

1987 Football Season



Second scrimmage for Ross

Ross quarterback Craig Raney (7) looks for the running back to handoff to in a scrimmage against Toledo DeVilbiss at Harmon Stadium Tuesday evening. The two teams scored twice each. "The passing game was much better," Ross Coach Rex Radeloff

said. "We hit a lot better and there was much more intensity, which is what I liked most." The final preseason scrimmage for the Little Giants will be at 3:30 p.m., Friday, in Toledo at the Glass Bowl against Macomber.

Preseason grid games

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Rain dampened the Ross and St. Joseph Central Catholic preseason football scrimmages Friday.

The Little Giants took on Toledo Macomber at the University of Toledo Glass Bowl while St. Joe traveled to Lakota.

At the Glass Bowl, Macomber outscored Ross 2-1 in a hard-hitting scrimmage that resulted in several Ross injuries.

"I don't know if any are serious," Ross Coach Rex Radeloff said, "but we got quite a few."

Chuck Webb, Macomber running back, scored twice for the Macmen.

"He is definitely a big college prospect," Radeloff said.

Ross will open the regular season at Tiffin, Friday, against Columbian. The Tornadoes defeated Sandusky 10-7 in a "preview" game Friday night.

At Lakota High School, rain and wet grounds made playing rough for the teams.

"It was awfully wet and sloppy," St. Joe Coach Tom Narducci said. Narducci's team had the only score of the game.

"That was set up on a long pass," the St. Joe coach said.

He added, "It was too wet and sloppy but I was just glad to get out and get some work done."

St. Joe opens the regular season next Friday, traveling to Clyde to take on the Fliers.



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Cheering together

Cheerleaders from St. Joseph Central Catholic High School take their turn leading a pep rally at the Toledo Trust parking lot in downtown Fremont Thursday. The rally was sponsored by the Downtown Business Association so football fans could have the chance to meet the St. Joseph and Fremont Ross High School teams. The crowds spilled over from the parking lot to the sidewalks on Croghan and Front streets. At right, St. Joseph football coach Tom Narducci gives Ross coach Rex Radeloff a demonstration of an action chart Narducci created to help the Ross coach call his plays. Also at the rally, the merchants presented donations to athletic booster clubs from both schools. Both football teams open the season on the road tonight. Ross is at Tiffin Columbian and St. Joe is at Clyde.



Tornadoes whip Little Giants 36-6

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

TIFFIN — Tiffin Columbian Coach John Tomaszewski may have known the feeling, but he could not feel the pain knifing through the Ross Little Giants.

Columbian quarterback Duane Tyree tossed four touchdown passes while riddling the Ross secondary for 268 yards to lead the Tornadoes to a 36-6 mugging over Ross Friday night at Columbian Stadium.

It was the worst beating that Ross has absorbed since a 35-7 playoff loss to Cincinnati Princeton in 1983. It was only the third time a Ross defense has allowed over 30 points in a game since 1977 and it was the first time a Columbian team has beaten Ross two consecutive games. The Tornadoes tripped Ross 20-17 in the 1986 opener.

"I can imagine how they (Ross) feel," Tomaszewski, in his first season at Columbian, said, "but we are thrilled to win like this. This should really fire up the kids."

"We just got beat by a very good team," said Ross Coach Rex Radeloff. Radeloff tried to sum up the lopsided loss succinctly but it was almost impossible: His team was kicked about and walked over.

"We had been concerned," Radeloff said, "about our defense. In three scrimmages (and against Columbian), we had not seen a hard hit on defense. In my 14 years here, I cannot remember anything like that. I know Coach (Joe, defensive coordinator) Siesel feