"The offense and defense were about even. We should have a better idea where we stand Wednesday after we scrimmage Toledo Whitmer. They'll probably be fired up because we beat them last summer, 6-1, in touchdowns."

Offensively, the Little Giants did a lot of experimenting against Defiance. The starting quarterback was Ben Lopez. He was joined in the backfield by Tom Liggins, Rob Lytle and Don Moore. Liggins was at fullback, Lytle played tailback and Moore was the swing back. Tom Pitts relieved Liggins at fullback and Chuck Lindsey, who started at split end, replaced Lytle.

The shifty Lytle was the leading ground gainer with 165 yards in 13 carries. Pitts picked up 139 yard in six carries including a 70-yard touchdown jaunt.

Liggins chalked up 72 yards in 10 thrusts into the line while Lindsey cruised for 119 yards in five carries.

In the passing department, Lopez and Mike

Feasel put the ball in the air 19 times and had 10 completions. Two of the pitches were intercepted.

"Assignment wise we didn't make too many mistakes on offense," Shuff said. "The backs were hitting the holes and gave a good second effort once they were hit."

In the offensive line, the coaching staff started three non-lettermen. Scott Merritt was over the ball. The right guard post was handled by Scott Berlekamp and Denny Reese was at the left guard. Andy Sale, a two-year letter winner, was at right tackle. The other tackle spot was manned by Ted Kreilick. Chuck Celek started at tight end.

Across the front line on defense the staff employed Kreilick at middle guard, Larry Johns (right tackle) and Chuck Celek (left tackle), Sale (right end) and Bob Brudzinski (left end).

The linebackers were Mike Biehler and Don Moore. Moore was filling in for Mike Sherman, a letterman, who's injured. Pitts played the monster and received back-up help from Lytle.

The halfback posts were alternated between Feasel, Dale Shoemaker and John Werling. Lindsey started at safety.

The Whitmer scrimmage will get underway at 1:30 p.m. The Little Giants will conclude their scrimmage schedule Saturday in a home date with Warren Harding.

The annual 'Family Covered Dish Dinner' for the family of each player and member of the coaching staff will be held Wednesday starting at 6:30 p.m. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish, a dessert and table service. Orange drink and coffee will be furnished.

The dinner will be followed by a short program.

Giants' Offense Potent

Fremont Ross continued to show improvement in its scrimmage with Toledo Whitmer on the Ross practice field yesterday afternoon.

The first and second offensive units for the Little Giants held an 8-1 scoring advantage over Whitmer in the controlled scrimmage.

Chuck Lindsey, Rob Lytle and Tom Pitts scored two touchdowns apiece for the Little Giants. Lindsey scampered to pay dirt on a pair of 69 yard runs. Both of Lytle's TDs came on runs of 74 yards. Pitts scored on a pair of pass interceptions.

Tom Liggins added a touchdown on a three-yard plunge. John Werling scored on a 26-yard pass from Ben Lopez.

"On our first series we didn't do much at all with the ball — we looked awful tight," Ross head coach Chuck Shuff said. "Then the defense went in and stopped Whitmer cold. That seemed to perk our kids up."

"I was pleased with both the offense and defense. Our passing game looked sharp. Ben Lopez and Mike Feasel completed seven of 15 passes."

"Whitmer broke two or three runs up the middle for 15 yards but really didn't hurt us that much. We were much more aggressive than we were last Saturday against Defiance."

Facing Warren

The Little Giants went back to two-a-day drills this morning. They will be preparing for Saturday's test with Warren Harding on the practice field behind the high school.

"Harding should give us a real good test," Shuff said. "They play a real good brand of football."

Harding will arrive in town Friday and hold a short workout with the Little Giants that afternoon. The Harding players will stay over night at the homes of Ross players. Harding's coaching staff will spend the night with the Little Giant coaches. The two teams will begin the scrimmage Saturday at approximately 9 a.m.

Lytle and Lindsey combined for 378 yards rushing against Whitmer. Lytle picked up 196 yards in 10 carries and Lindsey had 182 in seven attempts.

Liggins carried 13 times for 87 yards. Pitts had six carries for 39 yards and Don Moore gained 15 yards in two attempts.

'Best Backfield I've Coached'

"It's the best backfield I've ever coached."

That definitive statement was made by Fremont Ross head football coach Chuck Shuff as the Little Giants prepared for tomorrow night's home opener at Harmon Stadium with Toledo Rogers.

There are many reasons why Shuff considers this backfield the best. Tom Liggins is a good enough reason by himself. But the potency doesn't stop with Liggins. There are also fellows like Rob Lytle, Ben Lopez, Mike Feasel, Dale Shoemaker, Tom Pitts, Don Moore and Chuck Lindsey.

At every position, the Little Giants are deep. If the injury bug strikes during the rugged campaign there will be someone ready in the wings to take over.

"We have more depth in the backfield than we hoped for," Shuff said. "Every one of those fellows is capable of starting."

Liggins is the best known of the group. He has started for the Little Giants the last two years and been a first team Buckeye Conference selection both times.

"Tom has been switched to fullback this season," Shuff said. "We (the coaching staff) felt that he was the type of power runner we needed back there."

"He has the strength that we are looking for. He also is quick and has the ability to cut off a block."

"With Rob Lytle's speed we think it's going to give us a varied attack. In the first couple of games I doubt the fans will see Liggins make the long runs that he has done in the past."

"But as Lytle starts to impress people it will open things up for Tom. I'm sure that the first few teams we play will concentrate on Liggins."

"Liggins and Lytle make a real nice one - two punch for us. I'm sure that as the season progresses the other teams are going to find out that they can't key on one without being hurt by the other."

"To stop our offense the opponent will need to stop both of those fellows."

Liggins and Lytle (tailback) will definitely draw a starting call tomorrow night. The starting quarterback was still undetermined following last Saturday's scrimmage with Warren Harding.

"I just can't tell you right now who's going to start back there," Shuff said. "Both Lopez and Feasel have looked awful good."

"I don't think there will be another team in the Buckeye this season that will have as fine a pair of quarterbacks as we have. Some of the teams will have an individual better than Ben or Mike but they won't have two individuals better."

"This is something that any coach would like to have. I'm not afraid to put either of them into a game situation. They both run the club well. If one is having problems on a particular night I won't be afraid to use the other."

There is one other starting spot still undecided in the backfield —



ROSS CAPTAINS—Leaders on the field for Fremont Ross will be Ted Kreilick, Ben Lopez, Mike Feasel and Tom Liggins. They were elected to the captain positions by the teammates last spring. Liggins and Kreilick were Buckeye

Conference choices last season at halfback and tackle, respectively. Liggins made the first team and Kreilick the second. Lopez engineers from Ross offense from the quarterback slot and Feasel roams the defensive backfield.

swing back. The starter there will be either Dale Shoemaker, a senior, or junior Don Moore.

"Both of them do a good job of blocking and running with the ball," Shuff said. Both of them are also good receivers."

Junior Tom Pitts will serve as the back-up for the talented Liggins. Lytle's replacement will be the speedy Lindsey. Lindsey won't be missing from the starting lineup, however. He's scheduled to get the call at split end, which will give the Little Giants tremendous speed at that spot.

"We moved him from tailback because we didn't want to have a letterman backing up a letterman," Shuff said. "Lindsey is too valuable to be sitting on the bench. At split end we feel he can open up our defense. Playing there also allows him to be a defensive starter. If he was playing any other position I doubt that we could use him both ways."

John Werling, a senior defensive starter, and Bob Brudzinski, another defensive starter, will sub at split end.

Brudzinski is also slated to see plenty of action at tight end although the starter against Rogers will be senior Chuck Celek.

"Celek and Brudzinski will split the playing time on offense," Shuff said. "Both of them have to play defense for us."

Two more lettermen — Andy Sale and Ted Kreilick — will get the call at tackle. They played offense last year but it was behind a pair of second team all-conference players — Chuck Miller and Tom Nighswander.

"They (Sale and Kreilick) played about a third of the time

on offense last season," Shuff said, "so they got some pretty good experience. We are going to be asking an awful lot from those two fellows this season. They will also be playing defense."

Replacements for Sale and Kreilick will be junior Bob Koebel and senior Larry Johns.

"Johns also has to play defense," Shuff said "If we have an injury those kids are going to have a lot of playing time. During the first three or four games that could get awful rough on those kids. It gets mighty hot down on that field."

From guard to guard the Little Giants are inexperienced. Among the starters there isn't a letterman in the group. Junior Denny Reese will be on the left and senior Scott Berlekamp will be at the right. Senior Scott Merritt will be over the ball.

"Guard is the most inexperienced position we have on the whole football team," Shuff reported. "Neither of the two starters or their back-ups played varsity ball last season."

The subs will be Terry Hinkle, a transfer from Clyde, and Dave Mierke. They can play on either side. If a serious problem develops Mike Sherman and Mike Biehler, the starting linebacksers, can also be employed.

The coaching staff has switched Merritt from tackle.

"We decided to move him last winter during a staff meeting," Shuff said. "We talked with Scott about the idea and he accepted it."

"Biehler and Sherman both know how to play the position but we would like to give them a rest. If Merritt works out it gives us a little more depth."



TOM LIGGINS
First Team Buckeye

Defensive Posts Held By Veterans

Objective: Give the ball to the offense in good field position.

That will be the goal of the Fremont Ross defense when it challenges the Toledo Rogers offense tomorrow at Harmon Stadium.

"We feel that the defense has to get us the ball in good field position," Little Giant head coach Chuck Shuff said Monday. "If the offense gets the ball in good position we're sure that it's going to put some points on the scoreboard."

The defense will be dominated by veterans at every position. And, at most spots there are capable back-up players who would step in if there is an injury to one of the front liners.

"We can't afford very many injuries though," Shuff cautioned. "If too many of those kids get hurt we're going to have problems."

The coaching staff isn't expecting a shut-out in every game.

"We know that we're going to be scored on," Shuff said. "But we want the opponent to work for the touchdown. If we make the other team work for what they score we'll be getting our share of breaks."

One of the main concerns of the coaches is at end where the only players with experience are the two starters — Bob Brudzinski and Andy Sale.

"We've moved Chuck Celek to tackle and that has created a hole there," Shuff said. "We could move Don Moore, a linebacker, to end if it becomes necessary. Right now we're hoping that either Scott Berlekamp, Dave Mierke or Kurt Landig could step in and do the job. All three lack experience at the position, however."

Julius Simms, a junior, was being given a strong shot at one of the back-up slots. He was injured in a home accident at the beginning of practice, however, and will be lost for most of the season.

Ross Star Honored

Tom Liggins, the deceptive hard-running fullback from Fremont Ross high school, was recently selected as an All-American honorable mention offensive back in Letterman magazine's annual football preview. He was selected as one of the best from among nearly 1,000,000 ball players in 16,000 U.S. high schools.

Only one Ohio high school pigskinner was selected to Letterman's first 25, which was Steve Niehaus, a 6-5, 250-pound tackle from Cincinnati Moeller high school.

Receiving special mention were Art Best (Columbus Bishop Hartley); James Caldwell (Dayton Roth); and Steve Studer (Massillon).

Celek and Larry Johns are the tentative starters at tackle. Johns (6-4, 250) is the biggest player on the roster.

"Tackle isn't entirely new to Celek," Shuff said. "He played there in the last game of the season last year against Admiral King and did a good job with only a week of practice."

"The depth at tackle is our big concern. Bob Koebel (6-0, 200) is the only other player with any experience."

The coaching staff hopes that sophomores Bob Harris (6-2, 225) and Mark Cooley (6-0, 220) will provide some added strength later in the season.

The starting middle guard will be Ted Kreilick (5-11, 210), who earned second unit honors on the Buckeye Conference team last fall.

He should receive help from Jerry Johns (5-11, 175) and Denhy Reese (6-1, 170) as the season progresses.

"Johns came out late," Shuff said. "Last Saturday against Warren Harding was the first time he could even wear pads and engage in contact. He's quick but lacks a lot of fundamental work. If he could pick things up quickly it would be a big help. We could put Kreilick at tackle in some situations to help out over there."

There are a number of candidates — all veterans — for the defensive backfield positions.

The leading candidates at the 'monster' are Tom Pitts and Rob Lytle. Pitts was a safety last season.

"Both boys hit real well and will see a lot of playing time," Shuff said. "Pitts will probably

be the starter because Lytle has to be in there on offense."

Chuck Lindsey and Dale Shoemaker will share the half-back positions while Mike Feasel will be the safety. The cornerback will be either John Werling or Steve Homan, a 5-10, 160-pound junior.

Assistant coach Jim Hamman will probably alternate each member of the defensive backfield.

"Those kids know each position and we don't seem to have too many problems when we switch them around," Hamman said. "Right now the only problem we've had is that they're too anxious to hit people. They have been hitting the wrong person at times. But, that's an aggressive mistake, the type a coach doesn't mind correcting."

Shuff has been impressed with the work of the secondary.

"In three scrimmages they have eight interceptions and several of them have been run back for touchdowns," Shuff said. "It's the strongest group of tacklers we've had in the backfield since I've been at Ross."

Two Mikes — Sherman and Biehler — are the tentative starters at linebacker. Both are lettermen who saw considerable playing time last fall. Tom Liggins and Moore can also back up the line.

"Sherman started four games last season and did a good job," Shuff said. "Biehler and Moore have the size that we like to see in a linebacker. Liggins has played the position before but we would rather not use him there unless it becomes absolutely necessary."



BOB BRUDZINSKI
Little Giant Punter

Ross Backfield



IT'S THE SAME RUNNER — Last fall Fremont Ross fans got used to watching Tom Liggins take the ball and find a hole to gain yardage for the Little Giants. Liggins (40) is expected to do the bulk of the ball-carrying again this season starting tomorrow when Ross opens its season at Harmon Stadium against Toledo Rogers. Handing the ball off to Liggins in the above series is senior co-captain Mike Feasel (10). The other running backs are Rob Lytle (41) and Dale Shoemaker (23). Feasel probably won't start at quarterback tomorrow. Ben Lopez, who started all 10 games for the Little Giants last fall, is expected to engineer the offense. Feasel starts at safety for the Little Giants. Shoemaker was battling Don Moore for the starting swing back position.

★ Ross Roster ★

ENDS

No.		Grade	Hgt.	Wgt.
88	Chuck Celek	12	6-4	210
84	Bob Brudzinski	11	6-4	205
81	Paul Fahrbach	10	6-2	140
82	Steve Celek	10	6-1	160
83	Sam Ruggiero	10	6-2	170
86	Jeff Chamberlain	10	6-1	165

TACKLES

70	Ted Kreilick	12	5-11	210
75	Andy Sale	12	6-1	200
76	Larry Johns	12	6-2	250
78	Bob Weiler	12	5-10	185
69	Bob Koebel	11	6-2	200
68	Kurt Sandig	10	5-11	175
71	Jim Briney	10	5-10	180
72	Steve Hampshire	10	5-10	220
74	Robert Harris	10	6-2	225
77	Mark Cooley	10	6-0	230

GUARDS

60	Scott Berlekamp	12	5-11	180
61	Mike Sherman	12	6-0	170
54	Dennis Weickert	11	5-7	150
62	Dennis Reese	11	6-1	170
63	Chuck Long	11	5-9	175
65	Terry Hinkle	11	5-7	150
66	Dave Mierke	11	5-10	165
69	Rick Koebel	11	5-10	170
50	Steve Zilles	10	5-8	180
53	Dave Frymire	10	5-8	168
63	Don Wensinger	10	5-8	135
64	Keith Butdorf	10	5-10	160
66	Don Gressman	10	5-10	160
67	Jerry Obermyer	10	5-11	170
79	Mike Prosser	10	5-10	195
80	Eric Theller	10	5-10	180

CENTERS

51	Scott Merritt	12	5-10	215
52	Mike Biehler	11	6-1	195
55	Jeff Tschumy	11	5-10	175
57	Scott McCord	10	5-8	175

QUARTERBACKS

10	Mike Feasel	12	6-2	185
11	Ben Lopez	12	5-11	165
12	Jon Smith	11	5-10	150
13	Brad Borden	10	6-0	140
14	Jeff Mazzocco	12	5-8	150

HALFBACKS

23	Dale Shoemaker	12	5-10	170
24	John Werling	12	5-10	155
42	Chuck Lindsey	12	5-9	160
31	Don Moore	11	6-1	180
33	John Wright	11	5-7	140
41	Rob Lytle	11	6-0	190
43	Steve Holman	11	5-10	160
44	Mark Allen	11	5-8	145
20	Mike Matthes	10	5-7	140
21	Mike Andrews	10	5-7	130
31	Jim Heidelberg	10	5-9	145
32	Tim Smith	10	5-10	150
85	Dan Michaels	10	5-4	130

FULLBACKS

40	Tom Liggins	12	5-10	190
30	Tom Pitts	11	6-1	180
22	Mike Coleman	10	5-9	145

Little Giants Humiliate Rogers, 52-6

Liggins Gains 160 Yards

By ROY WILHELM

Ross high's Little Giants, unleashing a talented offense and an aggressive defense, crushed Toledo Rogers, 52-6, as the curtain rose on the 1971 scholastic football season at Harmon Stadium Friday.

The Little Giants, displaying a brutal attack, unfamiliar to Ross fans in recent years, spotted the visiting Rams an early second period touchdown and then tore up and down the field ringing up points on the scoreboard. Meanwhile the defense stifled the Rams, never allowing the visitors beyond the 40-yard line except during their TD drive.

That second period touchdown by the Rams seemed to be the catalyst needed to ignite the sluggish Giants. It was junior running back Rich Garmon who scrambled into the end zone from one yard out on fourth down to put Rogers temporarily in front, 6-0, with three minutes gone in the second quarter. But, after that touchdown, what started out as a tough battle rapidly turned into a rout.

The Little Giants quickly came to life on offense to pound their way in for the tying touchdown and go-ahead extra points and then took advantage of two opportunities to ring up two more touchdowns before the intermission.

In what head Coach Charles Shuff acknowledged was the best performance by one of his Little Giant grid teams, the Ross footballers piled up more than five times as many yards as the opposition and displayed a deep wealth of running backs while doing it.

After a slow first period in which the Giants failed to make a first down and gained only three yards net, Ross blasted its way through and over the Toledoans for 440 yards, including 348 on the ground.

It was defending Buckeye Conference scoring champion

Tom Liggins who led the way even though he was somewhat hampered by a sore ankle.

The power driving Liggins, an All-Buckeye selection for the past two years, blew through the Rogers line for four touchdowns and 160 yards in just 16 carries.

But the Ross high cannonball, who did all of this in spite of the fact that he played considerably less than three quarters of the game, had plenty of help.

A pair of real speedsters — two year letterman Chuck Lindsey and junior Rob Lytle — demonstrated one of the big reasons why the Ross offense can be so potent this year. "We've got more speed in the backfield," an elated Shuff pointed out after the game. And, Lindsey and Lytle had already proven his point. Lytle zipped past defenders for 73 yards in nine tries, while Lindsey rocketed by the Rams for 65 yards in just five tries. Lytle had one touchdown and three two-point conversions, while Lindsey scored a pair of touchdowns. Lindsey, who possibly had his most impressive day since he and Liggins teamed as a couple of sophomore dynamos to lead the Little Giants to a one point upset victory over a strong Sandusky squad in 1969, also hauled in two passes for 32 yards.

Tom Pitts, who replaced Liggins at fullback in the third period, kept the offense in high gear. The scrappy junior, who is another man Shuff points to when he mentions the added speed in the backfield, chaulked up 45 yards in nine carries.

It was the powerful Liggins combined with some superb

blocking in the front line that really got the Giants moving and it was a pair of alert defensive plays — one by Don Moore and another by Bob Brudzinski — that helped end the contest early.

Following the Rogers' touchdown, the Giants took just seven plays to get on the scoreboard themselves. Liggins, who carried the ball six times in the drive, launched the push with a four yard run from the 34 yard line. After Lytle added five yards, Liggins blew through a gaping hole in the interior of the Rogers' defense for 19 yards and the Giants' initial first down. Undaunted by an illegal procedure penalty, the Giants sent Liggins through the same hole again — this time for 16 yards.

"They were running a slanting defense and we were beating their slanting tackle to the spot on those plays," Shuff said, pointing out that the Giants ran similar plays back-to-back on a number of occasions in the game with considerable success against the slant. The Ross mentor was quick to praise the work of his line in connection with those big gainers, "we had real good blocking in there too."

Liggins then dashed 30 yards to the seven and two plays later he scored from three yards away. With Liggins heading inside again — but this time without the ball — the speedy Lytle dashed around end for the extra points after a good fake and pitch by quarterback Ben Lopez who turned in a solid performance.

Just five plays after Ross went ahead, Moore stepped in

front of a Kit Cartwright pass and returned the interception to the Ross 46 yard line. The Giants drove 54 yards in five plays with Lytle gaining 27 in two carries. Lopez connecting with Dale Shoemaker for 23 yards and Liggins covering the final seven yards in two attempts. Lytle floated in for the extra points.

The kick-off, a two yard loss and a pass interference call against Ross were all that preceded the next Giant success. Bob Brudzinski fell on a Toledo fumble on the opponents 38-yard line and four plays later Liggins scored from the four. Big plays in the short drive were a pass from Lopez to Lindsey for 20 yards and an 11-yard-run by Lytle. The score came with just 34 seconds left in the half.

Any thought that the Rams might come back in the second half disappeared almost immediately. After Moore returned the kickoff 13 yards to the 35, Liggins covered 65 yards in three plays. He gained 18 on the first play from scrimmage, eight on the second and then went all the way to the end zone from 39 yards out on the next. Less than one minute and a half were gone in the third quarter and Liggins rumbled into the end zone.

From there on substitutions grew more frequent, but Ross continued to roll, getting a touchdown from Lytle in the third quarter and two from Lindsey in the final period.

Shuff was elated at the opportunity to play many of his substitutes. "Some of the kids who are going to have to help us depth-wise had a good chance to play." The Ross mentor was substituting as early as the second quarter when his team had good field position and used four quarterbacks in the game.

The victory was the first opening day win for the Little Giants since they beat Rogers 14-7 in 1967.



CLEAR THE WAY—Fremont Ross' offensive line did an outstanding job in last Friday's 52-6 pasting of Toledo Rogers. The Little Giant linemen will need to do more of the same tomorrow at Harmon Stadium against Cleveland Lincoln West. Members of the front seven include tight

end Chuck Celek (88), tackle Andy Sale (75), guard Scott Berlekamp (60), center Scott Merritt (51), guard Denny Reese (62), tackle Ted Kreilick (70) and split end Chuck Lindsey (42). (News-Messenger Photo By Larry Sollazzo)

Little Giants Bid For Second Win

Fremont Ross head football coach Chuck Shuff uses one word to describe Cleveland Lincoln West, the opponent for the Little Giants at Harmon stadium Friday, "big."

West will probably field the largest team the Little Giants will meet this season. West's offensive line averages 202 pounds per man and the average weight for the defensive unit is a whopping 212.

"They will have to be the biggest team we meet," Shuff said Wednesday. "I hope we don't face anyone else that's bigger."

Both teams enter the meeting with 1-0 records. Ross trampled Toledo Rogers, 52-6, last Friday and West nipped Parma Normandy, 7-6, Saturday. Ross' point output was its biggest since 1967 when the Little Giants blanked Youngstown Woodrow Wilson, 33-0.

"West beat a team that usually comes up with a fair football team," Shuff said. "West has a good quarterback (Joe Pagan). He runs the sweep well and also is a good passer. This is the third year he has started against us."

"Their fullback (Steve Caleris) is a good runner. He also plays linebacker on defense and does a good job there. Their halfbacks aren't speedy but they're big. West has the potential to score from any part of the field.

"They use a 6-2 defense and that is designed to stop the run. We will probably have to do more passing than last week to loosen them up."

Shuff feels that his offense will need to display a ball control game for the Little Giants to be successful.

"We will need to keep the ball away from them," Shuff said. "They (West) have the potential to score two or three in a hurry if our defense becomes lax."

The Little Giant pilot knows his club needs another strong showing from its offensive line.

"Those kids did a tremendous job last week," Shuff said. "We were real pleased with the work in the interior line. They blew off well. The first line defense also looked good when we had it in there."

Ross expects to use the same starting lineup that went against Rogers. The offensive backfield will be composed of Ben Lopez (quarterback), Tom Liggins (fullback), Rob Lytle (tailback) and Dale Shoemaker (swingback).

Chuck Celek and Bob Brudzinski will split the playing time at tight end. Andy Sale and Ted Kreilick man the tackle slots. The guards are Scott Berlekamp and Denny Reese while Scott Merritt is over the ball. Chuck Lindsey runs from split end.

The defensive ends are Sale and Brudzinski. Larry Johns and Celek get the call at tackle and Kreilick plays middle guard. The linebacking posts are manned by Mike Sherman and Mike Biehler with Tom Pitts playing the monster. The halfbacks are usually Lindsey and Shoemaker and Mike Feasel, the back-up at quarterback, plays safety. John Werling and Steve Homan can also be used in the defensive backfield.

Pagan and Caleris are joined in the West backfield by Jim Toll and Ron Klypchak. The West ends are Frank Dillingham and Mike Drawly. Jerry Damron and 265-pound Mike Herman play tackle with Dave Jones and Tom Giangrande at guard. Ed Blevins snaps the ball.

The ends on defense are Robert Zacharyasz and Ralph Costanzo. Herman and Joe Bucha play the tackles. The guards are co-captain Eradin Maldonado and Damron.

Herman is the biggest member of the defensive unit, but three other members of the front six also check in at better than 200 pounds. Bucha weighs 230 and Zacharyasz and Damron are both 205.

Caleris is joined at linebacker by Isreal Santiago. The defensive backfield includes Hugh Miller, Ricky Woods and Henry Jarvis.

game at Harmon Stadium. Tom Liggins (40) has already thrown a critical block for the Little Giant field general. (News-Messenger Photo By Roy Wilhelm)

By MARK CARLSON
Two-Messenger Sports Editor

Gibsonburg—Gary Jensen took matters into his own hands.

Gibsonburg's senior quarterback, who was starting his second varsity game at left position, gambled late in the second quarter last night. His gamble was successful and it was the Golden Bears and their blue and white coach a victory they'll never forget for a long time.

The Golden Bears and Fremont St. Joe were locked in a tussling defensive battle when Jensen stopped the line of scrimmage for a third and one situation with slightly more than 10 left in the first half.

Jensen noticed that the St. Joe line was tight. After taking snap, he moved one step backwards and then charged straight ahead. He didn't stop until he had covered 57 yards to touchdown. Gilbert Sanchez took the extra point and that was the difference as the Golden Bears shocked the Crimson Oaks 7-0.

That play wasn't called," announced Gibsonburg head coach Ed Tresselt reported. "Gary took up to the line and saw that St. Joe was ready to blitz. He did that run without telling body what he was going to do—pure guts to suicide."

Dejected St. Joe head coach Smith was still wondering how the game what happened on play.

We had four players—the reds and tackles—pinching in the linebackers blitzing," Smith said. "Our people just ain't do the job. That play

By ROY WILHELM

"Happy Birthday Wolfpack, with our best wishes, signed the Root Hogs."

That very well could have been the card for the birthday present Ross high's Root Hogs — the offense — gave to the Wolfpack — the defense — Friday night — as the Little Giants put on their second show of power in the young season, crushing Cleveland Lincoln-West, 35-0, to boost their record to 2-0.

Members of the Wolfpack eagerly accepted the gift from the Root Hogs and then treated themselves to another as they celebrated their birthday with gusto.

It was a pair of early-evening lightning bolts that allowed the Wolfpack to really enjoy the celebration. A 63-yard sprint by junior Rob Lytle and a Ben Lopez to Chuck Lindsey pass that covered 65 yards were the early fireworks in the festivities.

The speedy Lytle, who led all ground gainers with 116 yards for the game, just out ran the defenders after he cleared the line of scrimmage at the Little Giants' 37 yard stripe. Lytle dashed into the end zone on a second offensive play of the game for the Little Giants and it's a tribute to the talent of the Ross squad that it was a crushing block by the man who is normally number one in rushing that broke Lytle loose. Tom Liggins, senior fullback, who scored a pair of

"That Lytle is quicker than we thought he was," Sowsinski said after the game. "They (Ross) surprised us with that play. We were up last week and didn't see them run that option to the split end's side. We weren't ready for it."

The speedy Lindsey was on the receiving end and Lopez was on the throwing end of a picture-perfect pass play that left the defenders no chance of overhauling the Ross split end.

With the 16 point first quarter bulge, the Little Giants were not to be denied their second success of the young year.

The tenacious Ross defenders prevented the invaders from getting too near the goal line although they threatened twice in the game. Cleveland reached the Ross 12 yard line in the second quarter but, that lone threatening gesture of the first half died when defensive end Andy Sale tripped up West quarterback Joe Pagan for a five yard loss and forced the visitors to attempt a field goal which was blocked. With time running out in the ball game, West moved to the 15, but Mike Biehler intercepted a pass.

The raucous Ross defenders held the visitors to a net total of 106 yards in the game. Cleveland managed ten first downs, but six of those were the result of

The Wolfpack took the bite out of Pagan, a highly touted quarterback. Under severe pressure most of the night, Pagan connected on just two of ten passing attempts for ten yards and gained just 1 yard in nine rushes.

And while the defense was jamming the West machine, the offense was piling up the yardage once again. The Little Giants combined 221 rushing yards with 122 passing yards for a total of 343 for the game. This total came in spite of the tough going in the interior of the line against a huge West defensive unit.

After the two long scores, Ross moved the ball steadily for three more touchdowns.

Liggins' first TD of the night was a four yard run that climaxed an 11 play, 63 yard drive. A 12 yard run by Lytle, a 15 yard pass from Lopez to Lytle and an eight yard jaunt by Liggins were key plays leading up to the score, which came with 8:06 left in the half.

The Ross fullback's second touchdown of the game and sixth of the season came with 3:17 left in the third quarter. The one yard plunge came at the end of a 17 play drive that started at the Ross 32 yard line. A four yard fourth down run by Liggins and a screen pass from Lopez to Liggins were big plays in the push. The screen covered 11 yards in a third and ten situation.

Tom Pitts slashed into the end zone from the one-yard line with 9:48 remaining in the game to climax an eight play drive that started on the Cleveland 44-yard line. Larry Johns kicked the extra point after the

Ross has now scored 87 points and yielded 6 in two games. Liggins' 116 points for the night give him 40 in two weeks.



LINCOLN-WEST TACKLERS PULL DOWN LITTLE GIANTS' TOM PITTS

They have a helluva football team, what else can you say." Cleveland Lincoln-West head coach Dick Swink said after the gridiron boys had their Friday night. "They just have a superior football team."

We thought we were only going to get a few minutes looking to the two early scorers, the Redskins and the Little Giants.

"We contained the man we thought we had to contain (Liggins). Lylie surprised us. He's a helluva football player," Swinski praised. "But look, we're not scared of that team. We're going to beat them. We'll get the three and four yards for them. When you have a fullback who can do that, you can change up more for Liggins later."

The Cleveland tutor that he prepared his charges for "The Redskins are going to be a real tough team to beat," said Lopez. "He should have added the two - Lindsey - and the other two. We're going to beat Liggins must be particularly pleasing to Ross head coach

Chuck Shuff who predicted before the season got started that a team would be able to stop Liggins. "We really hit out there, coach Shuff said after the game."

The Ross mentor praised the attitude and work of his charges. "I'm not going to make several changes in offense looking this week. He expressed the belief that the line would be the key to the success of the team. (West) were running a six man line and stunting the linebackers.

chance to give some needed experience to the back-up men. Also for the second straight week, the Redskins apparently escaped without serious injury although Smith injured his knee while on the kicking team. The injury did not prevent him from making two field goals and two punts to help us to have X-ray taken at Memorial Hospital Saturday morning.

It was much more on the plus side again for the Giants there was some reason to be

"I'm re-
our coach
added.

"I couldn't understand why they weren't reacting," Sowinski said. "One more block and we

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work with the line and Jim would have broken a couple of those off and it would have been work with the a different ball game."

L. Scott

"I'll have to look at the films to see about that for sure," Shuff said, "but we shouldn't be

Gibsonburg Stats

opportunity to play substitutes and be happy with this to contain."—WILHELM

		Rushing			
		Att.	Gain	Lost	Net
Lost	Net				
		18	83	2	81
1	44	7	34	11	23
		1	0	0	0
3	2	7	64	8	56
0	18	3	18	0	18

Cross Yardstick

10-10	Mark Kohler		1	0	0	0		S
3-1		Passing						Lincoln-Wes-
		Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Int.			Fremont R
Ydg. Int.	Gary Stevenson		13	6	53	1		
6-0		Receiving						Ross-Rob
31-0	Ted Smith	No.	Yds.					Liggins, run)
			3	23				Ross-Cha

By Quarters	0 0 0 6-0	Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
	14 6 6 7-35		6	4	0	103
Scoring		Ben Lopez	2	2	0	19
e, 63 yard run (Tom		Mike Feasel				
		Receiving				Catches Yds.
Lindsey, 45 yard pass						1 45
		Chuck Lindsey				

No. Yds.	Ladd Beck	2	16	from Ben Lop
1 29	Tom Jurski	1	14	Runs-Tom
1 2	Kickoff Returns	No. Yds.		(pass failed)
	Larry Kierwen	1	11	Runs-Tom
No. Yds.	Pass Returns	No. Yds.		(pass failed)
1 7		2	35	Runs-Tom
				John, kick

Tom Liggins, run	Chuck Clelek	1	27
Liggins, four yard run	Rob Lytle	1	14
Liggins, one yard run	Bob Brodzinski	1	11
	Tom Liggins	1	5
	Chuck Clelek		
	Posting		
Liggins, one yard run (Larry		No. Ave.	
	Bob Brodzinski	1	41

[illegible]

Statistics		Past Returns	
Run	West		No. Ave.
17	10		3 5.3
10	4	Mike Feasel	
5	0	Kickoff Returns	
2	6		No. Ave.
GAINED 343	196	Tom Pitts	1 11

Scores

221	96	LINCOLN-WEST				
122	10	Rushing				
8	10	Carries Gain Lost Net				
6	2	Steve Caleris	15	49	4	45
0	1	Ron Klypchak	6	15	0	15
3	1	Joe Pagan	9	24	11	13
1	0	Caldwell Washington	3	12	0	12
7	6	Jim Toli	5	14	3	11

		PENALTIES				Yards Pen	
		PUNTS				Average	
6	reth Champion	Aurora 27	Newton	Falls 20			
	West Branch	15	East	Pales-			
Cinc.	time 6						
		Ravenna 29	Salem 8				
		Columbiana	22	South	Range		
Lib.	0	Youngstown	East 12	Stru-			

7	6	Jun 10th	3	14	3	11
105	59		Passing			
1	4		Att. Comp.	Int.	Yds.	
41	25.5	Joe Pagan		10	2	10
			Receiving			
				No.	Yds.	
		Frank Dillingham			1	6
		Tom Kirsbach			1	6

Youngstown 8	East 12	North 12	Rob Lytle
Youngstown 14	North 12	Kent 12	Tom Liggins
Youngstown 14	North 12	Kent 12	Tom Pitts
Youngstown 14	North 12	Kent 12	Mike Feasel
Youngstown 14	North 12	Kent 12	Ben Lopez
Youngstown 14	North 12	Kent 12	Chuck Lindo
Youngstown 14	North 12	Kent 12	John Wright

	No.	Ave.		No.	Ave.
12	116	0	138		
18	94	0	94		
7	25	0	25		
1	6	0	6		
2	5	0	5		
4	11	8	3		
2	3	0	3		

Three Comes Before 10 For Ross

"We have to get no. three in order to get no. 10"

The above quotation was penned by Jim Hammon, Ross high defensive coordinator, in notes distributed to the Little Giant defensive platoon this week.

Three symbolizes the victory Ross will be seeking when it entertains Toledo Bowsher under the Harmon Stadium lights Friday. The 10 is the number of victories the Little Giants want at the close of the current campaign.

"Our goal all along has been 10 victories," Little Giant head coach Chuck Shuff explained Wednesday. "We can't get 10 without getting three first."

Ross will face a team that is 0-2 but Shuff and his staff have already warned the Little Giants to forget about the Rebel record which includes an 8-6 loss to Shelby and 21-3 beating by Toledo Scott.

"They're a ball club waiting to explode," Shuff said. "Our coaching staff saw them play Scott last Saturday and we thought Bowsher should have been leading 21-0 at the half, instead of 3-0. They had the ball inside Scott's 10 yard line three times and only scored a field goal."

Bowsher's chief offensive threats are senior quarterback John Boles (6-0, 154), junior fullback Jerry Pilewski (6-1, 191) and senior halfback Bob Krist (5-10, 180).

"Boles started their last five games last season and had over 800 yards total offense," Shuff said. "He's a lot like Pagan

(Joe, of Cleveland Lincoln-West), the quarterback we faced last week. He likes to roll out a lot. He also likes to pass. Bowsher has thrown the ball 39 times in the first two games.

"Pilewski and Krist are both fine runners. If the hole is there for them they hit it quickly."

Senior Mark Miller (5-9, 155) completes the Bowsher backfield. The ends are Tom Maxon (5-11, 167) and Kevin Kandik (5-8, 153). Dale Chapman (6-0, 234) and Ray McNeill (6-0, 200) play tackle with Phil Knapp (6-0, 234) and Ray McNeill (6-0, 200) play tackle with Phil Knapp (5-11, 170) and Mark Albright (5-11, 175) at guard. Dan Brown (5-11, 170) is over the ball.

Defensively, the Rebels uses a variety of formations — 4-3, 3-2 and 6-2.

"We've worked against all of those defenses so it will just be a matter of our making an adjustment when they change," Shuff said. "We were extremely pleased with the work of the offensive line last week. There were very few mental mistakes."

In the 5-2, Bowsher uses Bob Hendrix (6-0, 182) and Dan Brown (5-11, 170) at end, Dave Hendrix (6-2, 275) and Dale Chapman (6-0, 234) at tackle and Albright at middle guard. Pilewski and Knapp team at the linebackers with Mike Strange (5-10, 165) playing monster. Krist is at one of the halfbacks with Jeff Kniesley (5-7, 170) at the other. Scott Howland (5-11, 138) plays safety.

With one exception, Ross is expected to be at full strength for Bowsher. The trainer has ruled junior quarterback Jon Smith out of the contest. Smith sustained a knee injury while on the field for a kickoff in last week's 35-0 whitewash of Cleveland Lincoln-West.

The Little Giants will use the same offensive lineup that has started in the first two victories. The backfield will find Ben Lopez barking signals with Tom Liggins at fullback, Rob Lytle at tailback and Dale Shoemaker at swingback. Shoemaker will alternate with Don Moore.

Across the line, Chuck Celek and Bob Brudzinski will share the tight end post. Chuck Lindsey is the split end. Ted Kreilick and Andy Sale hold down the tackle slots with Denny Reese and Scott Berlekamp at guard. The center is Scott Merritt.

The front wall on defense has Sale and Brudzinski at end with Celek and Larry Johns playing tackle and Kreilick at middle guard. Mike Sherman and Mike Biehler play linebacker and Tom Pitts is at monster. John Wering plays cornerback. Lindsey gets the call at halfback and Mike Feasel draws the safety assignment.

The Bowsher contest marks the final pre-Buckeye Conference game for the Little Giants, who open league action at Lorain Admiral King October 1.

Tomorrow will also be Parent's Night. The Ross players will be introduced with their parents prior to the contest.

Little Giant Yardstick

Ross 52, Rogers 6
Ross 35, Lincoln-West 0
Sept. 24—TOLEDO BOWSHER
Oct. 1—at Lorain Admiral King
Oct. 8—MANSTFIELD
Oct. 15—ELYRIA
Oct. 22—LORAIN SENIOR
Oct. 29—at Marion
Nov. 5—FINDLAY
Nov. 12—at Sandusky

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Opponents 0 6 0 0-6

TEAM STATISTICS		Ross	Opp.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		39	16
Rushing		27	9
Passing		10	0
Penalty		2	7
RUSHING			
Gained		588	238
Lost		19	68
Net		569	170
PASSING			
Attempts		19	13
Completions		11	2
Yardage		204	10
Interceptions		0	1
TOTAL OFFENSE		773	180
FUMBLES		5	5
Fumbles Lost		2	2
PENALTIES		11:55	18:09
PUNTS		24:15	9:24

Individual Scoring		TD	PAT	K	PAT	FG	Tot
Liggins		6	0	2	0	0	40
Rob Lytle		2	0	0	3	0	18
Lindsey		1	0	0	0	0	6
Tom Pitts		1	0	0	0	0	6
Shoemaker		0	0	2	0	0	4
Johns		0	1	0	0	0	1

Rushing		Car	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg
Liggins		34	225	1	224	6.5
Rob Lytle		21	189	0	189	9.0
Tom Pitts		16	70	0	70	4.3
Mike Feasel		2	16	0	16	8.0
Lindsey		9	78	8	68	7.5
Wright		2	3	0	3	1.5
Don Moore		1	2	0	2	2.0
Jon Smith		1	2	0	2	2.0
Ben Lopez		4	5	9	-4	0.0
Brudzinski		1	0	1	-1	0.0

Passing		Att	Comp	Yds	Int	TD
Ben Lopez		10	6	143	0	1
Mike Feasel		4	4	43	0	0
Jon Smith		2	1	13	0	0
Brad Borden		3	0	0	0	0

Receiving		No	Yds	Avg	TD
Chuck Lindsey		3	97	32.3	1
Rob Lytle		2	27	13.5	0
Bob Brudzinski		2	21	10.5	0
Tom Liggins		1	11	11.0	0
Chuck Celek		1	5	5.0	0
Steve Celek		1	13	13.0	0
Dale Shoemaker		1	20	20.0	0

Kickoff Returns		No	Yds	Avg	TD
Don Moore		1	13	13.0	0
Tom Pitts		1	6	6.0	0
Dale Shoemaker		1	6	6.0	0

Punt Returns		No	Yds	Avg	TD
Mike Feasel		4	26	6.5	0
Chuck Lindsey		1	4	4.0	0

Punting		No	Yds	Avg
Bob Brudzinski		2	83	41.5



WINNING FOURSOME—These four fellows made up the winning foursome in the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at Fremont Country Club yesterday. From left

to right are: Ron Collier, Dick Heslet, Ken Weickert and Jim McWhinnie. They combined for a best ball score of 126. (News-Messenger Photo By Mark Carlson)

In Chamber Tournament

126 Takes First Place

The foursome of Ken Weickert, Jim McWhinnie, Ron Collier and Dick Heslet captured top honors in the second annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at Fremont Country Club yesterday.

The winning quartet fired a full handicap best ball score of 126. Weickert checked in with a 96-28-68 followed by McWhinnie 104-28-76, Collier 87-6-81 and Heslet 94-18-84.

Low Gross honors went to Dick Gordon, who fired an 80. George Mead, who had a 95-29-66, took low net honors.

Gordon was also cited for having the longest drive on the seventh hole. Dick Callendar was rewarded for canning the longest putt at the 18th hole.

The award for being closest to the pin at the fifth hole went to Don Stotz. Closest to the pin at no. 12 was Harry Colburn.

Dan Lease was cited for carding the most pars — 10. The award for fewest putts (28) in the 18 hole round went to Ed Miller. Mead, Lance Girard and Bob Gembarski had the most sixes. Bob Huntzinger was cited for having the high net score.

A total of 111 chamber members participated in the tournament. In its first year, 83 chamber members played.

Co-chairmen for the tournament were Don W. Smith and Tom Kniesley. Master of ceremonies for the program was Joe Durnwald.

Will Anaheim Host President?

ANAHEIM (AP) — The California Angels may capitalize on the shift of the Washington Senators to Dallas-Ft. Worth by hosting the 1972 presidential opener, replete with right-hander Dick Nixon throwing out the first ball.

The White House phoned Anaheim Wednesday with President Nixon suggesting a presidential opener for the Big A. Nixon also said that since Washington was now bereft of a major league franchise, he was adopting the Angels as his

Cavaliers Open Another Season

KENT, Ohio (AP)—The question marks and the unknown quantities will begin to take a clearer shape tonight for head coach Bill Fitch when his Cleveland Cavaliers take on the Cincinnati Royals here in their exhibition opener.

Fitch knows that his starting quintet of center Walt Wesley, forwards Dave Sorenson and Bobby Smith and guards John Johnson and John Warren can work as fluidly and score as often as any other team in the league. But he's still unsure who will fill the reserve roles and take up the slack in the areas where the team is weakest— rebounding and defense.

"We were weak in about five or six areas last year," Fitch said. "and we're still weak off the boards and on defense."

"No one stands out like a thumb on the boards or defensively and we don't have a consistent rebounder who can get us 15-20 rebounds a game."

Fitch said what he wants to find out during the exhibition season is which five players "can stand out on defense" the way his five starters do on offense.

"Then, we'll take the best combination of both and start the season," he said, indicating that he would sacrifice some scoring power for defensive ability.

"These exhibitions give us time to get a perspective on how much re-shaping we'll have to do," said Fitch. "We also want to check conditioning and team play."

The second-year coach has indicated that he is looking elsewhere to pick up strength on the boards, but he said that any deal would be of a minor nature.

Behind his starters, Fitch has second-year Joe Cooke, Larry Mikan, and Gary Freeman and rookies Steve Patterson and Jackie Ridgle.

Cooke and Ridgle are both on the small side at 6-foot-5, while Freeman and Mikan are both on the slow side, Mikan being a better rebounder and Freeman a better shooter.

Patterson, the UCLA grad, has the best potential of the group, at 6-foot-9 and 220 pounds, but has had some difficulty adjusting to the forward spot.

However, Fitch said that Patterson "is much stronger and more hostile, which will help him defensively" but that he "is not the shooter Dave Sorenson is in a crowd."

Fitch said the exhibition season would also determine whether Greg "Stretch" Howard would be his backup center or whether it would be incumbent Luther Rackley.

Howard has shown great leaping ability and has large hands which make him an effective rebounder.



ST. JOE'S FOOTBALL SEASON TICKETS

WILL BE SOLD
SUNDAY, SEPT. 26th
AFTER 8 - 9:30 - 11:15 MASSES
(IN FRONT OF SCHOOL)

Tickets Will Also Be Available
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ROSS GRIDDERS IN ACTION — Fremont Ross players completely demoralized Toledo Bowsher gridders last night with brute strength as demonstrated in this series of photos.

At left, senior running star Tom Liggins breaks out of the grasp of a Bowsher tackler and gains 10 extra yards after he appeared that he was stopped. Tom Pitts (30) bowls over

Bowsher quarterback John Boles after a pass interception in the second quarter. Pitts toled the pigskin 78 yards for the second Little Giant touchdown. At right, senior linebacker

Mike Sherman 'sticks' Bowsher's Jay Metzger for a loss. (News-Messenger Photos By Roy Wilhelm)

Little Giants Doing Things In Big Way

BY ROY WILHELM

When your offense drives 99 yards for the initial score of the game, you've accomplished something.

When your defense scores one touchdown and sets up two others, you've done something.

When your offense moves the ball on the ground 87 yards for a touchdown in just two plays, you've done something.

When your defense scores as much as the opponent's offense, you've done something.

When your offense's two leading rushers carry the ball a total of 29 times and still have a combined average of more than ten yards per carry, you've proven something.

When your defense picks off two passes and recovers a fumble, you've done something.

When you do them all in one game, you're really doing the job.

And, that's just what the high-balling Ross high Little Giants did Friday night as they crushed visiting Toledo Bowsher, 46-6, in the final non-conference game of the season.

In raising their record to 3-0, the Little Giants set their powerful infantry right at the Rebels, piling up 347 yards on the ground. The explosive Ross high ground game, which was well complemented by a solid passing attack, featured an incredible two-pronged assault. Senior Tom Liggins and Junior Robbie Lytle pounded their way into and around the Rebel defense a combined total of 29 times and rushed for a total of 307 yards. That gave the pair a combined average of 10.6 yards per carry.

The lightning fast Lytle set the pace with 174 yards in 13 attempts. The speedy junior tailback scored touchdowns on runs of four and 59 yards and also had individual carries good for 13, 17 and 32 yards. He added two points after one of the Little Giants' touchdowns.

"It really helps to have a tailback with speed like Robbie has," Ross high's head coach Chuck Chuff said after the contest. "You can fake to Liggins inside and draw them in and send Lytle out."

Lytle showed his speed on several occasions but it was never more evident than on his 59 yard touchdown dash. The sprinter came through the line of scrimmage clean and from there it was a foot race with everyone else turning out losers.

Liggins, the man who has led the Little Giants in scoring the past two seasons and who topped the Buckeye Conference scoring race in 1970, blasted his way into the line in short yardage situations and also showed plenty of speed in posting some big gains, including four runs of more than 15 yards.

The Ross high cannonball barreled through the Rebels for 131 yards in 16 attempts and scored two touchdowns—one on a one yard plunge and the other on a 16 yard jump. The senior co-captain also demonstrated another weapon in his scoring arsenal when he booted the extra points after two of the Ross touchdowns.

While Lytle and Liggins led the way, there was plenty of supporting characters in the show, including an alert defense, a strong blocking offensive line and solid leadership and passing from the quarterbacks.

Ross put the initial score on the board with a near field-long march that ended in a four-yard run by Lytle with just 1:01 left in the first quarter.

After Bob Brudzinski had punted the Little Giants out of a hole the first time they had the football, Bowsher's Jeff Kinsley booted one that bounced out of bounds on the Ross one yard line.

From there the Little Giants pounded their way 99 yards in 14 plays. Key plays in the drive were a 17 yard run by Liggins from the Ross three yard line, an 18 yard pass from Ben Lopez to Chuck Lindsey and a ten yard third-and-four run by Lopez. Liggins' run dug the Giants out of the hole. The pass play featured a well thrown ball and an excellent grab by the speedy Lindsey. The run by Lopez came on the option play with the quarterback electing to keep the ball and cutting inside for much more than he needed for a first down.

During the drive, the Little Giants were set back by an illegal procedure penalty, but were aided by two personal foul calls against Bowsher. Both of those calls against the Rebels came after the Giants were inside the visitors' 30 yard line, with Ross already well on its way.

Bowsher moved quickly into a threatening position, but the alertness and speed of Tom Pitts took the Giants into a solid lead. Pitts picked off a John Boles pass on the Ross 22 yard line, ran right over the unhappy quarterback and dashed all the way to the endzone for the second Ross touchdown.

After the Ross defense jammed Bowsher into a hole, the Giants marched 48 yards in five plays with Liggins scoring from 16 yards away with 7:30 left in the half.

Bowsher got on the scoreboard with 1:18 left in the half when Bolen hit Kinsley with a 23 yard touchdown pass. The pass, the fifth completion for Bolen in the drive, ended an 82-yard, 15-play march for the Rebels.

Defensive end Andy Sale got the Little Giants off to a good start in the second half when he fell on a Bowsher fumble on the Rebel's 26 yard line. It took the Giants just six plays to score from there with Lopez plunging into the end zone from the one yard line with 9:30 remaining in the quarter.

The Little Giants moved 53 yards in four plays the next time they touched the ball. Lytle opened the drive with a 17 yard run and Liggins took it from there. The last of his three runs was a one yard plunge for a score.

Bowsher moved again before the Ross defense stiffened and halted the Rebels on the Little Giants' 13 yard line. From there Ross began what was the most exciting 'drive' of the night.

Liggins bolted through the line for 28 yards to the 41 in the first play of the 'drive'. In the second play, Lytle scooted through a big hole in the interior of the line and then outran the defenders, prancing into the end zone apparently untouched. Liggins kicked the extra point after this TD and after the next.

The final score of the contest came on a 15 yard pass play with Mike Peseal hitting Don Moore for a touchdown. A pass interception by linebacker Mike Biehler had given the ball to the Little Giants on the Bowsher 34. Peseal hit Dale Shoemaker with a 19 yard pass to the 15 and then connected with Moore.

Ross actually did dent the end zone one more time on a Brad Borden to Steve Celek pass, but the play was called back by an illegal procedure penalty.

Next Ross Task: Buckeye Crown

"Tell Pitts to get in the flat... Get in the flat," yelled Ross high school's defensive coordinator Jim Hamman as Toledo Bowsher lined up at the Ross 24 yard line early in the second quarter Friday night.

Despite the noise in Harmon stadium, Pitts (Ross high defensive monster next Tom Pitts) got the message. And, Ross high fans are glad he did. The Little Giant defender intercepted a short pass near the sidelines at the 22 yard line, ran over John Boles — the man who had thrown the ball — and dashed 78 yards for a score.

It was 'The play' of the game. If there is such a thing in a contest which is won by 46 points.

At that point the Giants were clanging rather precariously to a 6-0 lead as the Rebels were on the move.

"That interception was a big play, no doubt about it," Ross high head coach Charles Shuff said after the contest.

Hamman, who had told Ross high Booster Club members Wednesday night that his men (particularly the defensive backfield) would like to see that ball in the air a good many times, apparently knew what he was talking about both Wednesday night and Friday night when he warned Pitts what might be coming.

The Little Giant defenders picked off one more pass—Mike Biehler grabbing a short Boles toss in the second half — and held the highly regarded Bowsher quarterback to nine completions in 22 attempts. All this helped Ross to a 46-0 win. So, fired by an alert defense and a productive offense, the Little Giants move into Buckeye Conference wars with an unblemished record for the first time since 1962. The Giants opened that year with an 8-7 win over Massillon, beat West 21-0 and then clobbered Toledo Waite, 40-0, before beginning conference action. Ross finished the year 8-2. In 1963, the Giants were unbeaten in their three pre-conference games, but did the opener with Springfield South, 6-6. They then beat Cleveland West, 36-0, and trimmed Bowsher, 16-0. Ross finished the 1963 season 6-3-1. In neither of those years however did Ross roll through the pre-conference games as they

have this year. In three games, Ross has piled up 113 points, while allowing just 12.

Obviously anxious to get into the Buckeye Conference title battle, Shuff expressed pleasure with the progress of the Giants after the game Friday night.

He pointed particularly to the substitutes who will be needed in the grueling Buckeye title chase. "The younger kids are really coming along nicely. They are going to give us the back up we need."

Shuff also talked about the dangerous inside-outside threat of Tom Liggins and Rob Lytle and later pointed out, "Our passing game gives us a triple threat." Agreeing that this is probably the most improved phase of the offense in comparison to 1970, Shuff said, "Ben (Lopez) has a lot of poise in there and we have been giving him good protection."

The Giants have been getting solid performances at quarterback with both Lopez and Mike Peseal seeing a lot of action. So, the Little Giant, with an offense that has scored 18 touchdowns in three games and an aggressive defense that has yielded just two touchdowns (and scored one itself), turn to the tougher tasks ahead in the Buckeye.

At the present time, it appears one of those Buckeye Conference games may be off. The November 5 game with Findlay will be off should Findlay schools be forced to close October 31 as predicted. A meeting of Buckeye Conference officials is to be held as soon as possible to look into the situation. Ross high athletic director Richard Sherman is presently negotiating with Dayton Roth for that weekend, but it was only done to fill an open date and Roosevelt officials reportedly are looking into the possibility of changing the game to Ross at Harmon stadium. Roosevelt has had a strong athletic program as the Teddies have won the state championship in basketball and track.

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TOUCHDOWN RUN — Rob Lytle (41) of Fremont Ross appears to be in trouble as Toledo Bowsher's Bob Krist (33) grabs him near the Little Giant goal line in last night's non-conference test at Harmon Stadium. Lytle, however, broke the tackle and scored the first touchdown for the Little

Giants, who recorded their third consecutive victory. At the bottom of the photo is Tom Liggins (40) who has just knocked a Bowsher defender out of the play. Quarterback Ben Lopez (11) leads Lytle through the hole.

Woodward Stuns Sandusky, 21-20

The Buckeye Conference will have just two unbeaten teams — Fremont Ross and Elyria — when league play begins next Friday.

Sandusky fell from the unbeaten ranks last night with a 21-20 loss to Toledo Woodward. Ross and Elyria picked up their third straight victories. Ross humbled Toledo Bowsher, 46-0, while Elyria humbled Cleveland West Tech, 31-0.

Lorain Admiral King lifted its log to 3-1 with an impressive 34-0 victory over Lorain Southview. Lorain Senior sustained its second loss in three starts. Barborton dumped the Shielfren, 13-0. Marion Harding was also on the losing side of the ledger.

bowling to Lima Senior, 18-0. Findlay recorded its second consecutive victory, handling Dayton Patterson, 32-14. Sandusky saw an 11 game

winning streak against non-conference foes fall by the wayside when Mike McClellan scored on a 6-yard pass from Rick Kaczmarek and Mike Pilechaty kicked the extra point with 2:02 remaining in the game.

Last night, Sandusky took the lead with 5:10 remaining when Bob Jackson tossed a 10-yard pass to tight end Barry Glass. Jackson also threw to flanker Willie Jordan in the right corner of the end zone for the extra point, but the play was nullified when Sandusky was detected offside. After the penalty, Sandusky tried the same play but this time the pass fell incomplete.

Woodward had a 14-0 lead at the half, but Sandusky stormed back to tie the contest at the start of the third period. The Blue Streaks knotted the contest on a six yard touchdown jaunt by Jackson and two point conversion

passing performance on the part of senior fullback Ike Maxwell. He carried the ball 33 times for 239 yards, which eclipsed the old school record by six yards. The did mark was set 10 years ago. League games next week find Ross at Admiral King, Sandusky traveling to Findlay, Elyria at Marion and Mansfield at Lorain. The Mansfield-Lorain game will be played Saturday.

Elyria rolled to its second consecutive shutout as the victory was highlighted by a record

Rebels March Home With 46-6 Defeat

SCORE BY QUARTERS				Rebels	Little Giants
Bowsher	0	0	0	0	27
Tom Pitts	4	14	14	48	0
SCORING				Receiving	No Yds
Ross-Bob Lytle, four yard run				Chuck Lindsey	2 28
Ross-Tom Pitts, 79 yard return of intercepted pass (Don Moore)				Dale Shoemaker	1 18
Ross-Tom Liggins, 16 yard run (pass)				Don Moore	1 15
Ross-Tom Liggins, 16 yard run (pass)				Steve Celek	2 11
Ross-Tom Liggins, 16 yard run (pass)				Tom Liggins	1 4
Bowsher-Jeff Kinsley, 23 yard pass from John Boles (pass fumbled)				Punting	
Ross-Ben Lopez, one yard run (pass fumbled)				Bob Brudzinski	2 40.5
Ross-Tom Liggins, one yard run (pass fumbled)				Post Returns	
Ross-Tom Liggins, 56 yard run (Tom Liggins kick)				Mike Peseal	2 17
Ross-Dale Moore, 15 yard pass from Mike Peseal (Tom Liggins kick)				Chuck Lindsey	1 16
TEAM STATISTICS				Kickoff Returns	No Yds
Tom Pitts				Tom Liggins	1 4
Tom Pitts				Tom Pitts	1 9
FIRST DOWNS				Bowsher	No Yds
Running	14	8		Car Gain Lost Net	
Passing	4	7		18	0 38
Penalty	0	0		13	48 4 44
NET YARDS GAINED	49	211		John Boles	12 29 7
Running	347	123		Paul Payke	2 5 0 5
Passing	62	88		Jeff Kinsley	1 4 0 4
PASSES ATTEMPTED	15	22		Punting	
Completed	9	12		Att. Comp. Int. Yds	
Not Intercepted	0	2		22	9 2 48
FUMBLES	2	2		Receiving	
Ball Lost	0	1		No Yds	
Penalties	4	5		5 8.3	
Yards Penalized	46	54		Tom Means	2 20
FUNTS	2	5		Dave Baymiller	2 17
Average	40.5	38.2		Jeff Kinsley	2 14
				Kevin Kasek	1 11
				Bob Krist	1 4
Individual Statistics				Punting	No Yds
Running				5 8.3	
Car Gain Lost Net				Post Returns	
13 174 0 174				No Yds	
18 124 1 125				1 3	
3 14 0 14				Kickoff Returns	
1 7				No Yds	
2 11 0 11				2 28	
2 7 0 7				3 55	
6 0 6				1 15	
1 2 0 2				1 9	
Att. Comp. Int. Yds					
22 9 2 48					
Bob Krist					

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Work Begins For Little Giants

Now, the work begins.

Fremont Ross, which has toyed with three non-conference opponents, begins search for its first Buckeye Conference championship since 1961 tomorrow when it journeys to George Daniel Stadium in Lorain for a meeting with an old nemesis, Admiral King.

The Little Giants, who are rated ninth in this week's Class AAA Associated Press balloting and eighth according to United Press International, have rolled over Toledo Rogers (52-6), Cleveland Lincoln-West (35-0) and Toledo Bowsher (46-6).

Tomorrow, however, is different.

It's Lorain Admiral King and the Buckeye Conference. The seven conference tests are always pressure-packed affairs and Admiral King seems to be a special problem for the Little Giants.

Ross has never beaten the Admirals since the series began in 1962, the last time the Little Giants made an appearance in the AP top 10. King holds a shining 7-0-2 advantage. One of the ties was a 9-0 deadlock at George Daniel Stadium in a driving rainstorm last November 14. The other deadlock was an 8-8 showing in 1964.

Otherwise, the Admirals have completely dominated the series. King won by a 24-16 count in 1962 and followed with a 32-0 win in 1963. After the tie in 1964, King came up with a 14-0 win in 1965. The Admirals posted a 32-12 decision in 1966 and won by a 22-12 count in 1967. The score was 42-0 in 1968 and 21-12 in 1969.

So far this season, Admiral King is 2-1 with victories over Toledo Rogers and Lorain Southview. Head coach Don Fritz Sr., who has his son, Don Jr., quarterbacking the club, watched his team drop its opener to Eastlake North.

"Admiral King is going to be a good test for us," Ross head coach Chuck Shuff said yesterday. "The Admiral King coaching staff has two methods of firing them up—our rank-

ing in the state and also the fact that they've never lost to us.

"It's also the first Buckeye game for both teams. The team that loses has a long road to drive if it wants to win the championship."

Shuff expects the Admirals to test the Ross defensive unit with a good passing attack.

"Their quarterback is a fine one and he has a couple of excellent receivers to throw at," Shuff said. "In the games we've scouted our coaches have been impressed with their pass offense."

"We also think Admiral King has a good defensive team. The King offense fumbled five times in its own territory against Toledo Rogers and the defense allowed just one score."

"King won't do anything special on defense. They just hit you hard and make a team earn any yardage it gets."

Ross also fields an excellent defensive unit. The Little Giants have limited their foes to just 12 points. All of the opponent points have been scored in the second quarter.

The foes have rushed for 293 net yards and picked up another 98 through the air. They are averaging only 130 yards total offense a game.

As impressive as they are defensively, the Little Giants impress even more after a look at their offensive statistics.

Ross has rushed for 918 yards and picked up 286 more through the air in the non-conference tilts.

Junior speedster Rob Lytle leads the ball carriers with 363 yards in 34 carries, a 10.6 average. Not far behind in net yardage is senior power runner Tom Liggins, who has 357 net yards in 50 carries for a 7.1 average.

Quarterback Ben Lopez guides the passing attack. He has 10 completions in 18 tries for 180 yards and one touchdown. Mike Feasel, who serves as back-up for Lopez, has passed eight times for six completions, 82 yards and a touchdown.

Favorite receiver for the two senior field generals is Chuck Lindsey, a senior split end, who can also fill in at tailback for

Lytle. Lindsey has five catches for 125 yards and a touchdown.

Liggins has three receptions for 20 yards. Dale Shoemaker, Lytle, tight end Bob Brudzinski and Steve Celek each have two catches.

Liggins, who was the leading scorer in the conference last fall and took runner-up honors as a sophomore, is the club's leading scorer with 54 points. He has eight touchdowns, two rushing conversion and two more by kick. Lytle has 32 points and Lindsey checks in with 18.

Shuff expects no major lineup change for King. Lopez, Liggins, Lytle and Dale Shoemaker will be in the backfield. Shoemaker is scheduled to alternate with Don Moore.

In the line, Brudzinski and Chuck Celek will split the playing time at tight end. Lindsey will get the call at split end. Andy Sale and Ted Kreilick will be the tackles with Scott Berlekamp and Denny Reese at guard. Scott Merritt is the center.

One possible change in the offensive formation could find junior Terry Hinkle taking over for Berlekamp, who sustained an ankle injury in Tuesday's practice. Dave Mierke could also see considerable action at that slot.

Defensively, Brudzinski and Sale will be at end with Larry Johns and Chuck Celek at tackle. Kreilick plays middle guard in the 5-2 alignment with Mike Biehler and Mike Sherman at linebacker.

The cornerback assignment goes to John Werling and Lindsey plays halfback. Tom Pitts is the "monster" and Feasel get the call at safety.

Brudzinski also handles the punting chores. He has kicked four times in the first three games for a 41.0 average.

Yardstick

SCHEDULE		Larry Johns		0	1	0	1
ROSS 52, Rogers 6		Rushing		Car	Gain	Lost	Net
ROSS 36, Lincoln-West 0				34	363	0	363
ROSS 46, Bowsher 6				50	359	2	357
Oct. 1—at Lorain Admiral King				17	72	0	72
Oct. 8—MANSFIELD				2	16	0	16
Oct. 15—ELYRIA				9	75	8	68
Oct. 22—LORAIN SENIOR				7	19	9	10
Oct. 29—at Marion				4	10	0	10
Nov. 5—FINDLAY				1	2	0	2
Nov. 12—at Sandusky				1	2	0	2
SCORE BY QUARTERS				1	0	1	—
Ross	22	42	34	35	—	133	
Opponents	0	12	0	0	—	12	
TEAM STATISTICS				3	11	0	11
				11	3	6	—
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS				Passing		Att	Comp
						Yds	Int
						TD	
						15	10
						0	1
						8	6
						2	1
						1	0
						5	1
						1	0
						3	20
						2	39
						2	27
						2	31
						2	24
						1	3
						1	15
						4	164
						6	41.0
						2	11
						1	13
						1	6
						1	4
						6	43
						2	20
						10.0	0

News-Messenger SPORTS Dodgers Miss Chance

By BERT ROSENTHAL, Associated Press Sports Writer
After 161 games of the regular season, the hectic National League's West Division pennant race boils down to one game, or possibly two.
The 162-game schedule reaches its climax tonight, with the San Francisco Giants holding a precarious one-game lead over the Los Angeles Dodgers.
A San Francisco victory over the Padres at San Diego or a dodger loss at home against the Houston Astros would make the Giants champions and send them into the NL playoffs against Pittsburgh, beginning

Told of Gomez' prediction, Giants' Manager Charlie Fox said: "He's entitled to his opinion."

Los Angeles' imperturbable manager, Walt Alston, took the Dodgers' defeat as calmly as could be expected. "They just beat the hell out of us," he said. "But it's no worse than losing 1-0. It also was nice to have the Giants lose, but we're still disgusted with our own score."

Alston will send right-hander Don Sutton, 16-12, against former Dodger Jack Billingham, 10-15, in tonight's windup.

had replaced injured right fielder Bobby Bonds in the sixth. Bonds left the game with a painful rib injury and was a doubtful starter for tonight's game.

Houston unleashed a 16-hit assault against Los Angeles, including a homer and two singles by Bob Watson in support of Ken Forsch's nine-hit shutout pitching.

The Astros erupted for four runs in the first inning against 20-game winner Al Downing. Watson singled in the first run. Jesus Alou doubled in another and Larry Howard capped the outburst with a two-run single.

Route For Ross Fans

Sandusky County Automobile Club has suggested the following routes for Ross fans journeying to Lorain for the Little Giant-Admiral King game Friday:

The most popular route is U.S. 6 to Sandusky by-pass (Ohio 2) then east on 6 and 2 to Route 611 in Lorain. Take 611 East to Oberlin Road in Lorain and then right on Oberlin Road to George Daniel Stadium.

A second route would be the Ohio Turnpike to Interchange Eight, north on Ohio 57 to Ohio 254, to Oberlin Road and right on Oberlin Road to Stadium.

Some fans might choose to travel Ohio 113 east from Bellevue. They should leave 113 at Ohio 58 and go north on 58 to Ohio 254 and east on 254 to Oberlin Road. Then go North on Oberlin Road to the stadium.

Driving time is approximately an hour and 15 minutes in good weather conditions.

Little Giants Bid For Fifth Straight

Their second straight Buckeye Conference victory and fifth overall will be the objective of the Ross Little Giants when they entertain Mansfield Senior at Harmon Stadium tomorrow. Kickoff is 8 p.m.

Ross, which is ranked fifth among AAA schools by both wire services this week, expects to see a strong Mansfield defense and dangerous offense from the Tygers (2-2, 0-1).

"Defensively they are strong," Ross head coach Chuck Shuff said yesterday. "Mansfield has given up very few touchdowns this season. They make their opponent earn everything they get."

"We expect them to jam everything up to stop our running game. If that happens we'll have to open up with our passing."

"Their offense has the potential to explode from anywhere on the field. We compare them a lot to Toledo Bowsher in that respect."

Shuff expects the first couple of series to be a determining factor in the tempo of the contest.

"If we can score on them quickly it might demoralize them," Shuff said, "but if they're able to hold us the first couple times we get the ball then it could be a very interesting evening."

The Little Giants continue to score almost at will while the Wolfpack, the defensive unit, remains stingy when it comes to giving up points.

In the first four games, the Little Giants have accumulated 176 points compared to only 18 for the opposition. Biggest quarter for the Little Giants has been the fourth when 56 points have been put on the scoreboard. The Little Giants have 50 points in the third period, however.

Tom Liggins, the leading scorer for Ross the last two seasons, is off to a good start in search of his third individual scoring crown. He has 69 points through four games. Next in line is junior scatback Rob Lytle, who has 54 points.

Lytle, the starting tailback, and Liggins (fullback) are also the main ingredients in the Ross ground game that has piled up 1,240 net yards.

Lytle has been the big ground gainer, picking up 535 yards in 58 carries, a 9.2 average. Liggins has dented the enemy line 71 times for 454 yards and a 6.4 average.

The Ross passing game revolves around quarterback Ben Lopez, who has 14 completions in

28 flings. Back-up quarterback Mike Feasel has seven completions in nine attempts. Both signal callers have thrown one touchdown pass.

Favorite receiver for the quarterbacks is sure-handed senior Chuck Lindsey, who has six receptions for 142 yards and one touchdown.

Junior tight end Bob Brudzinski has four receptions and Liggins has been on the receiving end of a pass three times. Four more players each have two catches.

As impressive as the offensive statistics are, so are the defensive totals.

Ross has limited its foes to only 37 first downs in the opening four games. Eight of those have been via penalty.

The opponents are gaining less than 100 net yards a game on the ground. The four foes have combined for 398 yards and have only 99 more through the air.

The foes have gone to the air 44 times, but have just 12 completions against the veteran Ross secondary. Three enemy passes have been picked off and one was

returned for a touchdown by Tom Pitts.

Members of the Wolfpack include ends Andy Sale and Bob Brudzinski, tackles Chuck Celek and Larry Johns, middle guard Ted Kreilick, linebackers Mike Sherman and Mike Biehler, cornerback John Werling, Feasel (safety), Lindsey (halfback) and Pitts (monster).

Lopez, Liggins and Lytle are joined in the starting offensive backfield by senior swingback Dale Shoemaker. Shoemaker has run the ball only three times, but has gained 43 yards.

Clearing the way up front for the backs are Brudzinski and Celek, who share the time at tight end, Sale and Kreilick (tackles), Scott Berlekamp and Denny Reese (guards), center Scott Merritt and Lindsey.

"Both of our lines have done an outstanding job in the first four games, but they know they must continue to improve their performance," Shuff said. "We are now starting the roughest part of our schedule."

Little Giant Yardstick Through Four Victories

Won 4, Lost 0				Rushing			
ROSS 52, Rogers 6				Car	Gain	Lost	Net Avg
ROSS 35, Lincoln-West 0				Rob Lytle	58	540	5 535 9.2
ROSS 46, Bowsher 6				Tom Liggins	71	456	2 454 6.4
ROSS 43, Lorain Admiral King 6				Tom Pitts	17	72	0 72 4.2
Oct. 8—MANSFIELD				Mike Feasel	2	16	0 16 8.0
Oct. 15—ELYRIA				Chuck Lindsey	10	89	8 81 8.1
Oct. 22—LORAIN SENIOR				Ben Lopez	7	19	9 10 1.4
Oct. 29—at Marion				John Wright	4	10	0 10 2.5
Nov. 5—FINDLAY				Don Moore	2	7	0 7 3.5
Nov. 12—at Sandusky				Jon Smith	1	2	0 2 2.0
SCORE BY QUARTERS							
Ross	22	48	50	56—176			
Opponents	0	12	6	0—18			
TEAM STATISTICS				Passing			
		Ross	Opp		Att	Comp	Yds Int TD
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		80	37	Ben Lopez	28	14	251 0 1
Rushing		57	22	Mike Feasel	9	7	126 0 1
Passing		19	7	Jon Smith	2	1	13 0 0
Penalty		4	8	Brad Borden	6	1	11 0 0
RUSHING				Receiving			
Gained		1265	548		No	Yds	Avg TD
Lost		25	150	Chuck Lindsey	6	142	23.6 1
Net		1240	398	Bob Brudzinski	4	82	15.5 0
PASSING				Tom Liggins	3	20	6.6 0
Attempts		45	44	Dale Shoemaker	2	39	19.5 0
Completions		23	12	Chuck Celek	2	28	14 0 0
Yardage		401	99	Rob Lytle	2	27	13.5 0
Interceptions		0	3	Steve Celek	2	24	12 0 0
TOTAL OFFENSE		1641	497	Don Moore	1	15	15.0 1
FUMBLES		12	10	John Werling	1	44	44.0 0
Fumbles Lost		3	4	Punting			
PENALTIES-Yards		16-216	22-195		No	Yds	Avg
Punts-Average		7-36.7	19-29.3	Bob Brudzinski	7	257	36.7
Individual				Kickoff Returns			
Scoring					No	Yds	Avg TD
TD PAT-K PAT-2 Tot				Tom Pitts	3	35	11.6 0
Tom Liggins	10	5	2	Don Moore	1	13	13.0 0
Rob Lytle	7	0	6	Dale Shoemaker	1	6	6.0 0
Chuck Lindsey	4	0	0	Tom Liggins	1	4	4.0 0
Tom Pitts	2	0	0	Rob Lytle	1	23	23.0 0
D. Shoemaker	0	0	2	Punt Returns			
Don Moore	1	0	4		No	Yds	Avg TD
Ben Lopez	1	0	0	Mike Feasel	8	52	6.5 0
Larry Johns	0	1	0	Chuck Lindsey	2	20	10.0 0
				John Werling	1	1	1.0 0

Offense, Defense Combine For Ross Victory

Mansfield Fifth Victim Of Little Giants



STOPPED—Ross' Mike Fessel (10) and Mike Sherman (81) halt Mansfield's Dan Blakely in third quarter of last night's Buckeye Conference tilt at Harmon Stadium. The Ross defenders were pulling Blakely

down after he caught a pass in the Little Giant secondary. Ross relied to a 41-8 victory. (News-Messenger Photo by Roy Wilhelm)

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Yardstick

Score By Quarters	Manfield	Ross
1st	0	6-8
2nd	7	13 14-41
3rd		
4th		

Scoring	Manfield	Ross
Ross-Tom Liggins, seven yard run (Liggins kick)		7
Ross-Ben Lopez, one yard run (Liggins kick)		14
Ross-Hub Lytle, 11 yard run (Liggins kick)		21
Ross-Chuck Czek, 19 yard pass from Ben Lopez (Liggins kick)		30
Manfield-Andy Montgomery, 38 yard pass from Ben Calkins (Thorne Baker pass from Calkins)	6	
Ross-Tom Liggins, nine yard run (Liggins kick)		37
Ross-Chuck Lindsey, 8 yard run (Liggins kick)		44
Ross-Andy Montgomery, 38 yard pass from Ben Calkins (Thorne Baker pass from Calkins)	14	

TEAM STATISTICS	Manfield	Ross
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	25	17
Passing	1	1
Rushing	24	16
Punting	3	3
Penalty	0	0
Net	22	47
Net	22	47
Attempts	12	25
Completions	1	12
Yards	36	130
Interceptions	1	4
TOTAL OFFENSE	217	187
Yards	1	1
Penalties	4-60	8-61
Fumbles Lost	1	1
PUNTS AVERAGE	34-43	34-43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	Manfield	Ross
Rob Lytle	10	91
Tom Liggins	12	88
Dale Shoemaker	1	12
Don Moore	1	8
Jerry Overmyer	1	8
Ben Lopez	2	4
Tom Smith	1	4
Passing	40	Comp. Int. Yds.
Ben Lopez	13	7 0 36
Rushing		
Rob Lytle	10	91
Tom Liggins	12	88
Dale Shoemaker	1	12
Don Moore	1	8
Jerry Overmyer	1	8
Ben Lopez	2	4
Tom Smith	1	4
Penalty	4-60	8-61
Fumbles Lost	1	1
PUNTS AVERAGE	34-43	34-43

Elyria Next Foe Of Little Giants

Ross high Little Giants, who romped to their fifth straight victory, 41-8, over Mansfield Senior Friday night, now turn to their toughest task of the season so far.

Unbeaten Elyria, a team that has also demolished five straight foes, rambles into town next Friday with a high-scoring offense and a brutal defense.

Ross high school Athletic Director Richard Sherman expects a crowd of about 9,000 persons for the game as the addition of seven more sets of bleachers is planned to provide seating for 9,000. Sherman said Friday night that he expects all tickets for that game to be gone by Monday. He added, however, that tickets are still available for the Lorain and Findlay contests.

The job for the Little Giants now is to be mentally and physically prepared for the invasion by the powerful Pioneers. Ross Head Coach Chuck Shuff and Trainer David Shon both said Friday night that the Giants appear to be ready physically and each credited the other helping to prevent injuries. "We have a great physical conditioning program and you can credit the coaches for that," Shon said. "He's doing a whole of a job."

Shuff said nodding toward Shon. So, with no injuries from the Mansfield game, the Giants appear ready physically. No one can predict for sure if they will be ready mentally. The Giants have built their confidence with five straight convincing victories although the triumph over Mansfield was certainly not the most impressive of the year. "We might have been a little flat in the first half, but it's hard to say," Shuff said after the contest. "Maybe, they were looking ahead, but I wouldn't want that."

Shuff did not make any predictions, but he expressed the belief that the Giants would be ready to play.

His feelings about the Giants were obvious in his discussion about the game just completed.

"They've (Mansfield) got a fine defensive team," he pointed out. "They are not that kind of a team. They kill people."

But Shuff then hesitated when asked if he were surprised by the margin of difference in the final score. Was he ever surprised? "Not with these guys," he replied. "They can do so much."

Just how much they can do against another state-ranked power remains to be seen.—WILHELM.

By ROY WILHELM

There was the speedy Chuck Lindsey — possibly the fastest man on the field at the time — sprinting down the sidelines, pigskin clutched in his arms. And, there was Mansfield quarterback Ron Castle desperately, but vainly, trying to prevent the Ross defensive back from racing nearly the length of the field for a Little Giant touchdown.

That fourth quarter scene seemed to perfectly demonstrate the story of the action at Harmon Stadium Friday night. It was a frustrating night for the Mansfield Tycers as the powerful Ross Little Giants demonstrated their superiority early and, spurred on by an alert and aggressive defense, crushed the Tycers, 41-8, for victory number five.

Lindsey was putting the icing on the cake in that fourth-quarter scene. His 86 yard sprint after intercepting a Castle pass provided the unbeaten Giants with their sixth touchdown of the night.

Ross, now 2-0 in the Buckeye Conference title race, took charge from the outset and there was little doubt about the final result.

The Giants took the opening kickoff and marched 74 yards in 13 plays with Tom Liggins scoring from seven yards out to finish the drive. The Little Giant march ate up more than half of the first quarter and seemed to clearly demonstrate the Giants' superiority on this particular night.

Liggins, who picked up 88 yards in 15 carries against a hard-hitting Mansfield defense, added the extra point after that opening touchdown and the offense turned things over to the defense.

And, the Wolfpack members attacked the Mansfield offense as if they were upset with having to wait so long to get into the action.

The defenders, who intercepted four passes and recovered a Mansfield fumble, held the Tycers to

a net total of 42 yards gained in the first half and a net total of 17 yards gained for the first three quarters of the game. It was only after Ross had built a four touchdown margin that the defenders began to relinquish yardage to the Mansfield offense, which piled up 125 yards in that final quarter.

The Ross Wolfpack, however, limited Mansfield to just three first downs — including one on a penalty — in the first half and gave the offense plenty of help. Two interceptions by Mike Fessel, an interception and a fumble recovery by Andy Sale and that interception by Lindsey were the feature attractions in a display of alert and aggressive defense.

Meanwhile, the Ross offense was once again piling up yardage against a proud Mansfield defense which was claiming that it had yielded only three "legitimate" touchdowns in its first four games.

When the defense halted Mansfield on a fourth down play with 1:10 to go in the first period, the Ross offense took over the football and marched 73 yards to the Tycers' four yard line before being stymied by a delay of game penalty and a fumble on a field goal attempt.

The defense quickly got the ball back for the Giants, however, with the two ends combining to come up with the pigskin.

Bob Brudzinski caught Castle looking the wrong way and jarred the ball loose with a crunching tackle. Andy Sale fell on the pigskin at the Mansfield seven yard line. This came on the second play after Mansfield had gained possession and on the second play after Ross had taken over again, the Little Giants scored. Ben Lopez plunged into the end zone from one yard out and Liggins kicked the point after.

Sale gave the offense another second quarter

chance with a juggling, diving interception at the Mansfield 45 yard line, but the Giants were unable to capitalize this time and had to settle for a 14-0 halftime margin.

At halftime both Liggins and Rob Lytle, who led all ground gainers with 82 yards, had more yardage on the ground and Lopez had more passing yardage than the entire Mansfield team had in total offense. Liggins had gained 79 yards and Lytle 64 in the first two quarters, while Lopez had passed for 60 yards.

The Little Giants then took advantage of two fouled up yards to grab a commanding lead. John Marvetti dropped back to punt for Mansfield early in the fourth quarter, bobbled the ball and allowed his knee to touch the ground on the Mansfield 18 yard line. Since it was fourth down, the Giants took over the ball on a 19 yard loss for the Tycers.

On fourth down and three, Lytle sprinted 11 yards for the score.

Later in the quarter, Larry Turner faked a punt and tried to run around end for a first down in a fourth-and-three situation. He was blasted for a two-yard loss, however, and Ross took over at the Mansfield 35.

After Lytle gained 11 yards and Mansfield was penalized five yards, Lopez connected with Chuck Czek, who scrambled into the end zone with 1:34 left in the quarter. The play covered 19 yards.

Mansfield retaliated quickly, getting on the scoreboard on the first play of the final quarter. Castle and Andy Montgomery teamed up for a 38 yard scoring pass to break the tie for the Tycers.

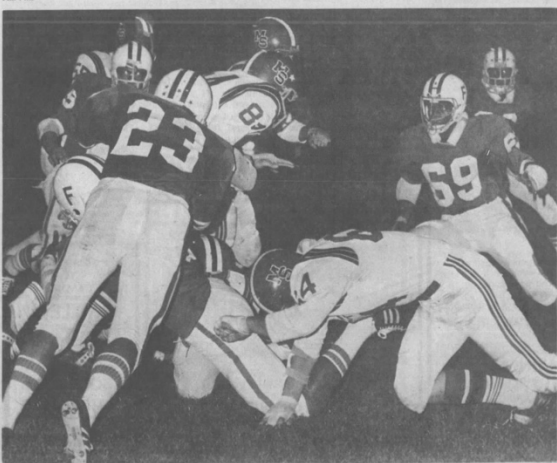
Ross matched that as quickly. After Terry Hinkle returned a short kick to the Mansfield 43 yard line, Dale Shoemaker gained 15 yards. Two Mansfield penalties put the ball on the Tycers' nine yard line and that was close enough for Liggins, who scored his second touchdown with 10:54 left in the game.



MANSFIELD'S JOE BEARD WRESTLES TOM LIGGINS (40) TO TURF
Liggins Scored Two TDs In Ross' Fifth Straight Win

Sets Stage For Ross Match

Pioneers Rip Admirals, 54-12



GANG TACKLE—A host of Ross tacklers take aim at Mansfield ball carrier during the final stages of the 41-8 Little Giant victory at Harmon Stadium last night. Among the Ross players in the play are Dale Shoemaker (23) and Jerry

Johns (69). The win was the fifth straight for Little Giants, who now begin preparing for next Friday's crucial clash with Elyria at Harmon Stadium.

Fremont Ross did its part — so did Elyria. The unbeaten Little Giants and Pioneers rolled to their fifth consecutive victories and second in the Buckeye Conference last night in convincing style.

Ross hammered Mansfield Senior, 41-8, while Elyria was smashing Lorain Admiral King, 54-12.

In other games, Findlay took a 27-14 verdict from Marion Harding and Sandusky pounded Lorain Senior, 33-8.

Admiral King gave Elyria problems for two quarters. After that it was all Elyria and the Pioneers. The Pioneers led only 21-12 at halftime but they totaled 13 points in the third period and tallied another 20 in the final 12 minutes.

The flashy Maxwell scored four touchdowns for the Pioneers to raise his season point total to 88, the same as Fremont's Tom Liggins. His touchdowns came on runs of 22, 20, 82 and 48 yards.

Elyria set a school record for rushing, amassing 565 yards. The powerful Maxwell was responsible for more than half of that. He had 278 yards in 29 carries.

The Pioneers accumulated 180 yards on their final three offensive plays. They gained 42 and 48 yards in one series then added another 73 when they got the ball for the final time.

Admiral King denied the Pioneer defense for 171 yards on the ground and 88 passing.

Ross Wolfe ramblled 91 yards with a kickoff for one of the Admiral King touchdowns. It was the third time this season an Elyria opponent has returned a kickoff for a touchdown. The Pioneers have given up only four TDs.

Findlay liked its overall leg to 41-24 in the conference) with relative ease. The Trojans were five to a 27-0 lead at halftime. Harding, which is winless in five starts, posted all its points in the fourth quarter.

Two of the Trojan touchdowns came within a 72 second span. First, Hal Paul returned a blocked punt 60 yards for a score. Kurt Hoppewell went 38 yards 72 seconds later for another touchdown.

Lee McNitt and Kevin Sahler scored the other Trojan six pointers. McNitt tallied on a 53 yard run and Sahler raced 10 yards.

Passes from Mal McGary to Pete Slater accounted for both Harding scores. One pass was good for 21 yards and the other 19.

Sandusky built up a 12-0 halftime lead and then coasted in the third and fourth periods. The Blue Streaks, who snapped a two game losing spell, added 13 points in the third quarter and closed with eight in the fourth.

Lorain Senior scored eight in the third and fourth quarters. Sandusky's first touchdown came on a one-yard plunge by second team quarterback Chuck Miller. The second Blue Streak touchdown came on the last play of the half when quarterback Bob Jackson connected for 46 yards with Scott May. There was no time remaining on the clock when May crossed the goal line.

May also scored on a pass play in the third quarter. He caught a pass from Miller and went 50 yards for the TD. Earlier in the period Jackson plunged one yard for six points.

Sandusky's final TD came on a 37-yard pass from Miller to Jeff Ward. Clarence Wooten grabbed a pass for the extra points.

The Blue Streaks gained only 123 yards rushing, but they picked up 236 more in the air. Sandusky completed 11 of 21 aerials. Lorain had 84 yards rushing and 82 passing, completing seven of 21 attempts. Four Lorain passes fell into Sandusky's possession.

The Elyria and Ross victories set the stage for their crucial collision at Harmon Stadium next Friday. The winner will have the inside track at the Buckeye Conference crown, although both teams must play Findlay later in the season.

Findlay also has opened with two conference wins. The Trojans were beaten in their first game of the season, however.

Powerful Pioneers Invade Harmon Stadium

Mark My Words

High And Low Mark(s)

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor

High and Low MARK(s) . . .
When you're sitting with your neighbor tonight and discussing the head knocker between Ross and Elyria tomorrow here's something to think about: Elyria will be wearing white uniforms and the Pioneers haven't lost in the last 22 games that they've played in their 'whites' . . .
A Buckeye Conference rule that was adopted this year requires the road team to wear white and home team its colored jersey for games . . . Thus Ross will be wearing purple tomorrow . . .

Space in the small Harmon Stadium press box will be at a premium tomorrow . . . Several metropolitan newspapers have already contacted Ross athletic director Dick Sherman and requested space . . .

Clyde school district voters are also going to have an opportunity to determine the fate of the Flier basketball program . . . Clyde voters will vote on a six mill levy . . . If the levy fails, Clyde schools will close and head coach Ron Run Ray will be forced to play all his games in January and February . . .

Although all the talk currently centers on football, basketball is just around the corner . . . Practice will begin October 29 for all area schools . . .

Several schools still have open dates on their 1972 grid schedules . . . Fremont St. Joe is looking for a sixth game and Gibsonburg still needs a 10th contest . . .

Incidentally, St. Joe and Gibsonburg fans will be glad to know that their heated rivalry will continue even though Gibsonburg is leaving the Sandusky Bay Conference . . . The two teams will continue to play on the second weekend of the season . . .

Oak Harbor's athletic department deserves a round of applause . . . They've finally installed a new football scoreboard in the Ottawa County community . . . It replaces a much older model which was guaranteed to break down at least once a game . . .

Most of the area Class AA cross country teams will participate in the Clyde sectional at Clyde Green Hills next Saturday . . . Included in the field are Clyde and Woodmore . . . That sets up an excellent match between Woodmore's Tony Hernandez and Clyde's Rocky Moore . . . Neither has been given a stiff test this year . . .

Ross Yardstick

SCORE BY QUARTERS				Jerry Obermyer			
Ross	20	10	70-217	7	19	0	19.27
Opponents	12	6	8-26	4	58	0	18.51
TEAM STATISTICS				Date Shoemaker			
First Downs	20	10	70-217	4	10	0	19.25
Passing	10	10	70-217	3	19	0	18.51
Rushing	10	10	70-217	2	16	0	18.80
Punting	10	10	70-217	1	0	1	0.00
Penalty	7	11	70-217	1	0	1	0.00
RUSHING				Mike Sherman			
Gained	160	628	Ben Lopez	4	21	367	0.2
Lost	181	181	Mike Fessell	5	128	0	1
Net	141	447	Brad Berdin	6	1	11	0
Attempts	58	69	Jon Smith	1	1	13	0
Completions	30	24	Chuck Lindsey	5	102	28.2	1
Yards	407	349	Bob Brudzinski	6	83	11.8	0
Interceptions	0	7	Date Shoemaker	2	58	13.3	0
TOTAL OFFENSE				Steve Colek			
First Downs	13	13	Chuck Colek	3	47	15.6	1
Fumbles Lost	4	4	Don Moore	2	22	16.0	1
PENALTIES - Yards				Tom Liggins			
PUNTS - Average	19-57.7	20-50.9	Rob Lytle	2	27	13.0	0
Individual				John Werling			
TD	12	2	Tom Liggins	1	44	44.0	0
Rob Lytle	8	0	Bob Brudzinski	1	307	36.7	0
Chuck Lindsey	5	0	Tom Pitts	2	0	0.00	0
Tom Pitts	2	0	Ben Lopez	6	4	38	9.3
Ben Lopez	2	0	Don Moore	1	1	13.0	0
Don Moore	1	0	Chuck Colek	4	1	13.0	0
Chuck Colek	1	0	Date Shoemaker	1	4	6.0	0
Date Shoemaker	0	2	Larry Jones	1	4	6.0	0
Larry Jones	0	1	Rushing				
Car Gain Lost Net Avg				Car Gain Lost Net Avg			
Rob Lytle	74	524	7	427	5.5	0	0
Tom Liggins	86	544	4	540	6.2	0	0
Tom Pitts	17	2	0	72	4.2	0	0
Chuck Lindsey	10	0	8	8.1	0	0	0
Ben Lopez	10	29	15	16.4	0	0	0

Elyria Scoring Stats

SCORE BY QUARTERS				Scherbrough			
Elyria	30	10	40-216	1	0	0	0
Opponents	12	6	8-26	1	0	0	0
TEAM STATISTICS				Sonagel			
First Downs	20	10	70-217	0	3	2	0
Passing	10	10	70-217	0	2	2	0
Rushing	10	10	70-217	0	1	1	0
Punting	10	10	70-217	0	1	1	0
Penalty	7	11	70-217	0	1	1	0
RUSHING				Maxwell			
Gained	160	628	Ben Lopez	37	271	8.5	0
Lost	181	181	Mike Fessell	33	41	12.3	0
Net	141	447	Brad Berdin	18	122	4.5	0
Attempts	58	69	Jon Smith	12	80	6.7	0
Completions	30	24	Chuck Lindsey	1	42	6.2	0
Yards	407	349	Bob Brudzinski	8	27	3.4	0
Interceptions	0	7	Date Shoemaker	8	10	1.2	0
TOTAL OFFENSE				More			
First Downs	13	13	Chuck Colek	5	17	3.0	0
Fumbles Lost	4	4	Don Moore	3	5	1.7	0
PENALTIES - Yards	20-270	30-386	Tom Liggins	1	0	0.0	0
PUNTS - Average	19-57.7	20-50.9	Rob Lytle	0	0	0.0	0
Individual Scoring				Kishman			
TD	14	2	Tom Liggins	1	0	0.0	0
Rob Lytle	8	0	Bob Brudzinski	1	0	0.0	0
Chuck Lindsey	5	0	Tom Pitts	2	0	0.0	0
Tom Pitts	2	0	Ben Lopez	2	0	0.0	0
Ben Lopez	2	0	Don Moore	2	0	0.0	0
Don Moore	1	0	Chuck Colek	2	0	0.0	0
Chuck Colek	1	0	Date Shoemaker	2	0	0.0	0
Date Shoemaker	0	2	Larry Jones	2	0	0.0	0
Larry Jones	0	1	Receiving				
Car Gain Lost Net Avg				Car Gain Lost Net Avg			
Rob Lytle	74	524	7	427	5.5	0	0
Tom Liggins	86	544	4	540	6.2	0	0
Tom Pitts	17	2	0	72	4.2	0	0
Chuck Lindsey	10	0	8	8.1	0	0	0
Ben Lopez	10	29	15	16.4	0	0	0



ANDY SALE LARRY JOHNS MIKE BIEHLER TED KREILICK MIKE SHERMAN CHUCK CELEK BOB BRUDZINSKI
Form Front Wall Of Fremont Ross' Wolfpack Defense

'Elyria Mad As Hornets'

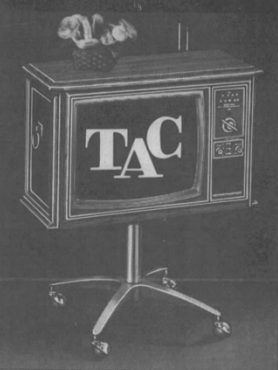
They're the Elyria Pioneers.
A better name this week might be the Elyria Hornets.
"Elyria is going to be as mad as Hornets," Fremont Ross head coach Chuck Shuff says when previewing tomorrow's game at Harmon Stadium with the unbeaten and unranked (in the top 10 of the Associated Press) poll Pioneers.
The Pioneers will be an angry bunch for several reasons.
First and foremost is that they are still excluded from the Associated Press elite while Ross can say that it's currently number four.
Then the visitors will be out to average a 14-7 loss administered by the Little Giants at Harmon Stadium last fall.
"They're going to be mad—real mad—no doubt about it," Shuff says. "They realize that they have a lot to gain if they can beat us."
The winner will have the inside track for the Buckeye Conference championship although both of us still have to play Findlay and Sandusky. How well each team can do in the state polls will also be a factor. The loser probably won't be able to finish in the top 10 at the end of the year.
Each club has rolled over its first five foes. Ross holds a 217-26 advantage in scoring on its opponents while the Pioneers have won by a combined margin of 216-25.
"But I don't think either team has been tested yet," Shuff says. "Both of us have had it pretty easy in the first five weeks."
Things won't be easy tomorrow, however—not as far as the Little Giants are concerned.
"Elyria is the best team we've met so far," Shuff says.

"They have been very impressive in the game our scouts have seen them play."
"Their offensive line really impresses us. They have good backs who have gained a lot of yardage but it's the line that has been opening up those holes."
"Elyria won't have the biggest offensive line we've met but it's the quickest. Those kids really come out of the football."
"Our defense is going to get a real test."
The Pioneers boast a group of talented running backs headed by the flashy Ike Maxwell. A 5-9, 175-pound senior Maxwell has already rushed for 874 yards and scored 86 points this season.
"Maxwell is tough—real tough—but we can't just concentrate our defensive effort on stopping him alone," Shuff says. Ira Perkins, who runs out of the fullback position, and the quarterback, John Gawlik, are capable of breaking the game open.
"Then they've got Phil Oliver. He's their second leading rusher (411 yards) and doesn't even start. That kid can break off the long runs just like Maxwell."
Shuff has also been impressed with the Pioneer passing game.
"They don't put the ball in the air very much, but when they do it's usually for a completion," Shuff said. "Gawlik finds the open receiver and hits them for the good gain."
Shuff, who says "this is the biggest game I've coached in during my four years at Ross" will not make any lineup changes and isn't planning anything special for the Pioneers.
"It would be silly to do something new," Shuff says. "We'll go with what we have used all season. Physically we're in good shape. Nobody should be unable to dress."
Offensively the Little Giants will have either Chuck Celek or Bob Brudzinski at tight end, Chuck Lindsey at split end, Andy Sale and Ted Kreilick at tackle, Denny Reese and Scott Berlekamp playing guard and Scott Merritt over the ball.
Veteran Ben Lopez will bark signals with powerful Tom Liggins at fullback, shifty Rob Lytle at tailback and dependable Date Shoemaker at wingback.
"Offensively I'm not too worried—we should be able to put points on the board," Shuff says.
When it comes to running Liggins and Lytle provide most of the punch. Lytle is the leading ground gainer with 627 yards in 74 carries while Liggins has totaled 540 in 86 stabs at the opponents' front wall.
With Lopez hitting at better than 50 per cent the Little Giants also boast a dangerous passing game. Lopez has connected with receivers on 21 of 41 tries for two touchdowns and 347 yards.
The speedy Lindsey is the favorite receiver with eight catches, 160 yards and a touchdown.
The Ross defense will be anchored by a front line that will include Sale and Brudzinski at end, Celek and Larry Johns at tackle and middle guard Ted Kreilick.
The linebackers are senior Mike Sherman and junior Mike Biehl. Tom Pitts, who also handles the kickoff chores, plays monster with John Werling at cornerback, Lindsey at halfback and back-up quarterback Mike Fessell at safety.
"I think the game will be decided by how well we can play defensively," Shuff says. "If we can hold them down and get the ball for the offense in good field position it's going to make a big difference."
"The defense can't allow Elyria to control the football. If they do it would be a tremendous disadvantage for us. Controlling the ball and being able to make the big play are the things that have earned Elyria its first five victories. The defense can't let them do the same thing against us."



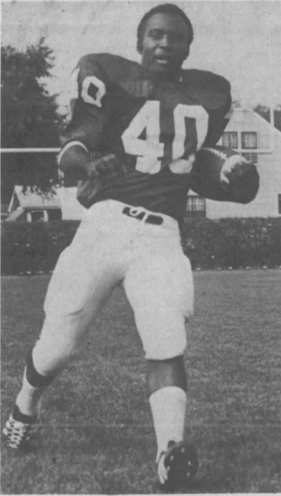
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Maxwell 'Perks' In 15-7 Elyria Victory

By ROY WILHELM

He Maxwell, a jitterbugging lightning bolt of a running back, and an alert and aggressive Elyria defense ruined Ross high's hopes of an undefeated football season with a 15-7 victory in a rugged Buckeye Conference game before an estimated 10,000 fans at Harmon stadium Friday night.

The jitterbugging Maxwell broke the Little Giants' back with a brilliant demonstration of running and the alert Pioneer defense did what many thought was almost impossible, held the talented Ross offense to just one touchdown and blanked the Little Giants for more than 40 minutes after yielding a first quarter score.

"Our Elyria's great kid took over against their two great kids," a happy Elyria head coach Bill Barton said after the contest in looking back at the performance of Maxwell and his defense's work against Ross high's Tom Liggins and Rob Lytle. "Let's face it, there were three great backs out on the field today," Barton said.

But, it was Maxwell who stole the show.

The 5'8", 165 pound Maxwell jitterbugged through and sprinted past the Ross defense for a net total of 219 yards in 30 cracks at the line, scoring 14 of Elyria's 15 points.

He came up with several key runs, highlighted by a 73 yard touchdown dash and a 14 yard dash to the Ross four yard line to set up the Pioneer's first score when it appeared Ross might stop the Elyria march.

Maxwell scooted away from at least three tacklers who appeared to have him penned in for a loss on the third-down play which gained 14 yards in the second quarter. The Pioneer needed just a little more than 14 yards for the first down on the next play. One play later Maxwell went three yards into the end zone for the score. Maxwell then added the extra points on a run, which appeared to have been stopped short of the goal line, but the official's arm raised above his head put Elyria ahead 7-0.

The first Elyria touchdown came with first string quarterback John Gawlik on the bench and Junior Bruce McElroy directing the attack.

Gawlik was hurt after gaining ten yards to the Ross 29 on a second-and-18 play. But McElroy, who Barton said had gained considerable experience in Elyria's early isolated victories, took right and ran a completed pass which would have been good for a first down, but Ross was guilty of interference and the Pioneer accepted the 15 yard penalty instead of the gain on the pass.

That gave Elyria a first down on the Ross 25 yard line.

The Pioneer's move to a first down on the 14 when McElroy was thrown for a loss and Maxwell was stopped for a one-yard gain. On the next play, Maxwell came up with his sparkling run when it appeared he was trapped for a loss. Elyria was on its way to a score.

Maxwell's three-yard touchdown run came with 7:34 left in the half. His second TD came just about four minutes later.

The speedy Maxwell gave Elyria some breathing room when he outran the Ross defense and went 78 yards for a touchdown. Jerry Richardson booted the extra point that put Elyria eight points ahead with about three minutes left in the half.

The long dash by Maxwell kept a string alive for the Elyria senior. He has had at least one touchdown run of 30 yards or more in every game he has played this season.

While Maxwell was getting the Pioneer's points, the Elyria defense was turning in an exceptional performance against Ross high's talented offensive unit. They held Tom Liggins to 48 yards and Rob Lytle to 80 yards and the entire offense to 180 yards—passing and rushing. For some teams that total would not be bad, but for the Little Giants it is extremely low.

"That's the best we've played on defense," Barton said after the contest. Asked if the Pioneer had done anything different defensively to stop the Giants, the Elyria mentor responded, "We just played better (than they had previously)."

"With two backs like that (Liggins and Lytle) you have to try to shut off their running game. We tried to shut off their outside stuff and had to sort of let the passing go. We have three men injured in the defensive backfield, but the kids that were in there did a job. I thought they might pass more," Barton said.

Ross high head coach Charles Shuff, looking back on the game in the lockerroom, admitted that maybe the Little Giants could have gone to the air more, but pointed out a number of reasons why they didn't.

"We were getting a lot of pressure on our passes," Shuff pointed. The Giants were hurt at times when they did try to go to the air to loosen up the Elyria defense. With first and ten on the Elyria 48, a Lopez pass fell just off the fingertips of Chuck Colek and changed the down situation to second-and-ten and the Giants were unable to pick up the first down in spite of the good field position. Later Lopez was tackled for an 11 yard loss on a first-down pass play.

"We knew we had to control the football to keep it away from Maxwell," Shuff said in explaining the Ross plan to try to move the ball on the ground. "Then in the second half we rarely had field position to throw the ball."

Shuff had praise for the Pioneer defense. "They seemed to be everywhere. We ran the counter and they were there, we ran the reverse and they were there."

But, while the Pioneer's destroyed the hopes of the Little Giants for a perfect season, they did not tarnish the Ross image as an excellent football team.

For awhile, in fact, it looked like the Giants might have matters under control.

Rob Lytle returned the opening kickoff 67 yards and probably would have gone 80 yards for a touchdown if he would not have slipped attempting to avoid the last tackler.

From the Elyria 48 yard line, the Giants moved the ball well on the ground, marching to the Pioneer's 18 in just seven plays. Tom Lopez threw a strike to Dale Shoemaker, who was free at about the five yard line and Shoemaker found the end zone with no trouble. Liggins' kick made the score 7-0 with 8:12 to go in the first quarter.

Ross then managed to stop Elyria and began to move again. After getting one first down the Little Giants appeared to have another on an excellent third-down run by Don Moore, but the ball was placed just short of the first down and Ross punted. Bob Brudinski, who had an excellent night punting, booted the ball dead on the Elyria 32. Brudinski averaged over 40 yards per punt on seven punts, with two going into the end zone. Only two of the punts were returned.

Maxwell broke loose for 27 yards on the first play of the drive and Elyria was on its way to that first score.

The Little Giants were far from out of the contest after Maxwell's two touchdowns, but they hurt themselves with penalties when they did get field position in the second half and then Dale Griffin hurt them with a booming punt when it appeared Ross might be gaining momentum again.

In the fourth period, the Little Giants had the Pioneer in a fourth and five situation at the Elyria 25. Griffin, however, boomed a driving punt that went over the head of deep receiver Mike Pease and when Pease finally managed to kick the ball up and was tackled, the Giants were back on their own four yard line. The play covered 74 yards and put the Giants in a hole that they never really managed to get out of. The punt was all the more spectacular when it is considered that all of his other three punts went less than 40 yards.



TROUBLED TIMES—Ross cheerleaders Sue Hanover and Debbie Boucher watch action on the field during the second half of last night's game with Elyria at Harmon Stadium. The Little Giant cheerleaders' faces are the picture of concern as they watch their club fall to the Pioneer, 15-7. (N.M. Photo By Larry Sollazzo)

Elyria, Findlay In First Place

Elyria knocked off Ross, 15-7, last night at Harmon Stadium but still isn't alone at the top of the Buckeye Conference ladder.

The Pioneer has to share that slot with Findlay, which managed to squeak past Lorain Senior, 16-7, at Lorain's George Daniel Stadium last night.

In other conference encounters, Mansfield took a 28-26 decision from Lorain Admiral King and Sandusky bested Marion Harding, 34-11.

Findlay pulled a mild surprise by chucking its feared passing attack and sticking mostly to the ground against a rugged Lorain defense.

The Trojans, who are now 5-1 overall, and 3-0 in conference play, scored in the second quarter on a four-yard run by Ken Zahler.

The second Findlay TD was also on a four-yard jump, but Lee McNutt had the honors. He also added the two-point PAT.

Lorain closed the scoring when Jess Comera threw to Dan Imbrago for the six points and a successful kick for PAT followed.

Findlay held only a 27-226 advantage in total offense.

Ron Castle threw a nine-yard scoring pass to Terone Butler in the final 19 seconds to nail down Sandusky's first Conference win in two years. Joel Weber added the extra point which was a'nt needed.

Admiral King led 29-7 at halftime. Mansfield closed the gap to 29-14 in the third quarter before adding 14 points in the final 12 minutes.

Two of the Admiral King scores came on passes from Don Fritz Jr. to Carlos Cain for eight and seven yards.

Sandusky prepared for its trip to Elyria next week by handling the under-manned Presidents in fairly easy fashion.

With Miss America, Laurie Lee Schaefer, in the stands the Blue Streaks rolled to a 29-0 halftime lead.

Sandusky scored on its first scrimmage play following the opening kickoff when fullback Clarence Wooten rambled 88 yards through the middle of the Marion line for six points.

It was the only score for the Blue Streaks in the first period. Sandusky added 13 more in the second 12 minutes.

Sandusky hit its lead to 27-0 in the fourth quarter before Marion struck for two scores. One Prexy TD came on an 18-yard run by Tom Bose and the other on a nine-yard gallop by Homer McGuffey.

Blue Streak quarterback Bob Jackson threw for three touchdowns. Scott May was on the receiving end of two scoring aerials for 31 and 25 yards. The other six point push went to tight end Barry Glass.

Sandusky was hit for 12 penalties totaling 100 yards. The Blue Streaks were charged with seven opening fouls.

Ross and Sandusky are now tied for third place in the league standings with 3-1 marks. Lorain and Mansfield held at 1-2 while Admiral King and Marion are still searching for their first win after three starts.

Overall, Elyria is the only unbeaten team. The Pioneer has six consecutive wins. Fremont and Findlay are 2-2 while Sandusky is 4-2 and Mansfield 3-2. Lorain and Admiral King are 2-4 and Marion is 0-4.

Next week's menu includes: Lorain at Ross, Sandusky at Elyria, Marion at Admiral King and Mansfield at Findlay.



ELYRIA'S IKE MAXWELL DARTS THROUGH HOLE IN FREMONT ROSS DEFENSE

Little Giants include: John Werling (34), Mike Biecher (32), Ted Kreilick (78), Andy Sale (75), Bob Brudinski (85) And Chuck Colek (88)

Little Giant, Pioneer Defenses Stand Out

Two high-powered defenses met at Harmon stadium Friday night, but it was a pair of rough defensive teams that stood out as the Elyria Pioneer defeated Ross high's Little Giants, 15-7, in a battle of unbeaten.

The two teams had averaged 43 points apiece in their first five games, but they managed a total of just 22 Friday night. The coaches were not surprised.

"When two good teams play, you are going to have two good defenses out there," Elyria head coach Bob Barton said following his squad's victory. "This is the best we've played on defense. Both teams deserve a lot of credit for playing very well."

"I thought our kids did a great job," he added.

"No, I wasn't really surprised by the low score," Ross high's

head coach Charles Shuff agreed. The game, he felt, was a defensive battle (Elyria) looked better on defense tonight than when we saw them before."

"But, I'm real proud of these kids," Shuff said. "They've done a heck of a job."

The Ross mentor lamented some missed tackles, especially against the speedy Ike Maxwell. "We were getting people there, but missing tackles. They were going in with their heads down... but he's a real good ball player and he broke a lot of tackles."

Shuff praised his defensive unit for their effort and said, "If we would have played in the first half as we did in the second half, we would have won, 7-0."

Barton, meanwhile, was elated

and maybe surprised by the success of his defense, but got pretty much what he expected from his offense.

He praised Maxwell and noted, "when you get that much yardage against a fine defensive team like Ross, you know you are getting good blocking up the line."

Barton rejected the idea that his Pioneer might have had added incentive because they were somewhat ignored in the polls while Ross was near the top of the list.

"I think the ratings are ridiculous. We don't worry about the ratings. I told the kids, you know you are going to win and the ratings will take care of themselves. It's the



ratings at the end of the year that count."

In the quiet Ross lockerroom Shuff agreed that the Buckeye Conference race was far from over even though Elyria won what was considered in many corners as the 'big one.' Findlay remains undefeated and Sandusky, like Ross, has just one league loss.

"We are still in this. I'm sure

we'll bounce back. We have the type of kids to do it. This is a tight-knit ball club and we'll be back."

Elyria's defense did an outstanding job against Ross. Until this game, both Tom Liggins and Rob Lytle had scored at least one touchdown in each contest. Neither scored a touchdown last night. They were each averaging well over 100 yards per game

entering the contest, but neither approached that figure Friday night.

Meanwhile, the Little Giant's wildcat turned in a performance that would have been expected to have been plenty good enough to win the game judging by past Ross offensive performances. The wildcat held Elyria to about 100 yards less than the Pioneer's per-game average of 275 net yards.

A Cup Of Maxwell

Score By Quarters			
Elyria	9	0	6-15
Ross	7	0	0-7
Scoring			
Ross-Dale Shoemaker, 13 yard pass from Ben Lopez (Tom Liggins, kick)			
Elyria-Ike Maxwell, 13 yard run from Maxwell run			
Elyria-Ike Maxwell, 7 yard run from Jerry Richardson kick			
TEAM STATISTICS			
	Ross	Elyria	
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	14	15	
Rushing	8	12	
Passing	6	3	
Penalty	0	0	
REDUCTION	0	0	
Yards	227	307	
Lost	20	28	
Net	207	279	
PASSING			
Attempts	12	0	
Completions	4	0	
Yards	6	0	
Interceptions	0	0	
TDs	0	0	
TOTAL OFFENSE			
PUNTERS	1	0	
Field Goals	0	0	
Penalties	0	0	
Penalties Yards	0	0	
PUNTS	0	0	

Passing			
	Att.	Comp.	Yds.
Ben Lopez	12	4	66
Receiving			
	No.	Yds.	TD
Dale Shoemaker	1	13	0
Chuck Lindsey	2	24	0
Tom Liggins	1	48	0
Chuck Colek	1	9	0
Rob Lytle	1	80	0
Punting			
	No.	Ave.	TD
Bob Brudinski	7	40.3	0
Field Returns			
	No.	Yds.	TD
Mike Pease	3	13	0
Kickoff Returns			
	No.	Yds.	TD
Rob Lytle	2	68	0
Chuck Lindsey	1	4	0
Elyria Returns			
	No.	Yds.	TD
Car. Gain	1	28	0
Car. Loss	0	0	0
Car. Net	1	28	0
John Gawlik	4	36	0
Phil Oliver	1	19	0
Ike Perkins	4	14	0
Bruce McElroy	1	5	0
Larry Bell	1	10	0
Punting			
	No.	Ave.	TD
Dale Griffin	4	40	0
Individual Statistics			
	Car.	Pass.	TD
Rob Lytle	18	81	0
Tom Liggins	1	48	0
Don Moore	2	8	0
Ben Lopez	1	66	0
Dale Shoemaker	1	13	0
Phil Oliver	1	19	0

WHERE'S HOLE?—Rob Lytle (41) of Ross looks for daylight as he follows blockers on this running play in third quarter of last night's Buckeye Conference game at Harmon Stadium.

Lytle and his Little Giant teammates bowed 15-7 to the Pioneer. It was the first loss for Ross. (N.M. Photo By Larry Sollazzo)

Ross Entertains Steelmen

Will Little Giants Bounce Back?

Ross head coach Chuck Shuff can't do anything about it but he would like to see Lorain Senior invade Harmon Stadium Friday with a better record than its current 2-4 log.

"As far as won-loss record is concerned Lorain isn't impressive," Shuff says. "But, they have impressed our scouts and they impressed Findlay last week."

Shuff and his coaching staff have had one main concern this week — preparing the Little Giants mentally for the Steelmen, who scared Findlay last Friday before bowing, 14-7.

"Our biggest problem will be getting our kids prepared mentally," Shuff says. "They

took the loss to Elyria last Friday awful hard.

"But they are the type of fellows that can bounce back. We worked out on the weights last Saturday morning and it was the best weight workout we've had this fall.

"Now we need to make the kids realize that Lorain is a tough ball club. They started the season with a lot of inexperienced kids but now they've jelled. They gave Findlay everything it could handle last week and will be ready to do the same with us."

Shuff has had help from outside Fremont to prepare the Little Giants.

"This is the one time that I

think the polls have helped a team," Shuff said. "After the loss to Elyria I believe the kids felt that everything they worked for was lost — the conference championship and good state recognition.

"Then the polls came out and we were ninth in the Associated Press and eighth according to United Press International. The fellows realized that everyone had not forgotten about Ross just because we lost. Now, I think they want to justify the faith the pollsters showed in them."

Injuries could force several changes in the offensive and defensive lineups.

Rob Lytle, the leading rusher with 707 yards in six games and

7.8 average, has been hampered by a knee injury in practice this week. If Lytle is unable to go, his spot would be taken by split end Chuck Lindsey. Senior John Werling would take over at Lindsey's vacated end spot.

Also questionable for the contest is veteran offensive tackle and defensive end Andy Sale. Sale was injured in the Elyria contest and did not dress in the first two days of practices this week. His defensive assignment could be handled by Dave Mierke, Mike Biehler or Don Moore. Sale's offensive replacement would probably be Bob Koebel."

The coaches are also undetermined about their starting center. It will be either Scott Merritt or Mike Biehler.

Another face could appear in the starting lineup at guard where Terry Hinkle is battling

Scott Berlekamp for one of the positions. The other guard is Denny Reese. Ted Kreilick will be at one of the tackles. Chuck Celek and Bob Brudzinski alternate at tight end.

Lytle is the only questionmark in the backfield. Ben Lopez will bark the signals with Tom Liggins at fullback and Dale Shoemaker playing swingback.

Defensively, Brudzinski will be one of the ends with Celek and Larry Johns at tackle. Ted Kreilick is the noseman.

Linebacking assignments belong to Mike Sherman and Biehler. If Biehler sees action at center, he'll probably split the time at linebacker with Tom Liggins.

Lindsey handles the halfback assignments on defense with Werling at cornerback, Tom Pitts at monster and Mike Feasel playing safety.

News-Messenger SPORTS

Clyde, Lakota Will Show For 'Battle Of Grahams'

Clyde and Lakota will both show up at Clyde for their Sandusky Bay Conference match at Clyde tomorrow.

And, Lakota head coach Paul Graham has indicated his team might even arrive on the field a little early when he begins to match strategy with his son, Don, who will be on the opposite side of the stadium as Clyde's head coach.

This is a meeting that both coaches are anxiously awaiting.

"I just consider it a great opportunity to be coaching against my father," Don says. "I'm going to be out to whip him."

His dad is also looking forward to the match-up which will feature teams that run the same style offense and defense.

"Blood is thicker than water but I'll be doing my darndest to give him a lesson," Paul says.

Both teams have been crippled by injuries.

Clyde middle guard Larry Meyer sustained a broken little finger early last week and is a doubtful starter. Several other starters have missed practice because of the flu bug this week.

Lakota quarterback and safety Clarence Shiley has been ruled out of the contest because of an injury sustained in last week's 6-6 deadlock with Oak Harbor. Also in the doubtful list is tackle Mike Gladioux, who has been felled by the flu.

"I just hope both of us can have all our kids ready," Don says. "I would hate to see either of us have an advantage because the other team would be missing a couple of players."

Clyde will start an offensive unit that will consist of center Rod Richardson, right guard Gary McGrath, either Mike

Dan Shultz will guide the Raiders from his quarterback spot. He'll be joined in the backfield by fullback Chip Youster and halfbacks Bob Zimmerman and John Lockmiller.

Across the front, Lakota will employ John Harpster (center), Al Nighswander and Rick Rupp (guards), Dan Beaton and Gary Crawford (tackles) and Terry Tahy and Larry Lentz (ends).

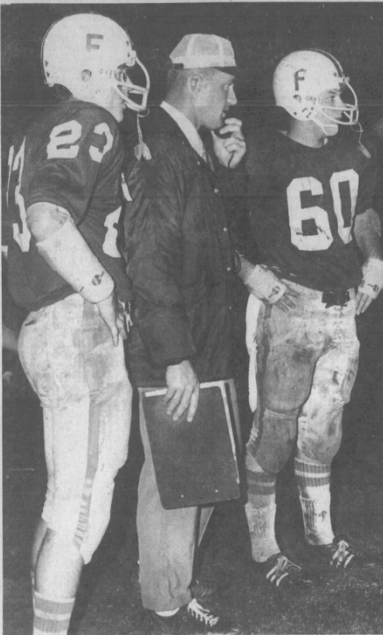
The noseman on defense will be Stan Sayre. Either Beaton or Nighswander will be at right tackle with Tim Carter on the left side. Tom Tahy and Barry Wasserman are the ends. Ed Broske and Dave Ney are the linebackers with Zimmerman and Herb Adams at cornerback. The Safety assignments are handled by Shultz and Lockmiller.

Ross Yardstick

Won 5, Lost 1		Rushing				
		Car	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg
ROSS 52, Rogers 6		Rob Lytle	90	715	8	707
ROSS 35, Lincoln-West 0		Tom Liggins	99	592	4	588
ROSS 46, Bowsher 6		Tom Pitts	17	72	0	72
ROSS 43, Lorain Admiral King 6		Chuck Lindsey	10	89	8	81
ROSS 41, Mansfield 8		Ben Lopez	13	27	24	3
Elyria 15, ROSS 7		Jerry Obermyer	7	19	0	19
Oct. 22—LORAIN SENIOR		Dale Shoemaker	5	58	7	51
Oct. 29—at Marion		John Wright	4	10	0	10
Nov. 5—FINDLAY		Don Moore	4	10	0	21
Nov. 12—at Sandusky		Mike Feasel	2	16	0	16
		Tim Smith	1	6	0	6
		Jon Smith	1	2	0	2
		Bob Brudzinski	1	0	1	1
SCORE BY QUARTERS		Passing				
		Att	Comp	Yds	Int	TD
Ross	36 55 63 70-224	53	27	413	0	3
Opponents	0 27 6 8-41	9	7	126	0	1
TEAM STATISTICS		Receiving				
		No	Yds	Avg	TD	
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	112 64	53	27	413	0	3
Rushing	78 36	9	7	126	0	1
Passing	27 15	6	1	11	0	0
Penalty	7 13	2	1	13	0	0
RUSHING		Receiving				
Gained	1627 935	Chuck Lindsey	10	196	19.6	0
Lost	52 203	Bob Brudzinski	6	83	13.8	0
Net	1575 732	Dale Shoemaker	4	70	19.0	0
PASSING		Chuck Celek	4	56	14.0	1
Attempts	70 69	Don Moore	3	41	13.6	1
Completions	36 24	Tom Liggins	3	20	6.6	0
Yardage	563 249	Rob Lytle	3	23	7.6	0
Interceptions	0 8	Steve Celek	2	24	12.0	0
TOTAL OFFENSE	2138 981	John Wering	1	44	44.0	0
FUMBLES	16 13	Punting				
Fumbles Lost	4 5	No	Yds	Avg	TD	
PENALTIES - Yards	27-341 35-330	Bob Brudzinski	14	539	38.5	0
PUNTS - Average	14-38.5 24-32.3	Kickoff Returns				
		No	Yds	Avg	TD	
Individual Scoring		Tom Pitts	4	38	9.5	0
TD PAT-K PAT-2 Tot		Rob Lytle	3	91	30.3	0
Tom Liggins	12 9 3 87	Terry Hinkle	1	15	15.0	0
Rob Lytle	8 0 6 60	Don Moore	1	13	13.0	0
Chuck Lindsey	5 0 0 30	Dale Shoemaker	1	6	6.0	0
Tom Pitts	2 0 0 12	Chuck Lindsey	1	6	6.0	0
Ben Lopez	2 0 0 12	Tom Liggins	1	4	4.0	0
Dale Shoemaker	1 0 0 10	Punt Returns				
Don Moore	1 0 0 6	No	Yds	Avg	TD	
Chuck Celek	1 0 0 6	Mike Feasel	12	69	5.7	0
Larry Johns	0 1 0 1	Chuck Lindsey	2	20	10.0	0
		John Wering	1	1	1.0	0

Little Giants Explode in Fourth Quarter

Liggins, Lytle Ignite Rushing Attack



ROSS HEAD COACH CHUCK SHUFF Dale Shoemaker (23) Scott Berlekamp (66)



TOM LIGGINS RUNS FOR TOUCHDOWN Scott Merritt (51) Looks For Block



JOHN WERLING STOPS PETE ABRAHAM (81) Dave Mierke (66) Moves In To Help

By ROY WILHELM
Opportunity and hard work—two keys to success in life—paid off in big dividends for the Ross high Little Giants.

The Little Giants combined an opportunistic defense and a crunching offense to spill leaving Loran Senior, 31-13, in a tough Buckeye Conference battle at Harmon stadium Friday night.

The Ross' Wolfpack set up two touchdowns, scored one and stopped a Loran scoring opportunity with an interception at the goal line.

Meanwhile, the "Root bags," led by the talented combo of Tom Liggins and Rob Lytle, ground out the yardage, controlling the football and finally breaking loose in the final quarter after the defense had supplied the spark.

The Little Giants offense moved almost at will throughout the game, but had trouble crossing the goal line and holding on to the football until that final quarter.

Led by Liggins and Lytle, the Giants pounded their way to 40 yards on the ground, with Liggins rushing for 20 and Lytle streaking for 187 of the total.

In spite of the powerful display by the Ross offense, however, the outcome of the contest remained in doubt until the defense provided the fourth quarter push.

Leading just 13-6 early in the fourth quarter, the Little Giants fumbled the ball away on the Loran 48 yard line and the inspired Loran squad moved to the offensive.

Just two plays later, however, Andy Sale fell on a Loran fumble to turn the ball back over to the Little Giants. Ross quickly moved in for the score that gave it a two-touchdown margin.

Sale exploded into the Loran backfield and fell on a fumble all the way back at the Loran 15 yard line.

Lytle gained five yards on the first play after Ross took over the ball and then Loran was guilty of a several foul. Liggins then dashed 13 yards to the two yard line and scored from seven yards out after an illegal procedure penalty had moved Ross back five yards.

The score came with 10:30 to go in the contest and gave the Giants some breathing room for the first time in the second half.

Loran was far from through, however, and the Ross defense had to know when the opportunity knocked again. The Steelmen marched to a first down at the Ross 14 yard line, but on fourth and five, Mike Fessel picked off a Jesse Camera pass on the goal line and dashed back to the 13.

Supplied with another lift by the defense, the Giants moved again for a quick score.

Liggins opened the drive with a four yard run and then Lytle dashed 14 yards for a first down after the Giants again had been set back by an illegal motion penalty. Liggins then sprinted 23 yards off tackle and probably would have gone 76 yards for a touchdown except that he outran his blockers and couldn't wait for one of them to catch up and clear out the last defender. He was in the open with blockers near him, but they were behind and not fast enough to give the balling Liggins a hand downfield.

Quarterback Ben Lopez then swept end for seven yards and Liggins matched that total for another Ross first down, but the Giants were set back 13 yards by a personal foul.

Then, with first and 25 on the Ross 48, Lopez kicked to Lytle and the lightning fast junior was off and running. Lytle raced down the sidelines and sidestepped the final defender as he went 52 yards for the score that really finished things with 5:13 left in the game. Liggins kicked the extra points and the Giants led 21-6.

The Wolfpack wasn't finished, however. The defenders scored the final Ross touchdown of the game. This time it was the speedy Chuck Lindsey who served in on a Camera pass, picked it off at the Ross 24 yard line and sprinted 46 yards for the score, outrunning everyone in sight. It was the second time this year that the rapid defense back had hustled into end zone with an intercepted pass. He raced 8 yards to score after an interception against Mansfield.

Lindsey's touchdown gave the Giants a 21-6 edge with just 1:41 remaining in the game.

While Ross waited until the final quarter to blow the game open, 14-0, Loran's wait was to start.

Once again, it was the defense that got things moving early in the game.

Tremendous pressure on Camera forced a fumble on the Steelers' second offensive play. It was Larry Johns who fell on the loose pigskin on the Loran 18 yard line.

Three plays later, Liggins scrambled nine yards for the touchdown. There was only two minutes and 21 seconds gone in the game when the Little Giants first changed the scoreboard.

Ross moved the ball well the next two times on offense, but a delay of game penalty stalled the first march and a fumble recovered by Loran on the Steelmen's three yard line ended the second.

That fumble only delayed the second Ross touchdown. Loran was unable to move the ball from deep in its own territory and Camera punted to the 37 yard line. On the first play from scrimmage after the punt, Lytle raced down the sidelines for the Giants' second touchdown. That 37 yard run came with 8:17 left in the half.

Loran marched right back into the half game, driving 43 yards in 16 plays and scoring with just 1:07 left in the half. Terry Atkinson plunged into the end zone from one yard out to end the drive.

Ross again marched down the field only to fall to score in the third quarter. The Giants took the second ball kickoff and drove from their own 23 yard line to the Loran six in 12 plays, but two incomplete passes ended the drive.

The Giants held on to that one touchdown lead until the fourth quarter when Sale recovered the fumble and Ross rose to the occasion.

"We were not sharp tonight," head coach Chuck Shuff said after the three-touchdown victory. "They (Loran) played inspired football and we did not. I'm disappointed in our showing tonight and the kids know that they did not play well and they are disappointed too."

Shuff admitted the Giants were down after the close loss to Elyria, last week, but expressed the belief that the fourth quarter surge would bring the gridirers back to life.

The Giants still have three games remaining. Tickets for next week's contest at Marion will go on sale at Tremper's Tuesday night. All reserve seats for the Findlay game are sold.

Power Display By Ross Backs

Ross high's famed cannonball barreled into the line time and time again Friday night and led the Little Giants in an incredible display of running power in their 31-13 win over Loran senior at Harmon Field.

Tom Liggins, the senior fullback who has led the Giants in scoring for the past two years and is doing the same thing again this year, teamed with the speedy junior Rob Lytle in an awesome power display.

Liggins, blasting into the interior of the line, pounded his way through the Loran defense for 206 yards in 34 carries. Called on in tough short yardage situations as well as in the normal line of duty, Liggins still averaged better than 8.5 yards each time he touched the ball.

Liggins, a 5'10", 185 pound blaster, found a little more daylight than usual as the Loran defense kept a careful eye on the speedy Lytle.

While Liggins was topping the 200 yard mark, Lytle wasn't far behind.

Boosted by touchdown runs of 52 and 37 yards, Lytle dashed past the Loran defense for 187 yards in just 14 carries, an average of 13.3 yards per carry.

That gave the pair 202 yards in 38 carries, a combined average of 10.3 yards per try. It was the second time this year that the dynamic duo of Ross high has piled up a huge offensive total and still averaged better than ten yards per try. Against Toledo Bowsher, the pair carried the ball a combined total of 25 times for 307 yards.

"Our offensive line evidently did some real moving of people out there," head coach Chuck Shuff said after the Ross victory. "And Don Moore and Dale Shoemaker did some fine blocking from their backfield spots. Our tight ends Bob Brodinski and Chuck Celek were clearing the way and the tackles must have been picking up people because we were going right through those holes." Members of that offensive line include Andy Sale, Bob Koebel, Ted Kruelick, Terry Hinkle, Scott Berlekamp, Denny Reese, Scott Merritt, Mike Biehler and Chuck Lindsey, in addition to Celek and Brodinski.

That offensive line cleared the way for plenty of big gains by the dynamic duo.

Incredibly one half of Lytle's 14 cracks at the line were good for more than ten yards apiece. His 14 carries included the following seven: 11 yards, 30 yards, 37 yards, 21 yards, 13 yards, 14 yards and 52 yards. He also had another for nine yards.

Liggins meanwhile had eight runs of ten yards or better, another of nine yards and only six of less than five yards. Among his 34 rushes were runs of 11 yards, 15 yards, 25 yards, 34 yards, two of 13 yards and two of ten yards.

Each scored two touchdowns in the contest.

Each is headed toward a possible 1,000 yard rushing season.

Liggins now has 797 yards in 123 carries in the seven games.

Lytle leads the team in rushing with 694 yards in 104 carries.

—WILHELM

Score By Quarters				Punting			
Loran	Ross	1st	2nd	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	10
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	10
Receiving				Passing			
Player	Yds.	Att.	Int.	Player	Yds.	Att.	Int.
Tom Liggins	206	34	0	John Werling	1	1	0
Rob Lytle	187	14	0	Mike Fessel	1	1	0
Andy Sale	13	1	0	Bob Brodinski	1	1	0
Chuck Celek	13	1	0	Chuck Celek	1	1	0
Bob Koebel	13	1	0	Bob Koebel	1	1	0
Scott Merritt	13	1	0	Scott Merritt	1	1	0
Mike Biehler	13	1	0	Mike Biehler	1	1	0
Chuck Lindsey	13	1	0	Chuck Lindsey	1	1	0
John Werling	13	1	0	John Werling	1	1	0
Mike Fessel	13	1	0	Mike Fessel	1	1	0
Bob Brodinski	13	1	0	Bob Brodinski	1	1	0
Chuck Celek	13	1	0	Chuck Celek	1	1	0
Bob Koebel	13	1	0	Bob Koebel	1	1	0
Scott Merritt	13	1	0	Scott Merritt	1	1	0
Mike Biehler	13	1	0	Mike Biehler	1	1	0
Chuck Lindsey	13	1	0	Chuck Lindsey	1	1	0
John Werling	13	1	0	John Werling	1	1	0
Mike Fessel	13	1	0	Mike Fessel	1	1	0
Bob Brodinski	13	1	0	Bob Brodinski	1	1	0
Chuck Celek	13	1	0	Chuck Celek	1	1	0
Bob Koebel	13	1	0	Bob Koebel	1	1	0
Scott Merritt	13	1	0	Scott Merritt	1	1	0
Mike Biehler	13	1	0	Mike Biehler	1	1	0
Chuck Lindsey	13	1	0	Chuck Lindsey	1	1	0
John Werling	13	1	0	John Werling	1	1	0
Mike Fessel	13	1	0	Mike Fessel	1	1	0
Bob Brodinski	13	1	0	Bob Brodinski	1	1	0
Chuck Celek	13	1	0	Chuck Celek	1	1	0
Bob Koebel	13	1	0	Bob Koebel	1	1	0
Scott Merritt	13	1	0	Scott Merritt	1	1	0
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Ross Combo Nears 1,000 Mark

Lytle 106 Shy, Liggins Still Needs 207 Yards



UNBEATEN QUARTERBACK — Chuck Ealey (16), University of Toledo quarterback, escapes the opponent during a recent contest. Ealey has led the Rockets to 30 straight victories, the longest winning

streak in the nation. Ealey also a personal victory streak of 60 varsity football games, starting with Portsmouth, Ohio, Notre Dame High School. (AP Wirephoto)

Ealey Sounds Like QB Who Hasn't Been Beaten

By **GEORGE STRODE**
Associated Press Sports Writer
LEDO, Ohio (AP) — ck Ealey sure sounds like a terback who never has ed on a loser in 60 high ol and college varsity foot- games.

rgely because of Ealey's ing and passing, the Uni- ty of Toledo carries the on's longest major winning ak of 30 games to Miami of) Saturday.

Little Giant

"I try to picture myself being successful in every game," says the 6-foot, 185-pound senior from Portsmouth, Ohio. "I don't know whether I'm going to throw three touchdowns or what. I just prepare myself mentally."

Ealey, whose 392 total yards against Western Michigan is the best in the nation this year, has the answers for the 15 Mid-American Conference records he already owns or shares.

"I'm more likely to sprint out or roll out, a quarterback who can run," he says. "It's an asset for a quarterback if he can

McVay, one-time Michigan State assistant.

Ealey, a transportation major with a 2.5 scholastic average, shakes off the pressure.

"The only pressure from the streak is applied by the teams we meet each week," he said. "They are mentally up and playing at their best."

Jack Murphy, who succeeded Frank Lauterbur as Toledo coach this year, praises Ealey's poise on and off the field.

"He has total confidence in his ability. He calls a number of audibles at the scrimmage

Fremont Ross' one-two rushing combination, Rob Lytle and Tom Liggins, will have their eyes cast on the 1,000-yard mark when they join their Little Giant teammates at Marion Harding for a Buckeye Conference clash tomorrow.

Lytle needs only 106 more yards to pass the 1,000 mark for the season while Liggins is 207 shy of the magic mark.

If they do pass the mark, they will be the first Ross runners to hit the 1,000-yard mark since Jim Ohms accomplished the feat back in 1960. Ohms gained 1,014 yards that year but did it in 11 games.

The all-time rushing leader in a single season at Ross is Jim Tiller. He carried for 1,598 yards during the 1962 campaign. He's followed on the all-time list by John Lewis (1,535, 1951), Les Franks (1,243, 1952), John Level (1,191, 1957), Jerome Surratt (1,168, 1951) and Jim Hailey (1,163, 1953).

Lytle and Liggins have been the keystones of the Ross offense this season. Liggins, a power-driving fullback, has been called on to carry the pigskin 123 times and has responded for 793 yards, a 6.4 average.

The Ross quarterbacks have called Lytle's number in the huddle 104 times. He has 894 yards, an 8.6 average.

After Lytle and Liggins, the next leading rusher for the Little Giants is swift Chuck Lindsey, who has netted 81 yards in 10 carries. Lindsey has gained that yardage while running in Lytle's tailback slot. Lindsey normally plays split end for the Little Giants. He's currently the top receiver with 10 receptions for 196 yards.

Liggins, Lytle and Lindsey also rank first, second and third in the scoring department. Liggins has 100 points through the first seven games with 14 touchdowns and 16 conversion points. Lytle has put 72 points on the scoreboard and Lindsey has tallied 36.

Overall, Ross has out-scored its opponents by a 255-53 margin. Biggest quarter for Ross has been the fourth when it has tacked 89 points on the board. The Little Giants have tallied 63 in the third quarter, 61 in the second and 42 in the first.

The opponents still haven't scored in the first quarter. They've totaled 33 points in the second quarter, six in the third and 14 in the fourth.

Liggins and Lytle will be joined in the offensive backfield against Harding by quarterback Ben Lopez and swingback Dale Shoemaker.

Lopez has connected on 29 of 61 aerial attempts for 429 yards and three touchdowns. Shoemaker has four of those receptions for 76 yards and a TD.

Shuff said yesterday that the status of Andy Sale and Mike Biehler for the Marion encounter is questionable. They are both hobbled by ankle injuries sustained in the Elyria game two weeks ago.

If Sale is unable to go his offensive tackle spot will probably be filled by Bob Koebel. Sale also goes at defensive end. Don Moore and Dave Mierke will probably fill in at that spot for Sale.

Biehler starts at linebacker for the Little Giants. If he's unable to play, Liggins and Moore and a sophomore, Jerry Obermyer, could be used.

Otherwise, the Ross lineup will be the same. Chuck Celek and

Bob Brudzinski will split the duty at tight end with Lindsey at split end. The second tackle will be Ted Krellick and Denny Reese, Scott Berlekamp and Terry Hinkle will alternate in the two guard holes. Scott Merritt is over the ball.

The defensive front line has Brudzinski at one end with Larry Johns and Celek at tackle. Krellick plays middle guard. Mike Sherman is one of the two linebackers with John Werling at cornerback, Lindsey at halfback, Mike Feasel at safety and Tom Pitts playing 'monster.'

Shuff and his coaching staff have reminded the Little Giants throughout the week that Marion can't be taken lightly despite its 0-6-1 record card so far.

"It's a Buckeye Conference football team," Shuff says. "We hope our kids realize by now that they can't take any team in the conference lightly. If we let down Marion has the potential to give us a real tough ball game."

Ross Yardstick

Won 6, Lost 1		Rushing	
		Car	Gain
ROSS 52, Rogers 6	194	303	9 894 8.6
ROSS 35, Lincoln-West 0	123	797	4 780 6.4
ROSS 46, Bowsher 6	17	72	0 72 4.2
ROSS 43, Lorain Admiral King 6	10	89	8 81 8.1
ROSS 41, Mansfield 6	15	34	38 6 —
Elyria 15, ROSS 7	7	10	0 19 2.7
ROSS 31, Lorain Senior 12	7	65	7 58 8.2
Oct. 29—at Marion	4	10	0 10 2.5
Nov. 5—FINDLAY	4	21	0 21 5.2
Nov. 12—at Sandusky	2	16	0 16 8.0
	1	6	0 6 6.0
	1	2	0 2 2.0
	1	0	1 —1 —
SCORE BY QUARTERS		Passing	
Ross	Opponents	Att	Comp
62 61 63 89-250	6 33 6 14-53	61	29 429 0 3
TEAM STATISTICS		Receiving	
		No	Yds
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	133 76	10	196 19.6 1
Rushing	96 40	7	91 13.0 0
Passing	27 22	5	64 12.8 1
Penalty	10 14	4	76 19.0 1
RUSHING		Don Moore	3 41 13.6 1
2034 1068		Tom Liggins	3 20 6.6 0
Lost	57 220	Rob Lytle	3 23 7.6 0
Net	1977 848	Steve Celek	2 24 12.0 0
PASSING		Jon Werling	1 44 44.0 0
Attempts	79 88		
Completions	38 34		
Yardage	579 399		
Interceptions	0 10		
TOTAL OFFENSE	2556 1247		
FUMBLES	22 18		
Fumbles Lost	7 7		
PENALTIES-Yards	36-401 45-449		
PUNTS-Average	15-38.9 29-31.4		
Individual Scoring		Kickoff Returns	
TD	PAT-K	No	Yds
Tom Liggins	14 10 3 100	4	38 9.5 0
Rob Lytle	10 0 6 72	4	112 28.0 0
Chuck Lindsey	6 0 0 36	2	18 18.0 0
Tom Pitts	2 0 0 12	1	15 15.0 0
Ben Lopez	2 0 0 12	1	8 8.0 0
D. Shoemaker	1 0 2 10	1	6 6.0 0
Don Moore	1 0 0 6	1	6 6.0 0
Chuck Celek	1 0 0 6	1	4 4.0 0
Larry Johns	0 1 0 1		
Past Returns		No	
		Yds	Avg
Mike Feasel	13	72	5.5 0
John Werling	2	8	4.0 0
Chuck Lindsey	3	10	3.3 0

Little Giants Turn Back Presidents, 20-0

Ross Aerial Attack Accounts For Touchdowns

By ROY WILHELM
MARION — An often discussed defense and a little publicized but never forgotten swing back stole the lightning from the 'L' boys and boosted Ross high's Little Giants to a 20-0 Buckeye Conference victory over host Marion Harding Friday night.

The defense, which recorded its second shutout of the season, and swingback Dale Shoemaker did big things in pairs Friday night.

Twice in the first half, the Little Giant Wolfpack rose to the occasion and halted serious Marion scoring threats with thrilling goal line stands that kept Ross in the lead.

Twice in that same half, Shoemaker scrambled into the Marion defensive backfield, slipped behind the Prexy defender and gathered in a Ben Lopez pass for a long touchdown play.

It was the defense stacked against the running game which told the story in both cases — Ross exploited it on offense and exploded it against the Marion offense.

Shoemaker, who also rushed for 36 yards in just three carries, caught the Marion defense leaning the wrong way and covered a total of 140 yards in two touchdown plays.

The speedy Shoemaker scored the first touchdown on the Little Giants' second play of the game. After a long field goal attempt by Marion failed, Ross took over on its own 20 yard line. Tom Liggins, who led the Ross ground gainers with 74 yards in 13 carries, rumbled for 25 yards on the first play, set a 15 yard clipping penalty moved the ball back to the 27. From there, Shoemaker scored the first of his two touchdowns. "I'm," 170 pound senior, who has played in the shadows of Liggins, Rob Lytle and the other 'L' boys — Chuck Lindsey and Ben Lopez — throughout the season, ran a flip pattern and then broke down field, gathering in a near perfect pass from Lopez and then streaking down the sidelines for the score.

He ran the same flip pattern (this time to the offensive team's right side instead of the left) in the second quarter and

made a sparkling grab of a somewhat off-target aerial. This time he went 60 yards for the touchdown.

While Lopez and Shoemaker were combining for touchdowns as Marion stacked nine and ten men fronts to stop the run, the Ross defense turned in an incredible performance with its back to the wall in the first half.

Late in the first quarter, the Prexies, aided by an interference penalty moved to a first down and goal-to-go on the Ross five yard line.

The Little Giants led just 8-0 at the time and Marion seemed about to cut the margin.

The rugged Wolfpack rose to the occasion, however, stopping Brian Huddle for gains of one and two yards, throwing Melvin McCreeary for a one yard loss and then stopping Huddle again for just less than three yards.

Ross failed to get the ball out of the hole and had to punt after moving to the seven yard line.

Once again aided by a pass interference call, the Prexies challenged the tenacious Wolfpack and once more the Marion gridders came up loose.

This time Homer McDuffie dashed 11 yards to give the hosts a first down at the Ross two-yard line, but the Wolfpack was having nothing to do with enemy touchdowns on this day.

Huddle, who led all rushers with 62 yards for the game, plunged into the line two straight times for a net gain of one yard. On third down, McCreeary was stopped for no gain and on the Prexy's final attempt, Huddle was stopped short of the goal line.

The Wolfpack had stopped the Marion squad and the threshold of success twice within a matter of minutes.

While Shoemaker averaged 71 yards per try in two passing plays against the run-conscious Marion defense, the Marion

offense failed to average even one yard per carry in eight tries against the aggressive Ross defenders at the goal line.

Members of the Wolfpack that threw back the challenge of the Marion offense in that first half were (at one time or another) Bob Brudzinski, Dave Marks and Don Moore at the ends; Ted Kreilich, Bob Koebel, Larry Johns and Chuck Colek in the interior line; Liggins and Mike Sherman at linebacker and Mike Fassel, Shoemaker, John Wierling, Tom Pitts and Lytle in the defensive backfield.

"That was great," Ross high's head coach Chuck Shuff said after the contest, "Especially twice in a row . . . That's almost too much for a coach to ask."

Ross moved from that second goal line stand by the Wolfpack to the second touchdown by the Root Hogs.

A 25 yard pass play ended with Lopez hurling and Brudzinski catching moved the Giants out of the hole and then Lopez and Shoemaker connected for their second touchdown of the day. The 60 yard pass play ended with 2:06 left in the half. It was the fifth play of a drive in which Ross started at its own one yard line and was set back once by an illegal procedure.

Lopez, who completed seven of 13 passes for 282 yards for the game, also threw a touchdown pass in the third quarter. The speedy Lindsey moved back around a defender, pulled down a slightly underthrown aerial and then found his way into the end zone. The 38 yard pass came with 9:34 left in the third quarter, but ended the scoring.

Ross threatened once more, but an intercepted pass ended the drive with second and three on the Marion eight yard line and less than two minutes to go in the game.

Although the Giants did pile up 440 yards total offense, a big part of that yardage came on the long gainers. The Giants

were stymied by field position through the game. The Little Giants took over the football on their own one yard line three times in the game. They also took possession on the three once, on the five once and on the 13 once. Yet, they only punted twice in the contest.

Lindsey, who has already scored twice on intercepted passes this year, nearly added to the total Friday. He picked off one pass and appeared to have clear sailing, but slipped. He also took shots at a couple of other passes and just missed making grabs with open field in front of him.

The Ross defense also recovered a fumble, Larry Johns falling on the loose ball as it bounced away from McCreeary in the third quarter.

Elyria Notches Another Victory

FINDLAY — For the third consecutive week, Elyria went up against a Buckeye Conference powerhouse. And for the third time, they came out the winners.

Findlay, riddled by injuries, came within a scant margin of upsetting the league-leading Pioneers. As it was, the Pioneers, ranked eighth in state by the Associated Press, scored a fourth-quarter touchdown to give Findlay its second loss, 6-0.

Elyria had earlier upset Fremont Ross in a key conference clash, and last week dumped Sandusky.

Stacking a defense to stop Elyria's running game, the Trojans did have eight of 11 players just off the ball. They best a few times, but were never really broken.

Elyria's Ike Maxwell, the conference rushing leader, entered the contest with 1,290 yards for the season. He carried the ball 34 times Friday night for an additional 136 yards.

It was the first time this season that the jitter-bugging running back did not have a run of at least 50 yards for scrimmage. His longest scamper against the Trojans was "just" 27 yards.

Three different times during the first half, the Pioneers were able to drive deep into Findlay territory, making it to the 15, 5 and the 3. Each time, however, the Trojans stiffened.

At the same time, the Pioneer defense was also adept at stopping the crippled Trojans. Findlay coach Bob Bockrath used eight different ball carriers in an attempt to get going, but the Trojans compiled a minus three yards total offense in the first half.

Findlay did come close to scoring once, thanks to Mark Slough's 54-yard return of an intercepted pass. But, on fourth down, quarterback Keith Hite was spotted for a 16-yard loss. It appeared that Findlay has scored in the second half after Jeff Bixler picked up a loose ball and went 37 yards unimpeded into the Elyria end zone. But, officials ruled the fumble, which came off the hands of punter Maxwell, was a muff, and the ball was put back on the 37 yard line.

Once again, the over-powering Elyria defense held, this time killing the threat with Steve Sunagel's pass interception in the end zone.

Following the interception, Elyria went 80 yards in 13 plays. The big play was a 12-yard pass from John Gwik to Dale Griffin, good for a first-and-ten at the Findlay 13.

Gwik ran the rest of the way in the ensuing play, and the Pioneers had their victory margin.

Findlay finished with just nine net yards rushing and totaled out with 59 aerial yards.

Elyria had 225 yards rushing and 12 passing. The Pioneers held the edge in first downs, 14 to five.

In other conference games last night, Sandusky took a 29-7 victory at Mansfield Senior and Lorain Admiral King squeaked by its cross-town rival, Lorain Senior, 14-12.

Scott May did practically everything for Sandusky. He caught two touchdowns passes for 29 and 84 yards, kicked a 37 yard field goal and added two extra points.

A nine yard run by Jeff Ward accounted for the third Sandusky touchdown. It was only the second touchdown by rushing for Sandusky in 10 quarters.

Admiral King had a 140 halftime lead. Lorain scored once in the third quarter and got another TD in the final 12 minutes.

The difference in the contest was a first quarter safety. Admiral King's Tyrone Mance tackled Senior's Dean Imbrugio in the end zone.

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SPORTS

Two Games Left For Ross Gridders

Ross, having registered its second shutout, 20-0, over Marion Friday night, turns its attention to a pair of toughies to end the season.

Sporting a silly 7-1 record, the Little Giants face a pair of rugged rivals in the final two games of the season. Findlay visits Harmon Stadium next Friday and the Little Giants journey to Sandusky the week after.

The feeling around the Ross locker room Friday night was that the Little Giants may have been looking forward to Findlay.

Even at that, the Giants, in spite of poor field position through most of the night, piled up 440 yards in total offense. Quarterback Ben Lopez led the way with seven completions for 282 yards and three touchdowns.

The Ross defense, on the other hand, looked weak at times against the pass and this could be critical against a pair of strong passing teams in the final two weeks.

Ross high's head coach Chuck Shuff expects his charges to be mentally better prepared for Findlay than they have been the last two weeks. "They had better be from the looks of things," Shuff said pointing to Elyria's one touchdown victory over the reportedly injury-riddled Trojans.

Injuries could be a key in the Friday contest. Several Findlay players were expected to miss this week's game with Elyria and their status for next week is not known at this time.

Defensive end and offensive tackle Andy Sale sat out Friday's game, but may be ready for next week. "We missed his blocking in there in the offensive line," Shuff said after Friday's contest.

Defensive back John Wierling gave everyone quite a scare when he apparently was kicked in the head early in the contest. Wierling appeared to recover from the blow. He was taken to the hospital but was in his street clothes on the bench in the second half and reported feeling better. His chances of playing next week are slim.

The running duo of Tom Liggins and Rob Lytle struggled through the Marion game with injuries. Liggins sprained his ankle slightly and Lytle has a sprained instep and sprained toe. Both are presently hampered by the injuries, but are expected to be ready by Friday.

The two still have some ground to cover before they make the 1,000 mark. Lytle gained 54 yards to raise his total to 948, while Liggins added 74 yards to his figures, bringing his total game total to 887.

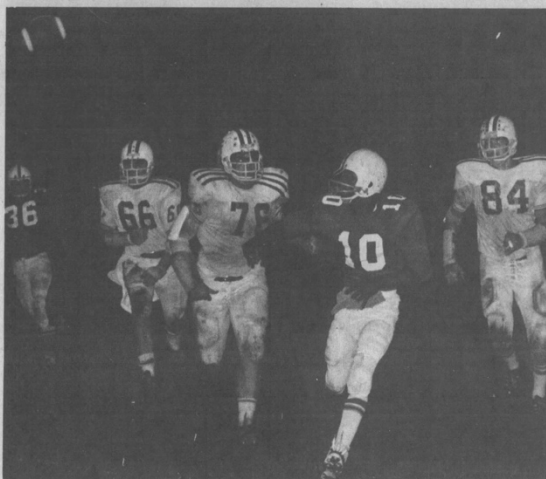
Ross scored the first time it had the ball in each half and on a 99 yard, five play drive in the second quarter. The Giants scored in just two plays in the first quarter to take an 8-0 lead and marched 77 yards in just six plays after taking the second half kickoff. A counter by Dale Shoemaker opened the second half drive. That 12 yard Shoemaker run and a 17 yard pass from Lopez to Chuck Colek were key plays leading up to the 38 yard touchdown pass from Lopez to Chuck Lindsey.

Those two interceptions by Marion were the first against the Little Giants this year. Meanwhile, the Giants have scored three touchdowns on interceptions and have picked off 11 passes. —WILHELM

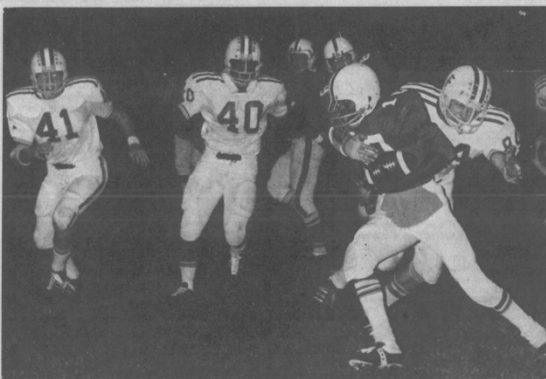
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Fremont	5	5	0	0	0	0
Marion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scoring		Receiving	No.	Yds.	TDs	
Ross-Dale Shoemaker, 77 yard pass		Dale Shoemaker	2	142	2	
from Ben Lopez (Lopez, run)		Chuck Lindsey	3	38	1	
Ross-Dale Shoemaker, 68 yard pass		Bob Brudzinski	1	25	0	
from Ben Lopez (kick failed)		Chuck Colek	1	17	0	
Ross-Chuck Lindsey, 28 yard pass		Passing	No.	Yds.	TDs	
from Ben Lopez (run failed)		Bob Brudzinski	2	30	0	
Team Statistics						

Team Statistics	Ben Brudzinski	Kick Returns
First Downs	14	12
Running	1	1
Passing	13	11
Punting	0	0
Penalty	0	0
RUSHING		
Gained	197	118
Lost	30	3
Net	167	115
Attempts	15	21
Completed	20	8
Yards per Attempt	11.1	5.5
Interceptions	4	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	440	197
POINTS-Per Game	20	6
PUNTS-Yards	0	0
Field Goals	0	0
Individual Statistics		
Ben Lopez	13	140
Rob Lytle	11	38
Dale Shoemaker	2	140
Ben Lopez	3	74
Tom Liggins	13	54
Chuck Lindsey	1	38
Tom Pitts	1	17
Passing		
Ben Lopez	13	282
Chuck Lindsey	1	38
Chuck Colek	1	25
Chuck Lindsey	1	17



MELVIN MCCREEARY, HARDING QUARTERBACK, THROWS PASS UNDER PRESSURE
Dave Mierke (66), Larry Johns (76) and Bob Brudzinski (84) Attack For Ross



ROSS DEFENSIVE END BOB BRUDZINSKI PULLS MELVIN MCCREEARY DOWN FOR LOSS
Rob Lytle (41) and Tom Liggins (40) Move In To Assist On Tackle

How Top Ohio Grid Squads Fared

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Canton McKinley (6-1) beat Steubenville 25-0.	8-0 beat Cleveland Marshall 26-7.	8-0 beat Portsmouth West 26-0.
Here's how The Associated Press' top 10 ranked Ohio high school football teams fared in Friday night action:	4. Elyria (8-0) beat Findlay 54-0.	1. Newark Catholic (7-0-0) plays Lucas tonight.
1. Warren Harding (8-0-0) beat Marion Harding 20-0.	6. Youngstown North (8-0-0) beat Youngstown East 40-16.	4. Cery-Rawson (8-0-0) plays Lucas tonight.
2. Cincinnati Moeller (8-0-0) beat Cincinnati Bacon 6-4.	7. New Lexington (7-0-0) beat West Muskingum 28-0.	3. Lorain Catholic (6-1-0) plays Elyria Catholic Sunday.
3. Massillon (6-0-0) lost to 8. plays Louisville tonight.	8. Napoleon (7-1-0) beat Bryan 68-4 Thursday night.	6. West Jefferson (6-0-0) beat Dublin 14-0.
4. Akron Garfield (7-0-0) beat Akron East 13-0.	9. Stoupeville Catholic (7-0-0) beat Dayton Jefferson (8-0-0) beat Bellbrook 28-0.	7. Tawasaw Catholic (7-0-0) plays Cincinnati Indian Valley South tonight.
5. Troy (6-0-0) beat Xenia tonight.	10. Springfield Shawnee (7-0-0) beat Clark Northeastern 13-0.	8. Ada (6-0-0) beat Allen East 20-0 Thursday night.
6. (The) Niles McKinley (5-1-1) plays Alliance tonight, and 7. plays Alliance tonight, and 8. Cleveland Holy Name (7-0-0) beat Carey 20-0.	1. Marion Pleasant (8-0-0) beat Carey 20-0.	3. Zanesville Rosecrans (6-0-0) plays Sarnsville Shenandoah tonight.
	2. Portsmouth Notre Dame	10. Cedarville (5-1-1) lost to Clark Southeastern 14-0.

PLAN DEFENSIVE STRATEGY—Mike Sherman (41), Ross linebacker and defensive coordinator Jim Harmon discuss defensive maneuvers during a break in the action of last night's Ross-Marion Harding Buckeye Conference collision at Marion. The Little Giant defensive unit was credited with its second shutout of the season as Ross gained a 20-0 victory over the Presidents. (N-M Photo by Roy Wilhelm)

High And Low Mark (s)

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor

High and Low MARK(s).
Mike Ruggiero, an All-State selection at linebacker for Gibsonburg in 1969, is a member of the United States Military Academy traveling squad. Ruggiero is being used as a defensive halfback by head coach Tom Cahill and his staff. So far this season he has traveled to the Air Force and Miami (Fla.) games with the Cadets.

It doesn't show on the schedules printed earlier in the season, but ABC-TV will televise the Alabama-LSU Southeastern Conference football game as its "wild card" selection this week. Game time is 9:30 p.m. and can be seen locally on channels 15 and 24.

Gibsonburg athletic director Karl Baker has announced the distribution of Golden Age Lifetime Passes to all Golden Bear athletic events. Any persons in the Gibsonburg school district, who's over the age of 65 and wishes a pass, should contact Baker at the school for further information or send him a letter.

Heidelberg, ripped 47-14 by Baldwin-Wallace last Saturday, plays its only afternoon game of the season Saturday. The Student Princes have an overall record of 4-3-1 and a win against Muskingum would assure the Berg of its first winning season since 1960 when the Princes were 5-4-0.

It Toledo can handle Northern Illinois University Saturday it would give the Rockets the number two spot in the record books for the longest winning streak ever put together by a College team. Toledo currently has 31 straight victories, which ties it with Oklahoma for the number two spot.

There is going to be at least one new high school basketball team in the state this winter. Fields High School, which is hidden between the walls of Mansfield's Ohio State Reformatory has been approved for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association. For tournament play, Fields will be ranked Class AA. The Fighting Eagles will open their season at Danville December 4.

Gibsonburg's outstanding football team was feted at an outdoor cookout last Sunday sponsored by End's Flower and Gift Shop of that community. Members of the Golden Bear coaching staff, their wives and players were included in the guest list. Featured speaker was Pastor Buck Summers of Fremont Grace Reformed Church. His talk concerned the athlete's role in society and what benefits the players were deriving from participating in a varsity sport. The group was welcomed by Al Minich. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnold, Shawn and Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shimp and Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vance of Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Spanfeller and Randy Maynard.

Ross Holds Lead In Total Offense

Ross high, after five conference games, has a mere 7 yard advantage over conference leader Elyria in total yards to date, according to statistics released today by Buckeye Conference officials.

Though trailing undefeated Elyria by one game in the conference standings, the Little Giants have managed to take first place in the total yards department, 1,609 to the Pioneers' 1,731. That gives Ross a 361.8-yard per game average in conference play compared to Elyria's 345.2.

Defensively, Ross stands third behind the Pioneers and Sandusky. The tough Pioneer defense has relinquished just 822 total yards in conference play as compared to Sandusky's even 960 and Ross' 1,067. Thus, Elyria's per-game average stands at 164.4 yards to Sandusky's 180 and the Giants' 207.4.

However, Ross has given up only 41 points in conference play, just ten more than the Pioneers have relinquished. Sandusky has allowed 67 points to its conference foes.

Rob Lytle and Tom Liggins, the Little Giants' backfield ace, rate two-three in rushing behind Elyria's De Maxwell, who has carried for 1,015 yards just in conference action. That's 7.7 yards for Maxwell each time he gets his hands on the ball.

Lytle is second in rushing with 592 yards in 80 carries (7.4) and Liggins is third with 524 yards in 86 chances with the pigskin (6.1).

Liggins has scored six touchdowns and nine PATs for 46 total points, second only to Maxwell, who has ramblined for 11 TDs and one two-point conversion for 68 tallies.

Lytle is first in scoring with 40 points on six touchdowns and two PAT runs.

Ross quarterback Ben Lopez is ranked second in the league in the passing category behind Sandusky's Bob Jackson, who has 791 net yards on a 26-of-49 completion record (43.8). Lopez has a better completion average with 26 completions on 36 attempts (46.4), but trails the Sandusky field general in net yards with 507.

Fremont owns the league's second-leading punter in Bob Brudzinski, who is averaging 38.3 yards per punt in conference play. He's sailed 13 out for a total of 500 yards, compared to Elyria's Dale Griffin, the league-leader with 593 yards in 15 attempts (39.5).

The Little Giant pass defense, possibly one of the very best in Ohio, has the top two conference interception leaders in Chuck Lindsey and Mike Fesael. Each have picked off three aerials, one more than each of the other conference leaders in that department.

Lindsey has totaled 183 yards in running back interceptions, including two TDs. Fesael has scampered just 12 yards after grabbing opposition passes.

Offensively, Ross has picked up 1,284 yards on the ground and an additional 581 through the air. Second place Elyria has 1,446 ground yards but just 80 yards passing.

The Pioneers have scored more points than anyone, 142, but that's just seven tallies ahead of the Little Giants' total in conference play.

Defensively, Ross has allowed 648 yards on the ground and 389 (best in the league) through the air compared to Elyria's mere 368 ground yards and 464 aerial gains. Second-place Sandusky has relinquished 660 yards to their running opponents and 414 yards through the air.



BOWING OUT—Fremont Ross seniors will make the final home appearance of their football career when they entertain Findlay at Harmon Stadium tomorrow. Playing their final home contest will be: kneeling—Scott Merritt (51), Scott Berlekamp (60), Mike Pease (10), Ben Lopez (11), Chuck Lindsey (42), John

Wierling (24) and Dale Shoemaker (25); standing — Jeff Mazzeo (14), Tom Liggins (40), Andy Sale (70), Chuck Colek (88), Larry Johns (78), Ted Krelick (70), Mike Sherman (81) and Bob Weiler (78). Missing from photo is Jerry Johns. (News-Messenger Photo by Larry Solazzo)

Final Home Game For Seniors Little Giants Host Findlay

Fremont Ross head coach Chuck Shuff doesn't expect to have any problems getting his club prepared mentally for tomorrow's Buckeye Conference test with Findlay at Harmon Stadium.

"For the first time in four years I've been here I feel our kids are pointing at Findlay," Shuff said yesterday. "We've had a good attitude toward the game in practice."

"The kids have a great deal of respect for them (Findlay). I'm sure they want to make up for what happened down there last year."

In the 1970 contest, Ross lost a 19-12 decision. The Little Giants missed several scoring opportunities because of fumbles and once were stopped at the goal line by the Trojans when they had a third and goal at the one yard line.

Both teams enter their next-to-last game of the season with glossy statistics. Ross, which closes its season at Sandusky November 12, has carved out a net 7-1 overall record and is 4-1 in conference play. Findlay is 6-2 overall and also 4-1 in the Buckeye.

Elyria has handled both the Little Giants and Trojans. The Pioneers took Findlay by a 15-6 count while only beating Findlay, 64-10. Ross's other loss came in the opening game of the season when it bowed 14-12 to Columbus Northland.

"Findlay is a fine ball club," Shuff says. "We expect them to use both Lee McNutt (fullback) and Curt Hippertel (tailback). That should pick up their offense. Hippertel played against Elyria, but wasn't 100 per cent. McNutt didn't play that game, but when coach Bokrach (Bob Findlay's head coach) said earlier this week that he was questionable that means he'll be playing. "Findlay didn't move the ball against Elyria, but there hasn't been a team all year that has been able to do that."

The Ross coaching staff also respects the Trojan defense, however.

"They ranked fourth in the conference last week in total yardage given up," Shuff says. They seem to be able to contain

the rush and pass equally well. We believe that their starting middle guard, Mark Kimmel, is the best we've played against this season."

The Little Giant defense will have to concern itself with several aspects of the Findlay attack.

"They run a very good fullback trap and tailback draw play," Shuff revealed. "The quarterback (Cliff Hite) also likes to throw off that draw so we'll have to be alert."

"We must respect Hite. He throws the ball well and isn't afraid to put it in the air from any part of the field." The quarter back (Cliff Hite) also likes to throw off that draw so we'll have to be alert."

"I hope that our three touchdown passes will discourage Findlay from using anything like a nine man line," Shuff says. "But if Findlay does use it we won't be afraid to put the ball in the air."

Only one player—Andy Sale—is a quarterback among the contest. He missed last week's game with an ankle injury and still hasn't responded to treatment.

Fullback Tom Liggins and tailback Rob Lytle both sustained minor injuries in the Marion tilt, but will play. Mike Biehler is also hurt but can take his regular spot at linebacker.

"Sale was the first player that

received two for the two drives of more than 70 yards. And each member of the defense got one for the goal line stands we had against Marion."

"We were pleased with our goal line defense. We were also happy to see the passing game come through when we needed it."

Shuff believes the passing attack will prevent Findlay from using the nine man line that Marion threw against the Ross ground game.

Lopez and swingback Dale Shoemaker. Lopez has thrown 7-14 times for 36 completions. 474 yards and six touchdowns. Marion picked off two of Lopez's aerials last week, the first time he has been intercepted this fall.

Shoemaker caught two of the Lopez touchdown passes against the Presidents. In eight games, he has hauled in 36 passes for 218 yards. Three of those receptions have accounted for touchdowns.

The leading receiver is Chuck Lindsey, who has 13 grabs for 264 yards. Lindsey's key has two touchdowns aerials to his credit.

Ross will employ Bob Brudzinski and Chuck Colek at

tight ends. Brudzinski is the second leading receiver with eight catches for 116 yards. Colek has pulled down six passes for 81 yards and one touchdown.

If Sale is unable to play, his offensive tackle spot will be shared by Bob Koebel and Colek. Ted Krelick will man the other tackle. The two guard posts will be shared by Denny Reese, Jerry Hinkle and Scott Berlekamp. Scott Merritt goes over the ball.

Brudzinski will hold down one of the defensive end spots with either Dave Mierke or Sale on the other side. Colek and Larry Johns are the tackles and Krelick goes at middle guard.

Biehler is joined at linebacker by Mike Sherman. Tom Pitts plays monster. Either Shoemaker or John Wierling will be at cornerback. Back-up quarterback Mike Fesael is the safety and Lindsey handles the halfback duties in the defensive backfield.

The contest will mark the final home appearance for 15 seniors—Colek, Lindsey, Wierling, Johns, Sale, Bob Weiler, Krelick, Sherman, Berlekamp, Merritt, Fesael, Lopez, Jeff Mazzeo, Shoemaker and Liggins.

Ohio Computer Ratings

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Ross Shackles Findlay In Final Home Game

Little Giants Gain Eighth Season Win

By ROY WILHELM

They saved the best for last.

The Ross high Little Giants, presenting the final home show of the season, made it the best of the year.

Like a mighty giant defending his property against a pesky intruder the Ross gridders turned loose all their power on a strong Findlay team and blasted the Trojans, 32-14, piling up a 32 point lead and completely dominating the contest until the Trojans went to work in the waning minutes.

The Harmon Stadium crowd was treated to a display of brilliant football by the aroused Little Giants, who had things well in hand from the opening gun.

Ross marched up and down the field virtually at will against a proud Findlay defense that had yielded no more than 14 points in any one game prior to Friday night and completely stymied the Findlay offense for 43 minutes of playing time.

The Ross machine, which finished the night with a total of 380 yards, piled up an amazing 157 yards in the first quarter, nearly ten times as many yards as the Wolfpack allowed during that same 12 minute period.

The combination of a crushing defense and brilliant offense gave Ross a 157-16 margin in yardage as it moved to a two-touchdown first quarter lead. A pounding ten-play, 66 yard drive and a quick-striking 47 yard pass provided Ross with the first quarter margin.

Ross' domination of the contest continued through the first three quarters and into the final period until the scoring became meaningless. The Giants so dominated the third quarter action that they gained near 34 times as many yards as Findlay did during that 12 minute stretch. Ross piled up 101 yards offensively in the third stanza, while Findlay managed just three net yards.

Entering the final period of play, Ross had gained 332 yards to Findlay's 73 and the Giants held a commanding 25-0 lead. The highballing Ross offense wasted no time in taking control of the football game.

Starting from their own 34 yard line after Dale Shoemaker returned the opening kickoff 24 yards, the Little Giants marched 66 yards in ten plays.

Big man in the drive was the speedy Rob Lytle, who was once again the leading rusher in the game. The lightning fast junior who pushed his rushing figures over the 1,000 mark for the season, tore the Findlay defense apart for 149 yards in 20 carries. During the first touchdown drive, Lytle toted the pigskin five times for 48 yards.

Building Tom Liggins, who gained 18 yards in five carries during the drive, scored the Little Giants' first touchdown on a two-yard run with 7:21 left in the first quarter.

Speedy Defensive back Chuck Lindsey then provided a crushing blow to Findlay's hopes when he added to his conference-leading interception total. Lindsey picked off a Cliff Hite pass and returned the ball to the Findlay 47 yard line.

On the next play, the rapid senior turned his talents to the offense. With beautiful faking in the backfield by quarterback Ben Lopez, the Little Giants scored on a 47 yard pass play. Lindsey angled to his right and took an on-the-money pass from Lopez and streaked into the end zone. The Ross flanker had outrun the defense to get free as Lopez faked a running play and bootlegged right past a charging defensive lineman.

This second Ross touchdown came with 4:40 left in the quarter.

Ross high head coach Chuck Shuff agreed that the Lindsey interception may have been the back-breaker for Findlay. It halted Findlay's first drive and set the Giants on their way for their second touchdown.

Ross continued to dominate the action, forcing the Trojans to punt after just three plays and then marching from the Little Giants' 46 to the Findlay five before Larry Johns booted a 23 yard field goal to put the count to 17-0. The field goal came on the first play of the second quarter.

Findlay had even less success the next time in possession and the Trojans punted again.

This time, Ross started at the 50 yard line and moved in for a touchdown in 12 plays. An 11 yard run by Lytle, a screen pass from Lopez to Liggins, and a ten yard pass to Bob Brudzinski for 14 yards were key preliminary plays in the drive that ended with Lytle scampering four yards into the end zone on a clutch fourth down play.

The touchdown gave Ross a 25-0 margin at the half.

The Ross offense failed to score in the third quarter, as a fumble at the Trojans' four yard line halted a Little Giant drive. The defense, however, kept Ross from being blanked in that quarter. Ted Kretlick blasted through the line to pull down Hite in the end zone for a safety.

Ross made the score 32-0 in the fourth quarter, marching 55 yards in 11 plays with Chuck Lindsey getting his second touchdown of the game on a three-yard run. Lindsey gained 23 yards in just three carries during the drive.

Lindsey's score, which was followed by a Larry Johns conversion, came with just 4:32 to go.

From that point, Findlay finally began to move the ball, pushing 74 yards in just six plays, including a 40 yard pass play from Hite to Jeff Buxer. Curt Hippelstien scored Findlay's first touchdown on a one-yard plunge with just 3:06 left in the game. Findlay added a second touchdown when Hite hit Hippelstien with an 11 yard scoring pass with just 11 seconds left in the game.



OUT OF MY WAY—Ross halfback Rob Lytle (41) still-arms Findlay defensive halfback Hal Paul (18) during second half action of last night's Buckeye Conference game. Lytle

gained better than 150 yards to raise his season rushing total past the 1,000 yard marker.



TWO POINTS FOR ROSS—Findlay quarterback Cliff Hite (18) is tackled in the end zone by Ross defensive tackle Larry Johns during last night's Buckeye

Conference game at Harmon Stadium. Johns' defensive play gave Ross two of its 32 points in a 32-14 victory over the Trojans. (New-Messenger Photo By Larry Sollazzo)

Lytle Passes 1,000 Yard Barrier

Rob Lytle has already smashed the 1,000 mark, but the going will be tough for hobbled Tom Liggins. Both speedy junior tailback Lytle and powerful senior fullback Liggins appeared headed for the 1,000 yards gained mark in rushing this year, but Liggins, hobbled by an injured ankle might have a tough time joining Lytle in that elite group. Lytle raced past the Findlay defense Friday night for 149 yards in 20 carries, boosting his impressive season figure to 1,097 in nine games. Liggins, who limped off the field and had an ice pack on his ankle for most of the second half managed just 29 yards in the game, raising his season's total to 896.

Lytle stole the show Friday night, reeling off eight runs of ten yards or more and picking up firstdown after firstdown on long runs for the Giants.

Lytle, who also is troubled with a leg injury, would rack up the third highest single-season toll in Ross history by gaining 100 yards against Sandusky next Friday. Jim Tiller (1956) is the top single-season rusher with 1,388 yards. John Lewis (1951) is second with 1,335. In the third spot is Les Franks, who gained 1,243 in 1952. Fourth is Jim Level, who rushed for 1,191 yards in 1957. Jerome Surratt got 1,168 in 1953. The last man to gain 1,000 yards for the Little Giants was

Jim Otms who rushed for 1,014 in 1950.

With Liggins obviously hobbled by his sore ankle after the first quarter, Lytle's running was best complemented by quarterback Ben Lopez, who ran the option well and connected on six of eight attempts.

"They (Findlay) had respect for our basic passing game. As a result, our outside running game was going well and our bootleg passes were working," head coach Chuck Shuff said in a bustling post-game lockerroom.

"The three touchdown passes that we got last week put a lot of pressure on them," Shuff said. Shuff also pointed out that Findlay was stacked against the inside and off-tackle running of the Little Giants, helping to open up the outside.

He pointed to fine running by Lytle as the key, however. The

hobbled Liggins was not blocking the contain man with his usual consistency, but Lytle was still managing to get away.

Throughout the year, it has been Liggins' key blocks on the contain man outside that have helped spring the speedy Lytle, but Friday Liggins was unable to get outside quick enough to effectively block the contain man with consistency. Lytle still broke off the long gainers, however.

"But, then, we give them more problems. They concentrated on Maxwell completely last week," Shuff said. The Ross mentor expressed the belief that if he could have another shot at Elyria he would do the same thing since he has found that in Elyria's three tough games, the Pioneers have always gone to Maxwell in a key situation.

"We originally planned to stack against Maxwell, but their alignments forced us to change our thinking. They kept going back to Maxwell though."

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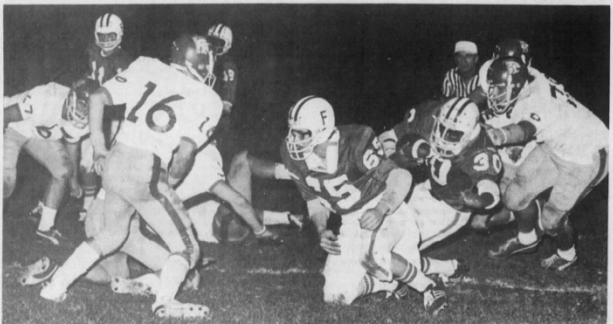
"We forced them to throw more than they have been. They threw this much early in the year and then they got their running game going. We shut off their running. I'm really pleased with the way the defense responded."

Findlay had just 73 yards — 33 rushing and 40 passing—in the first three quarters.

"Our kids just turned it all loose on them in that first half," Shuff said in summary of the crushing victory.

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Score By Quarters		1	2	3	4	Total
Findlay	0	0	14	11	0	25
Fremont	14	9	2	7	32	
Scoring						
Fremont—Tom Liggins, two yard run (run failed)						
Fremont—Chuck Lindsey, 47 yard pass from Ben Lopez (Tom Liggins, run)						
Fremont—Larry Johns, 23 yard field goal						
Fremont—Rob Lytle, four yard run (run failed)						
Fremont—safety, Ted Kretlick tackled Cliff Hite in the end zone						
Fremont—Chuck Lindsey, three yard run (Larry Johns, kick)						
Findlay—Curt Hippelstien, one yard run (Cliff Hite, run)						
Findlay—Curt Hippelstien, 13 yard pass from Cliff Hite (run failed)						
Team Statistics						
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	Ross	Findlay				
Running	12	12				
Passing	19	3				
Punting	9	9				
Penalty	0	0				
NET YARDS						
Gain	302	87				
Lost	28	17				
Net	276	40				
PERCENTAGE						
Attempts	8	32				
Completions	5	12				
Yardage	117	126				
Interceptions	0	1				
TOTAL OFFENSE						
Yards	393	256				
Fumbles	2	0				
Fumbles Lost	2	0				
PENALTIES yards	2-36	5-40				
PENALTIES average	18-18	8-8				
Individual Statistics						
Rushing						
Carries	Gain	Lost	Net			
Rob Lytle	20	149	11	140		
Tom Liggins	13	32	3	29		
Chuck Lindsey	4	11	2	9		
Tom Pitts	10	30	4	26		
Passing						
Attempts	Gain	Lost	Net			
Ben Lopez	13	117	13	104		
Cliff Hite	1	13	0	13		
Jeff Buxer	2	14	0	14		
Curt Hippelstien	1	1	0	1		
Kevin Zahler	1	10	0	10		
Hal Paul	2	23	0	23		
Punting						
No.	Yds.	TDs.				
Hal Paul	4	34	0			
Kick Returns						
No.	Yds.					
Tom Pitts	2	32				
Kevin Zahler	2	5				
Hal Paul	1	18				



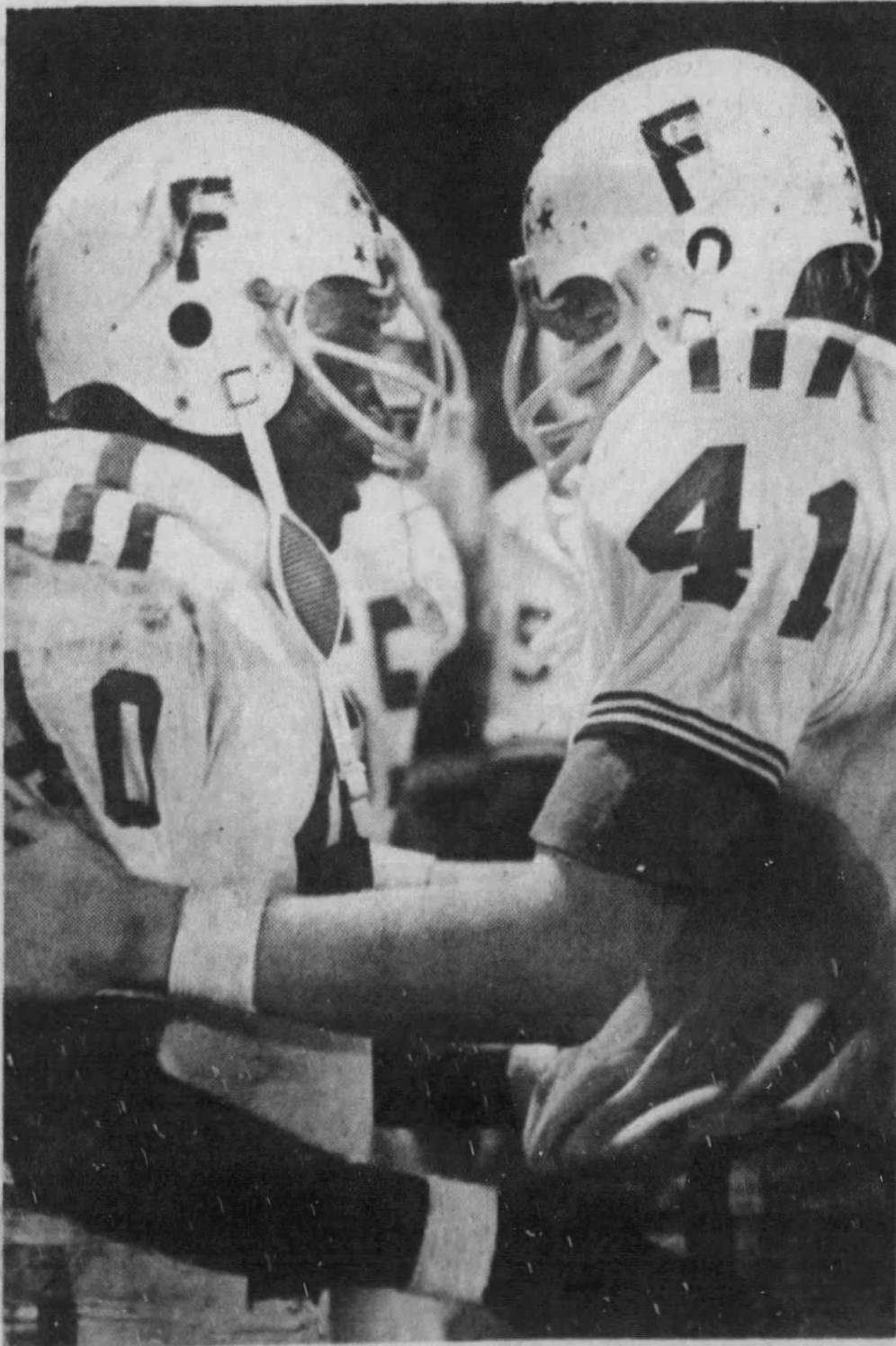
ROSS FULLBACK DON MOORE (30) FALLS TO GROUND FOLLOWING SHORT GAIN
Terry Hinkle (65) Takes Aim At Findlay's Dick Tesnow (16)

Shuff has a tremendous amount of respect for the Blue Streaks — offensively and defensively.

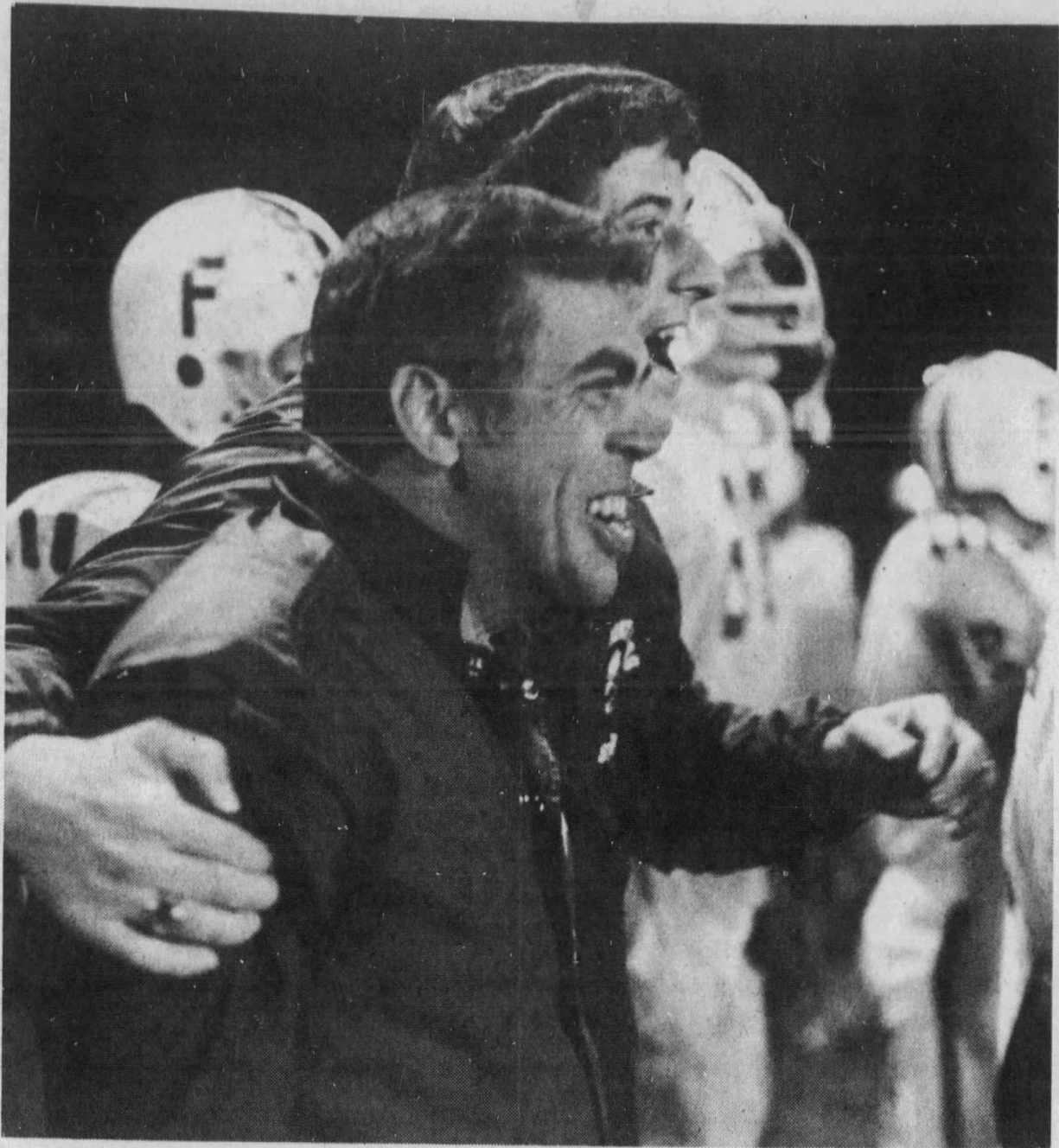
Shuff has announced only one change in the starting lineup. Scott Berlekamp, a senior, will get the nod at one of the guard slots over junior Terry Hinkle, who started in last Friday's 32-14 victory over Findlay.

Shuff is 1-2 against the Blue Streaks. Kidwell has a 1-1 report card against Ross.

Wm K. East 1				Rushing					
ROSS 52, Rogers 6				Car	Gain	Lost	Net Avg.		
ROSS 53, Lincoln-West 0				135	1118	21	1097 8.1		
ROSS 6, Bowser 6				149	903	106	797 5.3		
ROSS 47, Admiral King 0				28	103	4	99 3.5		
ROSS 41, Mansfield 8				16	120	10	110 6.9		
Elyria 15, Ross 7				23	103	23	80 3.5		
ROSS 1, Lorain Senior 12				10	30	3	27 2.7		
ROSS 20, Marion 0				12	107	11	96 8.1		
ROSS 52, Findlay 14				9	43	0	43 4.8		
Nov. 12—at SCORE by QUARTERS				Don Moore	5	43	0 43 8.7		
Ross	44	74	71	96—307	Mike Fazel	2	16	0 16 8.0	
Opponents	0	33	6	28—67	Tim Smith	3	16	0 16 5.3	
				Brad Brown	1	0	0 0 0.0		
				B. Brudzinski	1	0	0 0 1.0		
STATISTICS				Passing					
TEAM				Att Comp Yds Int TD					
ROSS Opponents				82	42	808	2	7	
Rushing				176	101	11	7	11	
Passing				124	50	7	1	11	
Punting				36	34	2	1	0	
Penalty				0	17	2	1	0	
RUSHING				Receiving					
Gained				2533	1283	15	331	22.0	
Lost				93	246	19	14.0		
Net				2440	1037	8	13.9		
PASSING				No Yds Yds Int TD					
Attempts				92	141	3	13.6		
Completions				51	53	5	4.9	9.8	
Yardage				958	609	24	12.0		
Interceptions				2	12	1	4.4	4.0	
TOTAL OFFENSE				No Yds Yds Int TD					
FUMBLES				3398	1648	18	685	30.6	
Fumbles Lost				11	8				
PENALTIES				46-50	53-24				
PUNTS-Average				18-30	37-21.1				
Individual Scoring				Kickoff Returns					
TD PAT K PAT FG TOT				No Yds Yds Int TD					
Tom Liggins				14	10	0	0	108	26.0
Bob Lytle				11	6	0	0	12.5	6.0
C. Lindsey				9	0	0	0	18	9.0
D. Shoemaker				3	0	2	0	22	16.5
FUMBLES				11	6	0	0	8.0	6.0
C. Lindsey				9	0	0	0	30	15.0
D. Shoemaker				3	0	2	0	6.0	6.0
Tom Liggins				11	6	0	0	4.0	4.0
Punt Returns				No Yds Yds Int TD					
Don Moore				1	0	0	0	17.2	5.5
C. Lindsey				2	0	0	0	17.2	5.5
Larry Jones				0	2	0	0	2	8.0
Tom Liggins				14	10	0	0	108	26.0
Bob Lytle				11	6	0	0	12.5	6.0
C. Lindsey				9	0	0	0	18	9.0
D. Shoemaker				3	0	2	0	22	16.5
FUMBLES				11	6	0	0	8.0	6.0
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D. Shoemaker				3	0	2	0	6.0	6.0
Tom Liggins				11	6	0	0	4.0	4.0
Punt Returns				No Yds Yds Int TD					
Don Moore				1	0	0	0	17.2	5.5
C. Lindsey				2	0	0	0	17.2	5.5
Larry Jones				0	2	0	0	2	8.0



'WELCOME TO CLUB' — Ross tailback Rob Lytle (41) welcomes fullback Tom Liggins (40) to the 1,000 yard club after the Ross senior reached that milestone last night at Sandusky's Strobel Field.



HAPPY ADMINISTRATORS — Ross athletic director Dick Sherman (left) and Little Giant faculty manager Gary Nossaman had plenty to cheer about last night as they watched the Little Giants roar

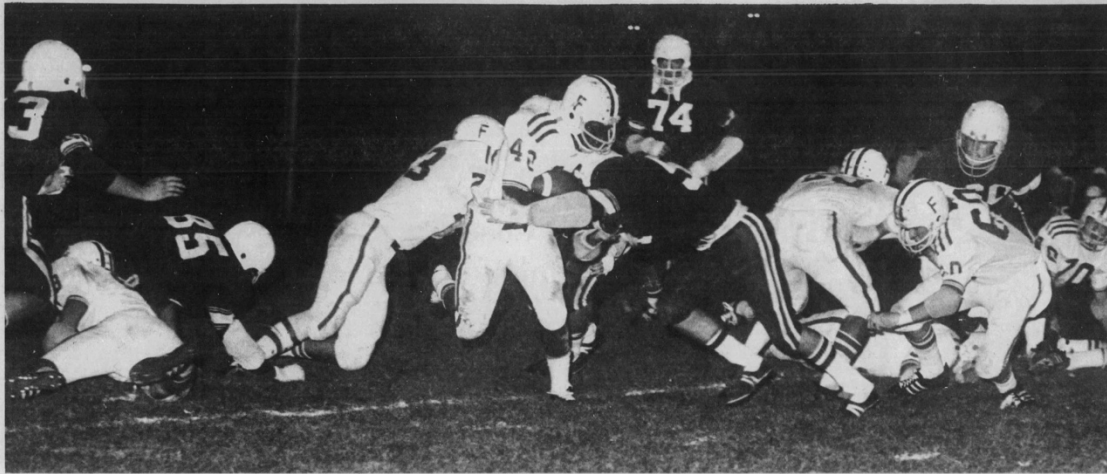
past their arch-rival, Sandusky, 32-0. This photo was taken in the closing minutes of the game, right after Sherman's son, Mike, made a vital pass interception for the Little Giants that helped preserve the shutout.



TOUCHDOWN—Ross fullback Tom Liggins, with Sandusky defenders hanging on, crosses goal line in second quarter of Friday night's game at Sandusky's Strobel Field. Liggins closed out a brilliant career with two

touchdowns and 127 yards rushing. Here he moves over the block of Andy Sale (75) as quarterback Ben Lopez (11) views action. (News-Messenger Photo by Larry Sollazzo)

How Sweet It Is: Ross 32-Sandusky 0



ROSS FULLBACK TOM LIGGINS RUNS INTO SANDUSKY DEFENDER AFTER GAINING YARDAGE IN FIRST HALF

Little Giants Prove They're 'L' Of A Team

By ROY WILHELM

SANDUSKY—Who could blame a disgruntled Sandusky football fan who left Strobel Field Friday night mumbling something like, "They've got a 'L' of a football team."

The Ross high Little Giants do indeed. The powerful Giants demonstrated that Friday night. Led by their 'L' boys—Lopez, Liggins, Lytle and Lindsey—they crushed a strong Sandusky squad, 32-0, with a display of power that will be remembered for years to come.

While the Giant defense was handing Sandusky its first shutout since 1960, the Ross offense was ringing up the most points scored upon the Big Blue since 1964.

Sandusky had not been shutout in 110 games, a string stretching back to a 6-0 Marion win the last game of 1960. Sandusky had not yielded 32 points since Elyria ran up the same total in 1964. Sandusky had not been beaten by 32 points since 1967.

It was the 'L' boys who led the way and they wasted no time in doing it.

On the third play from scrimmage, rapid Robbie Lytle raced around the Little Giants' right end and sprinted 80 yards for a touchdown. Strong blocking by the offensive line and fullback Tom Liggins opened the door for the speedy Lytle, who moved into fourth place in the all-time Ross season yardage standings by adding 113 yards to his total.

Lytle's 80 yard dash came with just one minute and 29 seconds gone in the game and got the Little Giants off to a flying start.

"That was a big play," Ross high head coach said as he tried to dry off after his after-game dunking in the locker room shower. "If there was a key play that was it... that and the booting pass from Lopez (Ben) to Lindsey (Chuck). That pass was just beautiful."

Shuff was referring to the next Ross touchdown, a smoothly executed booting play which found Lopez drifting away from the overhauling linemen and Lindsey floating into the open spaces beyond the Sandusky defense. Lopez was right on the money with his pass and the speedy Lindsey was not about to be caught.

That play covered 62 yards and came with 8:30 left in the half.

The second Ross touchdown followed a Sandusky march that ended in a missed field goal and a Ross drive that stalled on a fourth and one play at the Sandusky 22 yard line. Sandusky also was forced to punt twice and Ross once in between the first two Ross touchdowns.

The pass from Lopez to Lindsey raised the score to 14-0, as Lindsey had dashed into the end zone for the extra points after the first Ross score. Tom Liggins then added the extra points

boosted by a 49-yard kick-off return by Jeff Ward. Sandusky moved to the Ross 14 yard line, but on second and eight, Scott, May was tackled for a seven yard loss on a screen pass from Bob Jackson and then two passes were incomplete.

The Ross defense put pressure on punter Jackson and still had plenty of troops available to break up that screen pass. Larry Johns and Bob Brudzinski then pressured Jackson into throwing the pigskin before he was set on third down and Chuck Lindsey knocked down Jackson's fourth down aerial.

Ross took over again.

Aided by a face mask penalty against Sandusky, the Giants moved out of a hole and marched 78 yards for a score. A 18-yard run by Dale Shoemaker and a 21 yard pass from Lopez to Chuck Colek were key plays in the drive, which ended a Liggins bulled his way into the end zone with just 48 seconds remaining in the half. Lytle added the extra points to make the score 24-0 at the halftime.

Sandusky controlled much of the third quarter, but the Ross defense held on to its precious shutout.

Twice, Sandusky used Ross miscues to threaten, but each time the Little Giants held.

First, a wayward Ross lateral rolled loose and bounced all the way to the Sandusky 17 yard line as two Blue Streaks tried

to handle it, but just kept advancing it along the ground. Ross had taken over the ball for the first time in the second half and had a second and five situation at the Ross 45 when the lateral sailed free.

On the second play after Sandusky took possession, however, Mike Fessel stepped in front of a Jackson aerial at the Ross five and returned the ball 20 yards to the 25.

Ross was forced to punt, but the snap from center sailed over punter Bob Brudzinski's head and bounced near the end zone. Brudzinski, however, was alert enough to recover and see that Sandusky was trying to set up a punt return and had little rush on him. The big end gathered in the loose ball near the goal line, wheeled around and punted the ball out to the Ross 6.

With this excellent field position, the Blue Streaks moved to the Ross 26. After an incomplete pass, Lytle pulled down Bob Jackson for a 12 yard loss. Two more incomplete passes followed and Ross took over on its own 32.

An exchange of punts followed this and then Ross put the finishing touches on a perfect evening.

The Giants powered their way 81 yards in 12 plays with Tom Liggins hustling into the end zone from 17 yards out to end the drive as the clock reached 9:35 to go in the game. Liggins carried seven times in the drive and gained 57 yards. A 15-yard run by Lytle for the first down of the march was a big play.

Liggins Finishes Career By Crossing 1,000 Mark

SANDUSKY—Building Tom Liggins, bowing over high school football opponents for the last time, joined teammate Rob Lytle in the elite '1,000 Club' with a bruising performance against the highly-regarded Sandusky Blue Streaks Friday night.

In helping Ross to a lopsided 32-0 victory over the Big Blue, Liggins crunched his way into the heart of the Sandusky defense for 127 yards in 28 carries.

The 127 yard total raised his season's yardage to 1,023, placing him in the '1,000 Club' along with Lytle, who added 113 yards to his total and moved into fourth place in the all-time Ross one-season yardage standings.

Lytle, just a junior, pushed his season's total to 1,282 yards. That figure is topped by only three

men in the history of Ross high school football. Jim Tiller (1956) gained 1,568, John Lewis (1961) totaled 1,535, Les Franks (1962) in the elite '1,000 Club' with a piled up 1,241.

It was fitting that Liggins, who missed the 1,000 mark last year only because of a last-game downpour, broke into the 1,000 club at Strobel Field, the place where he really broke into the limelight as a true high school football star.

Two years ago, the Liggins-led Giants upset state-ranked Sandusky, 28-7, for the highlight of a tough season. In that Strobel Field contest, the sophomore Liggins piled up 114 yards in 19 carries and scored three touchdowns. He opened the Ross scoring with a brilliant 61-yard run after taking a screen pass

from Jim Wering, added a 17 yard touchdown run and then grabbed a 12 yard Wering pass with just 42 seconds remaining in the game. Robin Young bulled his way into the end zone for the two extra points after that last touchdown and the Little Giants had a victory that the News-Messenger story dubbed as the "Dawning of a New Day" for Ross football.

Friday's return to Strobel Field clearly demonstrated that things have been different on the Ross high gridiron since the struggles of the late '60s.

Liggins bowed out of his high school football career in brilliant style. He scored on touchdown runs of one and 17 yards and added the extra points after one of the other touchdowns. He played a strong defensive game at linebacker. And, he demonstrated his athletic talents when he threw two separate blocks as Rob Lytle raced 80 yards for the Little Giants' first touchdown.

Liggins brush-blocked a defender at the line of scrimmage and "knew he wasn't going to do anything, so I (Liggins) went down the field." Liggins reacted quickly enough from that initial block to clear a path for Lytle farther down the field and the speedy junior raced to the end zone "I told him (Lytle) he's not that much faster than me," Liggins joked in the happy Ross locker room after the contest.

The 1,023 yards for the season gave the power running Ross senior a career total of 2,567 yards. He gained 841 yards as a sophomore despite injury problems which cut his season short. In his junior year, he entered the final game against a less-than-powerful Lorain Admiral King team with 926 yards. The two teams, however, played in a torrential downpour and neither was able to generate any offense. On a good day, he would have been expected to pass the 1,000 mark easily, but was able to total just 39 in the mud and finished with 863. He carried the ball 166 times as a sophomore, 214 as a junior and 177 this year.

Liggins' 14 points raised his season total to 122 and his career point total to 312. — WILHELM

From a three year letterman, "You tell them that we could not have done it without the assistant coaches and Coach Shuff."



CLOSING IN — Ross tackle Larry Johns (76) and defensive end Bob Brudzinski (84) close in on Sandusky ball carrier during last night's Buckeye Conference game at Sandusky. Brudzinski is brushing off the block of the Blue Streaks

Clarence Wooten (44) Ross defeated Sandusky, 32-0, to conclude its season with a 9-1 record. (News-Messenger Photo By Larry Sollazzo)

T-E-A-M Equals Victory

From the coach, "This is just a heck of a team to work with."

And, team it was. It was offense and defense. It was running and passing. It was blocking and tackling.

The performance by the Little Giants administered the worst beating on the proud Sandusky high Blue Streaks since the 1967 season. The shutout was the first since the final game of the 1960 season when Marion ruined a perfect Sandusky season with a 6-0 win. The 32 points were the most scored against the Streaks since Elyria scored that same number in 1964.

"Our defense was just superb," Head Coach Chuck Shuff said after the contest.

The rugged Wolfpack picked off a pair of passes and came up with a big play when it was needed.

Bob Brudzinski and Ted Krelick made a key tackle and Dale Shoemaker nearly intercepted a pass to break up the second Sandusky offensive effort of the game. Mike Sherman "stack" Clarence Wooten for no gain when the Blue Streaks were trying to move the ball.

Larry Johnson and Brudzinski applied pressure on one pass play and Chuck Lindsey broke up the next to end one of Sandusky's

most serious threats of the game. Tom Liggins broke through to stop Jeff Ward for no gain and then Brudzinski battled down a fourth down pass to stop another Sandusky push. Mike Fessel intercepted a pass to halt Sandusky's second real threat after the Blue Streaks had recovered a fumble. The interception by Fessel was his fourth, tying him with teammate Chuck Lindsey for the league lead in that department.

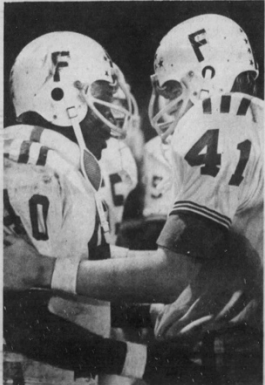
Bob Koebel recovered a fumble on the kickoff after the last Ross touchdown. Sherman intercepted a pass late in the game to preserve the shutout. The shutout was the third of the year for the Little Giants.

who yielded just 67 points in ten games. Elyria's 13 was the most the Giants allowed.

Friday night, the offense also continued to be impressive. The Giants rolled up 256 yards rushing, and they would have had more except that Lopez had to be charged with a 15 yard loss on a lateral.

The running game was complemented by the beautiful taking and passing of Lopez, who hit five of eight passes for 130 yards and one touchdown.

"Ben's generosity was a big factor out there," Shuff said. "He called four or five audibles (play changes) and they all turned out to be big plays."



'WELCOME TO CLUB' — Ross tailback Rob Lytle (41) welcomes fullback Tom Liggins (46) to the 1,000 yard club after the Ross senior reached that milestone last night at Sandusky's Strobel Field.

Ross Yardstick

Score By Quarters

Fremont	8	16	0	8-32
Sandusky	0	0	0	0-0

Scoring

- Fremont—Rob Lytle, 80 yard run (Chuck Lindsey, run)
 Fremont—Chuck Lindsey, 62 yard pass from Ben Lopez (Tom Liggins, run)
 Fremont—Tom Liggins, one yard run (Rob Lytle, run)
 Fremont—Tom Liggins, 17 yard run (Rob Lytle, run)

Team Statistics

	Fremont	Sandusky
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	14	12
Rushing	9	5
Passing	4	6
Penalty	1	1
RUSHING		
Gained	271	128
Lost	15	37
Net	256	91
PASSING		
Attempts	8	23
Completed	5	8
Yardage	130	85
Intercepted	0	2
TOTAL OFFENSE	386	176
FUMBLES	3	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
PENALTIES-Yards	3-45	1-15
PUNTS-Average	4-31	3-47

Individual

Ross

Rushing

	Car	Gain	Lost	Net
Tom Liggins	28	127	0	131
Rob Lytle	12	115	0	115
Ben Lopez	2	0	15	-15
Dale Shoemaker	2	18	0	18
Tom Pitts	2	7	0	7
Mike Feasel	1	0	0	0

Passing

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	Tds.
Ben Lopez	8	5	0	130	1

Receiving

	Catches	Yds.
Chuck Lindsey	1	62
Chuck Celek	2	29
Rob Lytle	1	22
Dale Shoemaker	1	17

Punting

	Kicks	Ave.
Bob Brudzinski	4	31

Punt Returns

	Carries	Yds.
Mike Feasel	2	13

Kick Returns

	Carries	Yds.
Dale Shoemaker	1	23

Sandusky

Rushing

	Car	Gain	Lost	Net
Jeff Ward	11	40	0	40
Clarence Wooten	8	20	0	20
Charles Miller	3	35	0	35
Dan Legg	1	2	0	2
Bob Jackson	8	31	-37	-6

Passing

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Bob Jackson	16	8	2	85
Charles Miller	5	0	0	0
Dan Legg	1	0	0	0
Jeff Ward	1	0	0	0

Receiving

	Catches	Yds.
Scott May	4	29
Barry Glass	2	38
Clarence Wooten	2	18

Punting

	Kicks	Ave.
Dan Legg	3	47

Punt Returns

	Carries	Yds.
Charles Miller	1	17

Kick Returns

	Carries	Yds.
Jeff Ward	3	79
Bill Drossman	1	14



Liggins, Lyle, Celek, Kreilick, Lindsey, Sale Earn All-Buckeye Conference Honors

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By MARK CARLSON

News-Messenger Sports Editor
Tom Liggins . . . Andy Sale . . . Chuck Celek . . . Ted Kreilick . . . Chuck Lindsey . . . Rob Lyle . . .

The above six individuals made vital contributions to the success of the Ross high school football team this fall. Today, they were honored for their accomplishments by being named to first team berths on the All-Buckeye Conference All-Star team.

"I'm on cloud nine—it's hard to say my feelings right now," Ross head coach Chuck Shuff said in making the announcement. "This is a tremendous day for Fremont Ross football."

"We're extremely pleased—elated would probably be a better word. I think this shows how much our program has progressed in the last couple of seasons."

Unlike the last several years when the conference coaches just picked the top players in the league, the team was chosen by position this time.

Liggins, a power-running senior, made the all-conference first team for the third consecutive season. He was picked at a fullback position.

Sale, another senior, was selected as both an offensive and defensive player. He's a tackle on offense and defensive end on the first unit of both teams.

Three other seniors—Kreilick, Lindsey and Celek—also were picked for the defensive unit. Kreilick is the middle guard, Celek holds down a tackle slot and the speedy Lindsey is in the defensive backfield.

The lightning-quick Lyle joins Liggins in a star-studded offensive backfield. The Ross junior is the only underclassman picked for the first team offense.

Ross also had three second team selections. Ben Lopez is the second unit quarterback, Bob Bruzdinski a defensive end and Larry Johns a tackle.

In addition, honorable mention berths went to seniors Mike Fassel, Dale Shoemaker, John Wering and Mike Sherman and juniors Mike Beshler, Tom Pitts and Denny Reese.

Liggins was Ross' leading scorer and second leading rusher. He finished the season with 1,023 yards and 122 points. During his brilliant career he totaled 2,567 yards on the ground and had 112 points. He was the Buckeye's leading scorer as a junior.

"Tom Liggins is one buckeye well-rounded individual," Shuff said. "We certainly are going to miss him around Ross next year, not only as a football player but as a fine young man. I just hope my son can grow up to be half the person that Tom is."

"He's a very unselfish player. We asked him to move from tailback to fullback this season and he did it without questioning why. He knew it was going to be the best for the team. That was the only reason he needed."

"His yardage was gained mostly on the inside. He was hampered by an ankle injury throughout most of the year but still got the job done. This is a very fitting way for him to close his career."

Sale's selection on both teams was a pleasant surprise for the Little Giant coaching staff.

"We were very pleased to see Andy go both ways," Shuff said. "He has started at defensive end for us the past couple of seasons. This year we also asked him to play offensive tackle and he did a whole of a job. Coach Tom Derman (assistant coach) says Andy has the finest technique of any tackle he has coached in his four years at Ross."

"Andy was real strong on defense. He played what we call the 'anchor end,' which means he played to either the wide

side of the field or to the strong side of the other team's formation."

Celek played at defensive tackle this fall after being a defensive end for two years.

"I think it's fitting that Chuck made the team at defensive tackle," Shuff said. "He moved there when the coaches asked him to make the change. He made the coaches look awful good on that one."

"I don't think Chuck was ever at home playing tackle, but he worked hard at the position because he knew he was helping the team most there. He also did a fine job splitting the playing time at tight end with Bob Bruzdinski. We thought he was our best blocking lineman."

Kreilick was a second team Buckeye selection in 1970.

"In the opinion of the other coaches, Ted was the finest and strongest middle guard," Shuff said. "They're glad to see him graduate. He was an excellent leader for our defensive team. He kept us moving."

Shuff described Lindsey's selection as being "very fitting."

"Lindsey was a real spark plug," Shuff said. "He scored 10 touchdowns for us—four by rushing when he substituted for Lyle at fullback, four by catching passes and two on pass interceptions."

"He ran those interceptions back 95 and 45 yards. Chuck also had approximately 40 tackles from his fullback position and most of those were on sweeps. He just did a heckuva job for us. He has made the big play the last three seasons."

Lyle helped Liggins form the strongest one-two rushing combination in the conference.

"Rob gave us the speed that gave our versatility that gave us our offense," Shuff said. "We were able to combine the speed and power. Rob gave us the threat we needed to complement Liggins' inside threat."

"We didn't have to depend on the interior power play as in past years for our yardage. We were able to spread our offense out and the opponents couldn't concentrate on stopping just one person. Rob's speed made our offense click."

Bruzdinski took over a first team assignment after alternating at defensive end with Celek and Sale last fall.

"Bob did a very fine job," Shuff said. "He had 17 tackles and assists in the last ball game. We're certainly glad to have him coming back."

In addition to performing as an offensive and defensive end, Bruzdinski also did the Ross punting for the second straight season. He had a 36.0 league average and 38.6 overall mark.

Johns is a senior, who earned a starting role for the first time this season.

"Larry Johns was the most pleasant surprise on our ball club this year," Shuff said. "Several of the opposing coaches told me they were glad to see him going."

"By the end of the season he was moving his 235 pounds with great authority and demolishing their point of attack. As far as I'm concerned he was our surprise of the year. We never anticipated that Larry would be able to do the job he did for us."

Lopez had the misfortune of playing in the same backfield with the dynamic duo of Liggins and Lyle.

"If Ben would have played for any other team I'm sure he would have been first team all-conference," Shuff said. "Ben was a real field general out on that field. He called several automatics at the line of scrimmage which resulted in touchdowns."

"Ben completed 52.2 per cent of his passes for eight touchdowns. He had only two passes intercepted. I think that's just tremendous."

Elyria Captures Nine Positions

Elyria, which breezed through its Buckeye Conference schedule with an unblemished record, captured nine positions on the Buckeye Conference first team all-star team announced today. The Pioneers took five positions on offense and four more on the defensive unit.

The only other team to take more than two positions was Fremont Ross, which had seven. Sandusky and Findlay won two apiece while Mansfield and Lorain Senior each contributed one individual to the squad.

Elyria was represented on the first offensive unit by tight end Dale Griffin, tackle Bob Messaros, guard Les Miles and twisty running back the Maxwell.

The Pioneers contributed Miles (tackle), end Tim

Swigard, linebacker Larry Robinson and fullback Ira Perkins to the defensive unit.

Miles and Ross tackle Andy Sale were the only individuals who took first team honors for both offense and defense.

Other Ross offensive first teamers are fullback Tom Liggins and fullback Rob Lyle. Little Giants voted first team defensive positions include tackle Chuck Celek, middle guard Ted Kreilick and fullback Chuck Lindsey.

First unit choices from Sandusky were split end Scott May and linebacker Frank Baker. Findlay contributed its quarterback Cliff Hite and defensive halfback Jeff Bickler.

The only Mansfield player to make either the first or second unit was linebacker Dan Blakely. The lone first team choice from Lorain Senior was guard Bob Hefflin.

Marion Harding and Lorain Admiral King failed to place a player on either first unit.

Maxwell, May and Elyria head coach Bill Barton earned additional honors. Maxwell and May were named back and end of the year, respectively, while Barton took coach of the year honors.

Maxwell was the leading scorer and rusher in league games. In seven games, he tallied 28 touchdowns and one two-point conversion for 122 points.

Liggins, who was the leading scorer in the conference as a junior last fall and runner-up as a sophomore to Sandusky's Elmer Lippert, scored 68 points with nine touchdowns and 14 more extra points.

Maxwell was the only conference running back who gained more than 1,000 yards in the conference games. Maxwell, who finished with better than 2,000 yards overall, has 1,421 yards in 188 carries, a 7.63 yard average per carry.

May, who doubled as a defensive end, was the fourth leading scorer in the conference and the leading receiver.

May had six touchdowns, kicked six extra points and added a field goal. All six of the touchdowns came on pass receptions. He was on the receiving end of 19 aerials for 442 yards.

Barton led Elyria to its third unbeaten season in the last four years. The Pioneers rolled through 10 straight opponents and finished the season ranked second in the state by Associated Press and United Press International.

Findlay, which finished third in the league standings, had two players on the second team offense and three on defense. These five players were the most contributed by one school to the second team.

Trojans voted to the second unit offense were tackle Jeff Freeman and fullback Curt Hippensteel. Second unit defensive players are middle guard Mark Kimmel, linebacker John Fitzgerald and fullback Dick Tenow.

Admiral King was represented on the second team by two offensive selections (Carter Cato, split end, fullback Russ Wolfe) and two defensive choices (tackle Vick Prosk and fullback Larry Blackman).

Ends end Barry Glass, running back Clarence Wooten and defensive halfback Bill Drossman were Sandusky's representatives on the second unit.

Two of Lorain Senior's offensive linemen, tackle Mike Moldovan and guard Bill Stencil, also receive second unit berths. The Steelmen were represented on the second defensive unit by linebacker Cory Cunningham.

Voted to the second unit from Marion were offensive guard Dave McCormick, center John Beach and defensive end Dale Maginnis.

Quarterback Ben Lopez and two members of the Little Giant defensive unit, end Bob Bruzdinski and tackle Larry Johns, also earned second team berths. Elyria's only player on the second team was linebacker Don Scarbrough.

TOM LIGGINS
All-Buckeye Fullback

CHUCK LINDSEY
All-Buckeye Defensive Halfback

CHUCK CELEK
All-Buckeye Defensive Tackle

ROB LYLE
All-Buckeye Offensive Halfback

ANDY SALE
All-Buckeye Tackle

TED KREILICK
All-Buckeye Middle Guard

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Buckeye Acts

Dick Sherman, Fremont Ross athletic director, and Russ Daan, who holds a similar position at Elyria, have been named interim commissioners of the Buckeye Conference.

"They will serve in that capacity until someone is selected to replace Eugene Foster of Tiffin. Foster died unexpectedly two weeks ago."

Sherman and Daan will serve without pay. Instead, their salary will be donated to Foster's daughter so she can continue her education at Bowling Green State University.

The conference has already established procedure to find a successor for Foster. A committee headed by Lorain Admiral King principal Richard Ackerman will accept applications until December 17.

Also serving on the committee are Ross principal Dwayne Wansley and Arlo Prough, principal of Mansfield Senior.

All-Buckeye

First Team					
Offense					
Name	School	Class	Hgt.	Wgt.	
Tight End—Dale Griffin	Elyria	12	6-4	219	
Split End—Scott May	Sandusky	12	6-5	210	
Tackles—Bob Messaros	Elyria	12	6-1	215	
ANDY SALE	FREMONT	12	6-0	195	
Guards—Les Miles	Elyria	12	6-1	210	
Bob Hefflin	Lorain Sr.	12	5-11	205	
Center—Sheldon Byszanski	Elyria	12	6-0	210	
Quarterback—Cliff Hite	Findlay	12	6-3	175	
Halfbacks—ROB LYLE	FREMONT	11	5-11	185	
Be Maxwell	Elyria	12	5-8	170	
Fullback—TOM LIGGINS	FREMONT	12	5-10	190	
Defense					
Ends—ANDY SALE	FREMONT	12	6-0	195	
Tim Swigard	Elyria	12	5-11	185	
Tackles—Les Miles	Elyria	12	6-1	210	
CHUCK CELEK	FREMONT	12	6-4	205	
Mid Guard—TED KREILICK	FREMONT	12	5-11	205	
Linebackers—Frank Baker	Sandusky	11	5-9	185	
Larry Robinson	Elyria	12	6-2	185	
Dan Blakely	Mansfield	12	6-3	215	
Jeff Baker	Findlay	12	5-10	190	
CHUCK LINDSEY	FREMONT	12	5-10	185	
Ira Perkins	Elyria	11	6-2	185	
SECOND TEAM					
Offense					
Tight End—Barry Glass	Sandusky	12	6-3	195	
Split End—Carter Cato	Adm. King	12	5-10	150	
Tackles—Jeff Freeman	Findlay	12	6-0	185	
Mike Moldovan	Lorain Sr.	12	6-0	220	
Guards—Bill Stencil	Lorain Sr.	12	5-11	205	
Dave McCrery	Marion	12	5-11	175	
Center—John Beach	Marion	11	6-0	195	
Quarterback—BEN LOPEZ	FREMONT	12	5-10	190	
Halfbacks—Russ Wolfe	Adm. King	12	5-7	165	
Clarence Wooten	Sandusky	12	5-10	175	
Fullback—Curt Hippensteel	Findlay	11	6-0	175	
Defense					
Ends—BOB BRUZZINSKI	FREMONT	11	6-4	195	
Dale Maginnis	Marion	11	6-0	195	
Tackles—Vick Prosk	Adm. King	12	6-5	220	
LARRY JOHNS	FREMONT	12	6-3	225	
Mid Guard—Mark Kimmel	Findlay	12	5-10	195	
Linebackers—John Fitzgerald	Findlay	12	5-11	200	
Don Scarbrough	Elyria	12	5-11	200	
Cory Cunningham	Lorain Sr.	12	6-1	205	
Halfbacks—Dick Tenow	Findlay	12	5-11	185	
Larry Blackman	Adm. King	12	6-0	195	
Bill Drossman	Sandusky	12	6-0	185	
COACH OF THE YEAR—Bill Barton, Elyria					
BACK OF THE YEAR—Be Maxwell, Elyria					
LINEMAN OF THE YEAR—Scott May, Sandusky					

Ross Cage Tickets

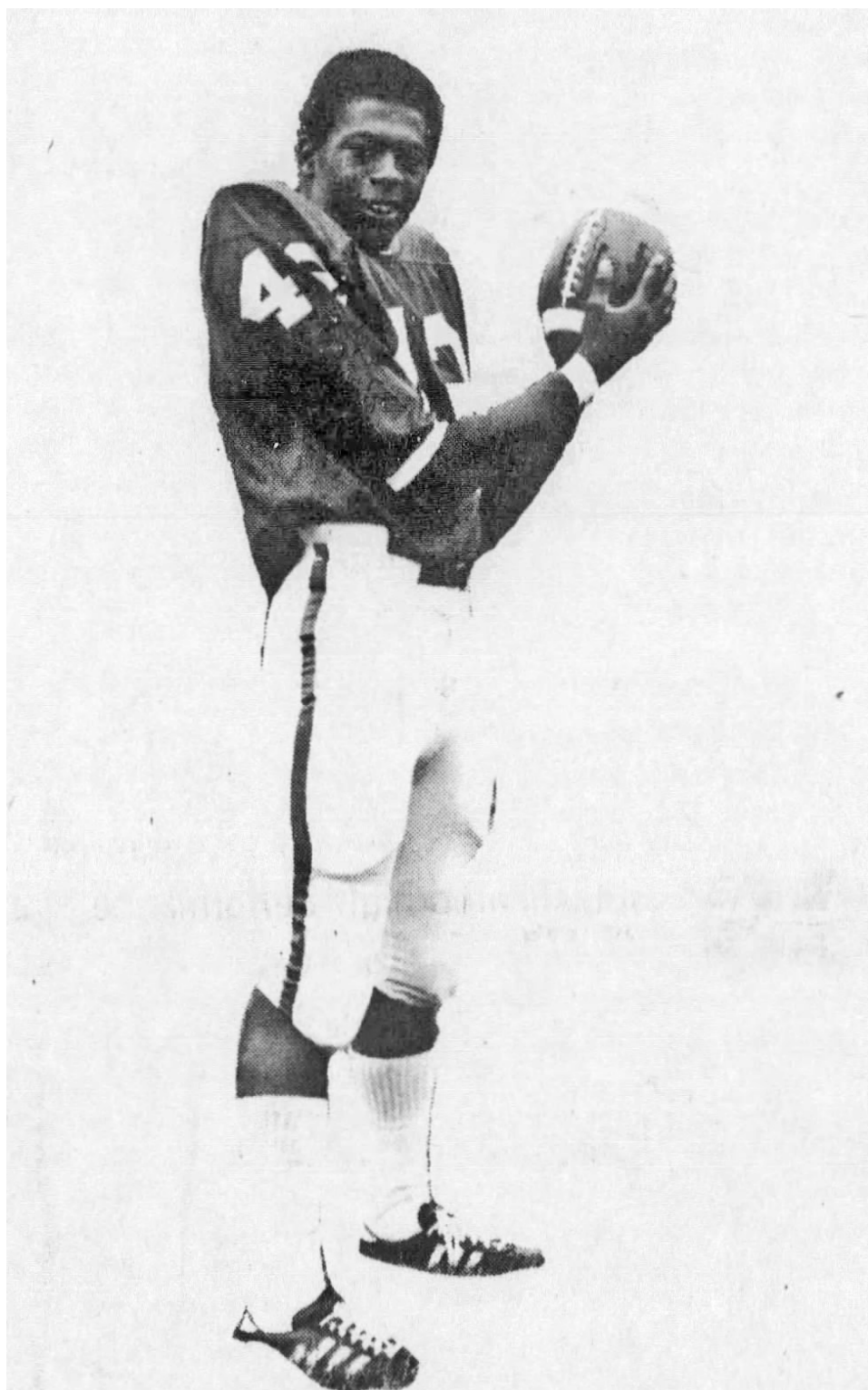
Fremont Ross season basketball tickets went on sale today at Tremper's and the junior and senior high school.

Adult season tickets for nine games will be \$10.50 and student season tickets will be \$5. Both season tickets amount to a savings of two games.

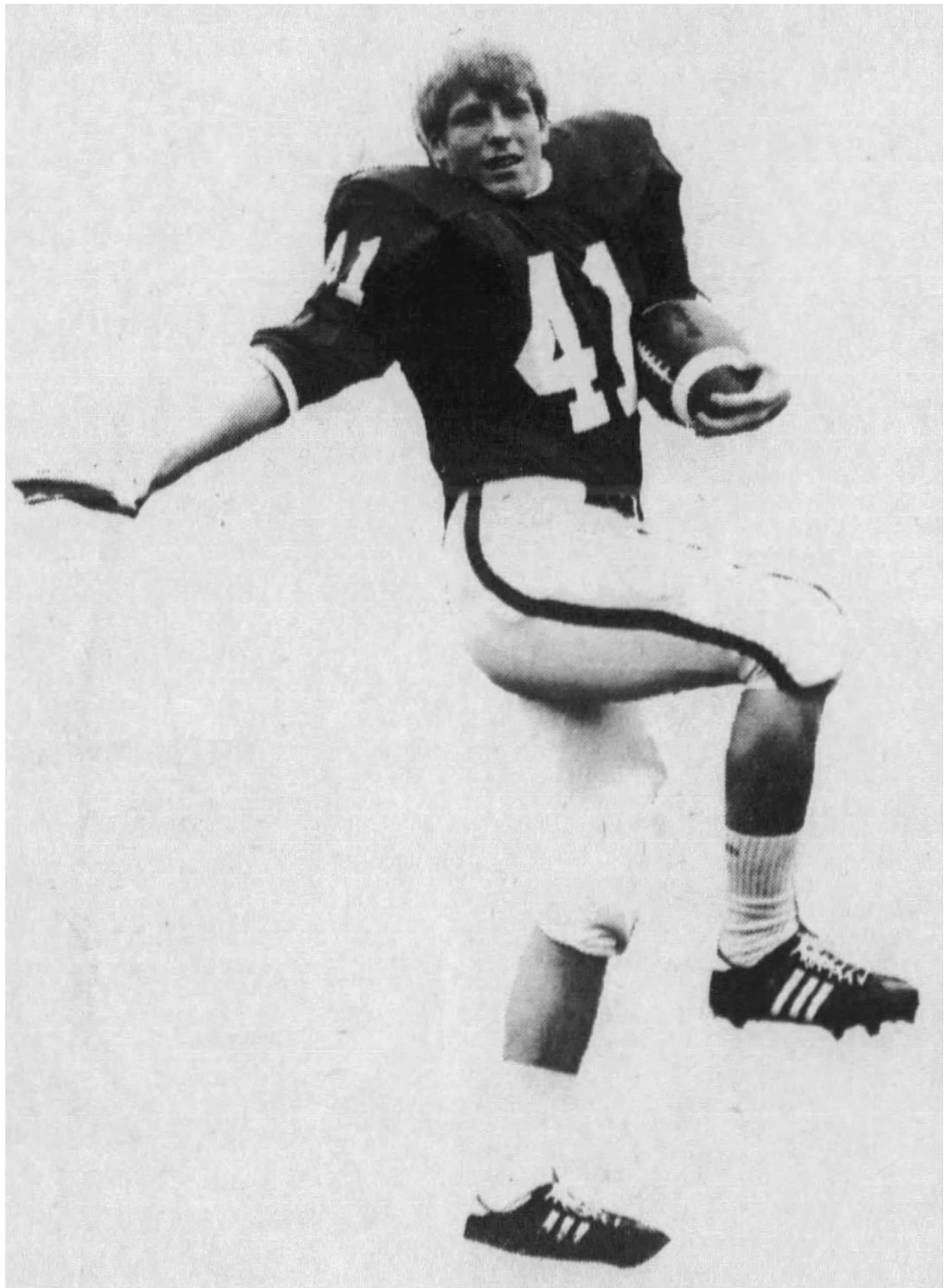
General admission at the gate on game night is \$1.50. Student tickets on game night are sold for 75 cents. That price will go to \$1, however, if the government okay the increase.

First home game is next Saturday (Nov. 27) with Fostoria.

The Little Giants will also host Mansfield (Dec. 3), Lorain (Dec. 17), Sandusky (Dec. 22), Elyria (Dec. 30), Marion (Jan. 21), Findlay (Jan. 29), Toledo Whitener (Feb. 5) and Admiral King (Feb. 18).



CHUCK LINDSEY
All-Buckeye Defensive Halfback





TOM LIGGINS
All-Buckeye Fullback

Ross High Came Back

1971 — The Year Ross Returned.

Ross was a gridiron power during the 1950s when it went three consecutive seasons without being beaten. But, the Purple and White machine was smashed into the ground during the 1960s when it compiled a mediocre 40-6-3 record.

The program started to regain some of its lost prestige in 1970 when the Little Giants went 5-4-1. Now, Ross has completed its 1971 season with a brilliant 9-1 record that's marred by only a 15-7 defeat to Elyria, the second ranked team in the state.

Still, Ross has gained recognition. The Little Giants finished the season ranked seventh in both the Associated Press and United Press International grid polls.

What was the cause of the turn around?

"Our program is established," says head coach Chuck Shuff who has steered the Ross program for the fourth season. "The kids learned what it was like to win last year and it carried over. Our young men had a lot of pride in their program. I think that has a lot to do with the success of any high school football team."

Still, Ross was blessed with many talented individuals. It will be a long time before Little Giant grid followers will forget fellows like Tom Liggins, Ben Lopez, Chuck Lindsey, Andy Sale, Ted Kreilick, Larry Johns, Mike Feseli, John Werling, Mike Sherman, Bob Weiler, Scott Berlekamp and Scott Merrill.

"The seniors were our leaders," Shuff said. "They kept this team together. Many of these fellows were three year lettermen. They know what it is to win and lose."

"We didn't put a group of individuals out on the field. It was a team. That's why I have such a hard time singling out boys for various honors. These are individual things and what we did this season was done as a team."

"Our coaching staff thought everyone who started for us was deserving of all league honors. Each boy on the squad contributed something to our success."

The Little Giants set two lofty goals at the start of the season. The first was to go undefeated and the second to win the Buckeye Conference championship.

"Sure we're unhappy we didn't achieve those goals," Shuff says, "but a team has to set goals for itself. And, if the goals aren't high enough the squad isn't going to achieve anything."

"Our kids never gave up after losing to Elyria (15-7). They kept fighting back, hoping someone else could beat Elyria and we could still get part of the championship. The fact that our young men never quit throughout the season is what makes me the happiest."

Everything isn't lost through graduation, however.

"We have some fine material coming back," Shuff says. "We should have another good season next fall. We've got a lot of budding to do with both the offense and defense, but the job isn't impossible."

The defensive unit will be built around Bob Brudzinski, Mike Biehler and Tom Pitts.

"Brudzinski and Pitts were among our leaders in tackles and assists this year," Shuff said. "Most of the time they were playing on opposite sides of the field."

Don Moore, who doubled as a linebacker and defensive end this fall, will also see considerable defensive duty in 1972.

Also being counted for defensive purposes are field-footed Rob Lytle, Steve Homan and Jon Smith.

"We'll probably use Lytle somewhere in the secondary where we can utilize his speed," Shuff said. "Homan saw some playing time this year, but Smith was hampered most of the season by injuries."

Thus, the main concern is finding replacements for graduating members of the famed 'Wolfpack,' who brought Ross to a third place finish in the Buckeye Conference defensive statistics.

"We're losing a lot of experience through graduation in that front seven," Shuff laments. "Three of those fellows were three year lettermen and two more lettered twice for us."

"Some of the young kids will have to mature quickly. I expect to have rough going in the scrimmages and our first two or three games. Still, these returning players have a lot of pride."

Offensively, the picture is brighter with the return of Lytle, the leading rubber this season, the starting guards (Terry Hinkle and Denny Reese) and Brudzinski at tight end.

"The guard spot looks real good," Shuff says. "With Hinkle, Reese and Dave Mierke returning there we're going to have a lot of experience."

The center position will probably go to an inexperienced person unless we make a position change."

Lytle rushed for better than 1,200 yards this season from his tailback post.

"It will sure be a big lift to have a kid like Rob coming back with his 9.9 speed," Shuff says.

But, Lytle is the only backfield candidate with a great deal of playing time. Pitts, the best opponent to Liggins at fullback, looked good when he saw offensive action this fall, but he was too valuable to the Ross fortunes at his monster position on defense. He carried the pigskin 31 times for 160 net yards.

Moore played about a third of the time at swingback and will probably be called on to go both ways at the start of the next campaign.

"Don has good hands and should be a fine blocker," Shuff says. "He's going to have the size we want for a fellow at that position."

One of the highlights of next summer's practice sessions should be the fight for the starting quarterback assignment between Smith and Brad Borden.

"Jon quarterbacked the reserve team two years ago and Brad did it this season," Shuff says. "Both boys did a fine job for us, but they lack varsity experience."

Shuff, however, expects to have to make wholesale replacements in the future.

"Our program is to the point now where we should have to make major replacements every year," Shuff says. "We shouldn't have to depend on sophomores to fill vacated positions like we have in the past."

Week 1 Loss 1									
ROSS 12, Rogers 6	Tom Liggins	177	1032	9	1087	5.8			
ROSS 12, Lincoln-Wood 6	Dale Shoemaker	14	125	11	114	8.0			
ROSS 48, Bowsher 6	Chuck Lindsey	16	120	10	110	6.8	24		
ROSS 41, Adamsburg 6	Don Moore	30	110	4	106	2.5	18		
ROSS 41, Mansfield 6	Mike Feseli	5	92	0	8	1.6	6		
ROSS 13, Elletts 7	Jerry Olfert	10	80	0	10	0.3	12		
ROSS 13, Lorain Senior 12	Mike Feseli	2	16	0	16	0.3	12		
ROSS 13, Marion 0	Tom Smith	4	10	0	10	0.5	12		
ROSS 12, Findlay 14	Jon Wright	4	10	0	10	0.5	12		
ROSS 12, Sandusky 14	Brad Borden	1	0	0	0	0.0	4		
ROSS 12, Sandusky 14	Jon Smith	1	2	0	2	0.2	8		
ROSS 12, Sandusky 14	Ben Lopez	10	50	0	1	0.1	10		
ROSS 12, Sandusky 14	Bob Brudzinski	1	0	1	1	0.1	10		
SCORE BY QUARTERS									
Ross	2	12	7	14	35				
Opponents	2	0	4	20	26				
STATISTICS									
ROSS					Opp				
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	138	111			Ben Lopez	96	47	68	2
Rushing	132	95			Mike Feseli	11	7	12	0
Passing	66	16			Brad Borden	7	11	0	0
Punt	11	19			Jon Smith	2	11	0	0
RECEIVING									
Catched	1984	1489			ALL Comp Yds Int TD				
Lost	108	120			Chuck Lindsey	10	283	4	18
Interception	108	120			Bob Brudzinski	9	110	1	1
Attempts	100	104			Dale Shoemaker	7	126	14	0
Completion	66	61			Rob Lytle	6	71	11	0
Yards	1084	784			Dale Shoemaker	4	103	15	3
Interception	2	16			Don Moore	3	41	12	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	2723	1873			Steve Clark	2	24	12	0
Fumbles-Lost	10-12	8-8			John Werling	1	44	44	0
Punt	10-54	10-53							
Punt-Yards	20-50.5	40-54.2							
INDIVIDUAL									
ROSS					Opp				
Tom Liggins	16	10	4	0	122	Bob Lytle	10	30	5
Bob Lytle	12	7	0	0	88	Tom Pitts	5	43	12.5
Chuck Lindsey	10	1	0	0	62	Don Moore	2	18	9.0
D. Shoemaker	7	0	1	0	22	Terry Hinkle	2	22	10.0
Ben Lopez	2	0	1	0	14	Chuck Clark	1	8	8.0
Tom Pitts	2	0	0	0	12	Chuck Lindsey	1	1	0.0
Don Moore	1	0	0	0	6	Tom Liggins	1	4	4.0
Chuck Clark	1	0	0	0	6				
Larry Johns	0	1	0	1	5				
KICKOFF RETURNS									
Car Date Lost Net Avg					Mike Feseli	10	80	5.0	8
107-1223	11	122	11.1		Chuck Lindsey	4	28	8.5	0
					John Werling	4	4	1.0	0

Ross Players Earn All-District Honors



AAA DISTRICT CHOICES—These four Fremont Ross performers received first team positions on the All-Northwest District All-Star team announced today by the Associated Press. Tom Liggins (kneeling) was picked as a running back, Ted Kreilick (standing left) is a linebacker, Rob Lytle (center) was picked as a running back and Andy Sale (right) is an offensive tackle. (News-Messenger Photo by Larry Solazzo)

Fremont Ross players continued to receive individual honors.

Last week nine Little Giants were named to the first two teams of the All-Buckeye Conference squad. Today, six players were named All-Northwest District Class AAA team by an Associated Press board of sportswriters and broadcasters.

Cited for their performances during the recent campaign with berths on the first team were running backs Rob Lytle and Tom Liggins, offensive tackle Andy Sale and linebacker Ted Kreilick.

Also saluted were Chuck Celek and Chuck Lindsey. Celek was named tight end on the second team while Lindsey gained a second unit defensive halfback berth.

Ross players receiving honorable mention berths were defensive end Bob Brudzinski and defensive halfback Mike Fozell.

"We're pleased that so many of our players were chosen for these honors," Ross head coach Chuck Shuff said after learning about the selections. "I hope this honor will lead to bigger things for those fellows on the first team."

Among the Ross selections for the district squad all six were first team All-Buckeye Conference choices last week.

Lytle had the distinction of being the only junior picked to the offensive team. The other 10 players all graduate this fall. One junior was voted a berth with the first team defense.

Liggins and Lytle combined to give Ross a tremendous one-two rushing punch. They both crossed the coveted 1,000 yard marker for the Little Giants. Liggins was the team's leading scorer while Lytle was second.

Sale was a two-way performer on the Buckeye squad, being selected at offensive tackle and defensive end. The 200-pound senior has often been called the "best offensive tackle I've coached since I've been at Ross" by Little Giant line coach and offensive coordinator Tom Dorman.

Kreilick played at middle guard for the Little Giants. He was picked at linebacker when board members decided to pick a four-four defense. In the past, the board has gone with a five man line.

The 5-10 210 pound Kreilick was selected at middle guard by the Buckeye coaches. Like Liggins and Sale, he has earned three letters while participating in the Ross grid program.

Lindsey and Celek were also three letter winners. Lindsey was picked at the same position on the district and Buckeye squads, but the coaches had Celek at a defensive tackle slot.

Ross and Toledo Woodward were the only schools with more than two players on the first team offense and defense. Woodward also had four individuals — offensive tackle Mark Hobbs, offensive guard Marion Howard, quarterback Rick Kaczmarek and linebacker Calvin Cooper — on the first unit.

Toledo St. Francis and Toledo Scott were the only

other schools that placed more than one player on the first team.

The complete first team offense included: tight end — Mike McGuire, Mansfield Malabar; split end — Charles Hartung, Toledo St. Francis; tackles — Hobbs and Sale; guards — Regal Haynes, Toledo Scott and Howard; center — John Campbell, Scott; quarterback — Kaczmarek; running backs — Lytle and Clarence Wooten, Sandusky.

Players voted berths on the first team defense: ends — Gary Findlay, St. Francis, and Ken Berkel, Toledo DeVillies; tackles — Wilbur Brown, Toledo Libbey, and John Halford, Mansfield Senior; linebackers — Jack Sellatti, Lima Senior, Harry Lanti, Toledo Whitmer, Cooper and Kreilick; halfbacks — Ed Saunders, Macomber, Hank DeVoe, Lima Shawnee, and Dan Valasek, Toledo Start.

Kaczmarek and Sellatti also earned additional honors. Kaczmarek was named back of the year while lineman of the year honors in AAA went to Sellatti.

Coach of the year laurels went to Dave Alt, first year coach at Toledo Waite, who piloted the Indians to a 6-3 record.

Area players picked for the second team included Port Clinton guard Perry Maloney, center Pete Sackett of Bellevue and Port Clinton defensive halfback Alex Tucker.

The Buckeye Conference also had second team representation. Scott May of Sandusky was picked as a split end, Findlay's Lee McNutt made it as a running back and Sandusky's Bill Drossman was a halfback.

Beier, Halm, Smith, Shultz, Esposito

SBC Players Take Defensive Spots

Sandusky Bay Conference players impressed the Associated Press panel of sportswriters and broadcasters who selected the Class AA Northwest District All-Star team announced today.

A total of five SBC performers made the first defensive unit and another is the starting quarterback on offense.

Fremont St. Joseph, the league champion, put two players on the first team All-District squad — linebacker Chuck Beier and defensive end Bill Halm.

Also voted defensive berths were Gibsonburg linebacker Ted Smith and defensive halfbacks Dan Shultz from Lakota and Sam Esposito of Margaretta.

Oak Harbor quarterback Ray

"We're certainly proud that we were able to place two boys on the district squad," Smith said. "That's a distinction that few class AA teams in the northwest district can claim."

"Chuck and Bill deserve every honor they receive. They're very excellent young men — on and off the football field. They excel as much in the classroom as they do in athletics."

Smith joins Beier at one of the linebacker slots. The Gibsonburg veteran was a two-way performer for the Golden Bears and was named their top offensive performer this season. But, he was also the top tackler for the Golden Bears.

The veteran senior, who plans to play football in college

had an enormous amount of respect from his other teammates on the field.

"I expect Dan to be a defensive backfield star in college. He should be a professional prospect by the time he is a senior."

Esposito is another veteran performer. He was also a two-way performer, running offensively from the tailback position and also holding down one of the defensive halfback slots. He led the Polar Bears in interceptions this season.

Other local performers cited by the board included Genoa defensive tackle Mark Wenig, Gibsonburg defensive tackle Fred Haslinger, Woodmore defensive halfback Larry

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MOST VALUABLE—Tom Liggins, running star at Fremont Ross for the last three seasons, was named the most valuable player award for the 1971 season during the Fall Sports Awards Night at Ross. Here, Liggins receives congratulations from head coach Chuck Shuff.

For X-Country Stout Receives MVP Citation

Kirk Stout, holder of the Fremont Ross individual cross country record, received the most valuable player award for the 1971 season during the Fall Sports Awards Night program at the high school cafeteria last night.

Stout was the only member of the Ross squad who qualified for the district meet. He received the MVP award on the basis of points earned during the season. A junior, Dave Damschroder, was named honorary captain of the 1971 harriers. He was awarded the honor following a vote of his teammates.

Ross finished fifth among eight Buckeye Conference schools in the league cross country meet and fifth among 11 squads at the sectional.

Head coach Ron Brant issued letters to seven harriers. Seniors in the group were Stout, Chris Widman and Scott March. Stout received his third letter and Widman his second. It was the second award for Widman.

Juniors receiving letters included Damschroder, Mark Hoffman and Jim Palomo. Randy Patrick was the only sophomore to letter.

Much of the three and a half hour program concerned the fine football squad fielded by the Little Giants this fall.

Opening remarks were made by superintendent of Fremont city schools, John Evanoff. Richard Butdorf, the assistant principal at Ross, delivered

remarks prepared by high school principal Duane Wamsley, who was unable to attend.

Mrs. Mary Oliver, cheerleader advisor, reviewed activities of the varsity and reserve cheerleaders during the past several months.

Varsity cheerleaders included Dee Might, captain, Gail Semer, Sue Hanover, Sheila Cooke, Debbie Boucher and Barb Shultz. Reserve cheerleaders are Kathy Butdorf, Nancy Johanson, Debi

Following the presentations by head football coach Chuck Shuff and his staff, athletic director Richard Sherman presented each member of the varsity football team with a trophy. The trophy symbolized Ross' seventh place finish in the Associated Press and United Press International polls this fall.

"It might seem like this is a lot of trophies to be giving away," Sherman said, "but it's usually only once in a lifetime that a boy can play on a team that's in the top 10. We hope that our juniors and sophomores can be there next year, however."

Varsity football players also received a color photo portrait of themselves from Solfazzo Studio of Fremont. Members of the varsity coaching staff will receive a color portrait of the staff at a later date.

Norm Bray, a teacher and coach at the junior high level, was toastmaster for the program.

Tom Liggins, who has earned so many tributes during a brilliant three-year football career at Fremont Ross, received the ultimate last night... the one he'll cherish the most.

The veteran fullback who has thrilled thousands of northwestern Ohio football buffs was named the Most Valuable Player on the 1971 Little Giant football squad. It wasn't an award picked by sportswriters, coaches or fans. Instead, Liggins was selected by his teammates. That's why the MVP award will be special for the talented senior.

But, in typical Liggins fashion, he wouldn't take credit for the award which was presented by head football coach Chuck Shuff.

"I haven't made myself — all of you out there made me," Liggins told the crowd that turned out for the annual Fall Sports Awards Night which honored the Little Giant football and cross country teams.

"I need to thank all the players," Liggins continued, "without their help I couldn't be what I am now."

Shuff spoke briefly about Liggins' three years with the Ross varsity and summed up the feelings of the Little Giant coaching staff by calling Liggins "a true athlete and true gentleman."

The naming of the MVP highlighted a long list of award presentations for the Ross varsity which finished this season with a sparkling 9-1 record and was ranked seventh in the Class AAA polls by both Associated Press and United Press International.

Liggins and three other seniors — Mike Fassel, Ben Lopez and Ted Kreilick — who led the Little Giants on the field as co-captains received their captain awards from Shuff.

Other awards for offensive and defense performances during the season were also issued. Lopez, junior fullback Rob Lytle, tackle Andy Sale and tight end Chuck Celek were recipients of the special offensive awards.

Lopez, the quarterback, and Lytle shared honors for being the best offensive back. Lytle, who has been named to the Buckeye Conference and Northwest District All-Star teams already this season, was the leading runner for the Little Giants. Lopez earned second team Buckeye Conference honors, but was considered the leading passer in the conference by most of the opposing coaches.

"Our coaching staff believes Ben was the top quarterback in

the conference," Shuff said. "I'm sure that if Ben would have played for any other team he would have been all conference. He just had the misfortune of playing in the same backfield with Liggins and Lytle."

Tom Dorman, offensive coordinator and line coach, made the presentation to Sale, who should take top offensive lineman award with Celek. Sale consistently graded out with Celek as the top offensive lineman. Al Fields, who tutored the end corps, presented Celek with his trophy.

Celek was actually a double winner in the special award category. He also took home a trophy for leading the team in the number of "outstanding blocks." In 10 games, the coaching staff credited the 6-5, 210 pound senior with 54 blocks where he did all that was required.

Kreilick and Lindsey, two more seniors, took the top defensive award. Kreilick a first team Buckeye Conference and Northwest District choice, was selected by the coaches as the top defensive lineman.

Lindsey was cited as the top defensive back following a poll of the coaches.

Kreilick finished the season with 42 tackles and 28 assists. He also dropped the passer twice for losses, forced one fumble, recovered two opponent fumbles and scored a safety.

Lindsey was credited with 37 tackles and 28 assists from his defensive halfback slot. He also intercepted four opponent passes and returned two of those to the touchdowns.

Other special awards went to Mike Biehler, Bob Brudzinski and Larry Johns.

Biehler, a junior linebacker, had the most tackles, 57, on this year's squad. Brudzinski (47) and Tom Pitts (46) were next in line in this category. Ironically, on a team led by seniors, the top three tacklers were all juniors.

Brudzinski's special trophy came for the "star awards." He had the most individual stars (17) in 10 games. The "stars" are awarded according to criteria developed by the coaching staff prior to the start of the season.

Johns, who started every game at defensive tackle for the Little Giants, was voted the most improved player by the coaches.

Prior to the special award presentations letters were given to members of the squad who had enough playing time during the season.

Third year awards went to Celek, Kreilick, Liggins, Lindsey and Sale.

Fassel, Johns, Lopez, Mike Sherman, John Werling, Biehler, Brudzinski and Lytle received second year awards. Receiving their first letters were Scott Berlekamp, Jerry Johns, Jeff Mazzocco, Scott Merritt, Dale Shoemaker, Bob Weiler, Terry Hinkle, Steve Holman, Bob Koebel, Dave Mierke, Don Moore, Pitts and Dennis Reese.

The list of letter winners included 16 seniors and 10 juniors, who will form the nucleus of next year's team.

Also cited were varsity managers Mark Aspen, Bill Cilas, John Carter and Kermit Fehlhaber. Student trainer John Kowalski was also introduced.

Shuff, who completed his fourth season as pilot of the Little Giant grid fortunes, spoke about the past season and also issued a challenge to next year's team.

"This season was conceived four years ago," Shuff said. "We hoped this type of season would have come earlier but we didn't expect as many problems as we encountered."

It took a little while to win over the athletes and longer to win over the community. We just about reached our pinnacle. We said before the season that we wanted to go 10-0 and win the Buckeye Conference championship.

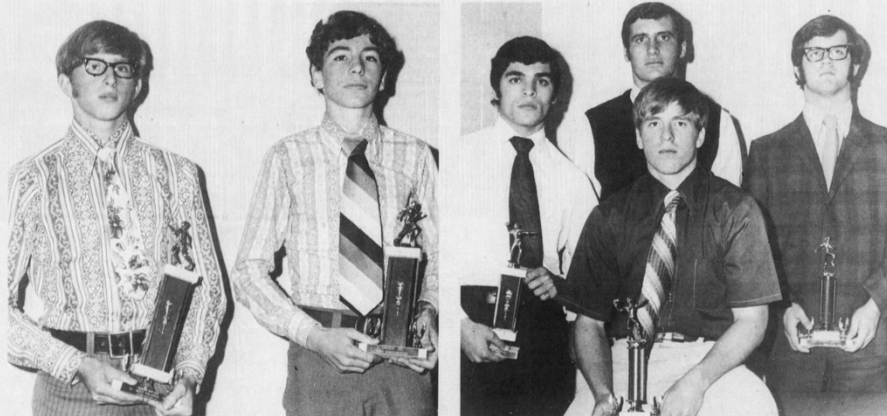
"I believe we were only two plays away from achieving those goals. But, a championship team beat us on those two plays. Still, I know those boys (members of the varsity) out there are champions."

"This season was no fluke. A great deal of hard work went into this season. It began four years ago."

"I think we have achieved great things in those four years. One thing we have brought back is pride in Fremont Ross football. We exhibited that pride to our community and Buckeye Conference this season."

"Now we're going to go out and win the Buckeye Conference championship. Next year's squad must out-do all the great things that this year's team has accomplished."

"The seniors have spent four years bringing back the respect of Fremont Ross football. Now those seniors are going to expect you (the juniors and sophomores) to go out and work as hard as they did. I want you to be able to look at them and me and say that you're doing your best."



TROPHY WINNERS—Many trophies were presented during the Fall Sports Awards Night at Fremont Ross high school yesterday. Members of the football team who took the top offensive awards are in the photo at left. The top cross country award winners are in the right photo. The offensive trophies for football went to Ben Lopez (left), Chuck Celek, Andy Sale

and Rob Lytle (sitting). Lopez and Lytle share the offensive back of the year award while Celek and Sale were named the leading offensive linemen. Stout was named the most valuable player on the cross country team and Damschroder was picked as the honorary captain.

For North-South All-Star Game

Shuff, Sale, Liggins, Kreilick Nominated

Fremont Ross head football coach Chuck Shuff and three of his top senior players — Tom Liggins, Andy Sale and Ted Kreilick — have been nominated to participate in the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association at Cory Rawson high school Monday.

Shuff, who led the Little Giants to a 9-1 season and seventh place

ranking in the state, was nominated to be either the head coach or one of the assistants on the North coaching staff.

Liggins, Sale and Kreilick were nominated as players for the North squad. All three have earned Buckeye Conference and northwest district recognition for their performances this fall.

The North squad and its coaches will be selected at a meeting in Columbus December 10.

Ross was represented in the

1971 All-Star game by tackle Chuck Miller, who starred on the Miami (Ohio) University freshman team as an offensive tackle this fall. Miller and fullback Bill Burkett were the Ross nominations last fall.

The Little Giants were represented in the 1970 game by tackle Mike Wetzel.

The announcement of the Ross nominations was made during the Fall Sports Awards Night program. Further details on the District Two nominations are expected later this week.

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Sale Picked As Second Team 'AAA' Tackle

Third Team Running Back Berth For Liggins



ANDY SALE
Second Team

Ross tackle Andy Sale and running back Tom Liggins were the only Little Giant players who received recognition on the Class AAA Ohio High School All-Star football team announced today by Associated Press.

Sale, a three-time letter winner for the Little Giants, took a second team offensive tackle post while Liggins, a backfield star for three seasons, received a third team running back berth.

Both Sale and Liggins had previously been honored by the Associated Press northwest district board of sportswriters and broadcasters. They were first team selections along with teammates Ted Kreilick (linebacker) and Rob Lytle (running back).

Kreilick and Lytle, who's just a junior, were honorable mention selections on the All-State squad.

Elyria's shifty running back, Ike Maxwell, was the only

Backeye Conference player to receive a first team berth. Maxwell, co-back of the year in the Northeast District, broke all Elyria high school rushing records and was selected as the back of the year in the Buckeye Conference.

The northwest district was represented by just two players on the first team — Lima Senior linebacker Jack Sellatti and Toledo Woodward quarterback Rick Kaczmarek. Kaczmarek was back of the year as quarterback when the district selections were announced but received first team state recognition as a defensive halfback. Sellatti was lineman of the year in the district.

Two northwest district players joined Sale on the second unit. Regiel Haynes of Toledo Scott was picked at guard and another Scott standout, Johnny Campbell is the center.

Named to second team defensive berths were Gary Findling, Toledo St. Francis end, John Hafford, Mansfield

Senior tackle, Harry Lanzl, Toledo Whitmer linebacker, and Ed Saunders, Toledo Macomber defensive halfback.

Mansfield Malabar running back Tim Schmidt joins Liggins on the third team offense. No northwest district players are on the defensive unit.

Archie Griffin of Columbus Eastmoor, in a tight race with three other rushing demons, today was named the Class AAA high school football back of the year.

Joining Griffin as Ohio lineman of the year was Jim Kelly, Cincinnati Moeller's record-smashing offensive end.

Griffin, a swift 5-foot-10, 190-pounder, averaged nearly eight yards every time he carried the ball in Eastmoor's 9-1 season climaxed by the Columbus City League championship. Griffin, who piled up 170 points, gained 1,737 yards in the Warriors' 10 games.



TOM LIGGINS
Third Team

Mark My Words



Shuff, Captains Aided Relations

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor

High and Low MARK(s) . . .

Relations between athletic teams at Ross and St. Joseph high schools certainly received a big boost this week when Ross head coach Chuck Shuff appeared with his four co-captains at an assembly honoring the St. Joe football team, the 1971 Sandusky Bay Conference champions.

Shuff spoke briefly and received a rousing ovation when he went to the podium. Also recipients of applause from the St. Joe student body were Ted Kreilick, Ben Lopez, Mike Feasel and Tom Liggins, who served as the Little Giant co-captains this season.

Shuff reported that he jumped at the opportunity to speak before the assembly after being asked by St. Joe administrator Rev. Father James K. Say.

"I've always had a great deal of admiration for coach Bob Smith and his football teams, Shuff told those in attendance. "When I was coaching at Oak Harbor I knew my team was going to have its hands full no matter what kind of team St. Joe had."



CO-CAPTAINS MEET — The Ross football co-captains were on hand Wednesday when the St. Joseph football team was presented with the 1971 Sandusky Bay Conference football trophy. Here, the Ross leaders are shown with St. Joe's two

co-captains, Chuck Beier (third from left) and Bill Halm. Beier is flanked by Ted Kreilick (extreme left) and Ben Lopez. Mike Feasel and Tom Liggins (extreme right) flank Halm. (News-Messenger Photo by Larry Sollazzo)

Baltimore Deals Frank Robinson

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — The New York Yankees and Texas Rangers traded the first shot before the crack of dawn and by the time the smoke had cleared there was an army of playing talent swapped at the winter baseball meetings.

Such illustrious troops as Frank Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles and Rich Allen of the Los Angeles Dodgers were among 28 players who changed uniforms in eight trades Thursday.

"We've been hesitant to deal Frank Robinson—for four years, we've been hesitant, but we felt that with our outfield depth we could afford it better now," said Baltimore Manager Earl Weaver after shipping Robinson and pitcher Pete Richert to the Dodgers in a six-player deal.

The Orioles received four relative unknowns for a big name outfielder — pitchers Doyle Alexander and Bobby O'Brien, catcher Sergio Robles and outfielder-first baseman Royle Stullman.

The stunning trade prompted an explanation from Weaver. "I know the names we got are not known now," said Weaver. "But those names will explain themselves in a few years. They look like they will fit into the category of stars."

"What we've done is make a deal to insure our future."

The Dodgers made the pitch for Robinson while parting with the fence-breaking Allen, who moved to the Chicago White Sox for pitcher Tommy John and infielder Steve Huntz.

Liggins, Sale Second Team **Kreilick 'All-Ohio'**

Ted Kreilick, a standout on offense and defense for Ross this season, was named first team All-Ohio middle guard on the Class AAA all-star team announced today by United Press International.

Kreilick, who also played offensive tackle for the Little Giants, was one of eight Buckeye Conference performers awarded berths on the first two units.

Two other Ross gridders — fullback Tom Liggins and defensive tackle Andy Sale — were voted spots on the second units.

"This is just another fine honor for all three of these fellows," Ross head coach Chuck Shuff said. "We're real pleased with the selections.

"Ted has been an excellent player for us the last three seasons. This year he was the leader in our defensive line. He never let those fellows quit.

"We've already said all we can about Tom Liggins. I still consider him an All-Ohio first team back no matter what team he's placed on.

"For Sale to be elected to the second defensive team shows what a versatile young man Andy is. He was elected to a second team offensive tackle spot on the Associated Press all-star team last week."

Liggins and Sale were both second team selections on the AP squad. Kreilick, however, received only honorable mention in the AP voting.

Earlier this fall, Kreilick, Sale and Liggins were named to the first All - Buckeye Conference and northwestern Ohio teams. The Buckeye squad was selected by conference coaches and Associated Press sportswriters and broadcasters picked the northwest district squad.

Another Little Giant, defensive halfback Chuck Lindsey, just missed a second team berth on the UPI squad. He received special mention, which indicates he was only a few votes shy of the second team.

Honorable mention was given running back Rob Lytle and tight end-defensive tackle Chuck Celek.

"This certainly caps a tremendous season for us," Shuff said. "It's quite an honor to have just one boy make either of the first two teams, but when you have three boys make it and then another three get honorable mention that's something that everyone associated with our football program can be proud of."

Among the six Ross players receiving votes in the UPI balloting, only Lytle is an underclassman.

"I'm sure that the five seniors will be going to college," Shuff says. "They're going to be fine football players for whatever school they decide to attend."

Kreilick was one of the five Buckeye Conference players named to the first team by the UPI board of coaches, sportswriters and broadcasters.

Other first unit choices were Elyria offensive guard Les Miles and running back Ike Maxwell, Sandusky defensive end Scott May and Findlay defensive halfback Jeff Bixler.

Mansfield linebacker Dan Blakely joined Liggins and Sale on the second team.

Special mention went to Findlay running back Cliff Hite and Elyria lineman Larry Robinson.

"These selections show what other coaches throughout the state think of the Buckeye Conference," Shuff said. "Most of the Buckeye schools face some real tough outside teams in

scrimmages and I'm sure that helped. I'm sure we (Ross) received help from Warren Harding."

Special UPI honors went to Mentor's Don Martin (back of the year), Cincinnati's Moeiller's Steve Niehaugh (lineman of the year) and Warren Harding's Tom Batta (coach of the year).

Batta edged Elyria's Bill Barton, 21-13, in the balloting for coach of the year.



TED KREILICK

Liggins, Sale Named To All-Star Squad

Chuck Shuff, Ross high football mentor, was notified today that two of his grid stalwarts — Tom Liggins and Andy Sale — have been selected by Tom Batta, Warren Harding coach, to become members of Batta's North All-Star team picked to play August 11 against the South All-Stars. The game will be played at Canton's Fawcett Stadium.

"I am extremely happy for these boys," Shuff said, adding that "we have a couple of others who deserved to be selected."

Shuff said this will be the third year in a row that the Little Giants have been represented in the All-Star tilt. In 1970 Mike Wetzell, a tackle now in school at Marshall College, played, and in 1971 Chuck Miller, a

tackle who is now at Miami university, was a member of the North team. Miller covered a fumble that saved the game for the North last fall.

Liggins and Sale have been "do it all" gridders for Ross high, the former being an outstanding offensive performer, as well as a strong defensive player, while the latter has been a 'two way' player, offensively at tackle and defensively at end.

Both expect to attend college.

Three other Buckeye Conference stars were selected by Batta, Les Miles, a guard, and Ike Maxwell, a halfback of the Elyria title team, and Scott May, an end, of Sandusky, being selected.

Kreilick, Smith Gain Honorable Mention

Ross lineman Ted Kreilick and Gibsonburg linebacker Ted Smith have received honorable mention consideration on the 1971 All-American High School football squad picked by Scholastic Coach.

Kreilick and Smith are both seniors who sparked their squads to banner seasons last fall. Ross compiled a 9-1 record while Gibsonburg went 7-3.

Sandusky's Scott May, a 6-5, 210-pound end, was named to the first team. Other Ohioans on the first unit are Ken Kuhn, a center-linebacker from Louisville, Steve Niehaus, an interior lineman from Cincinnati Moeller, Andy Bushak, an interior lineman from Parma Valley Forge and running backs Archie Moore of Columbus Eastmoor and Don Martin of Mentor.

Scholastic Coach picked 100 players for first team honors. The first 100 include 98 seniors and two juniors. Texas, California and Illinois have the most selections—seven. They are followed by Ohio and Pennsylvania (six) and North Carolina, New Jersey and New York (four).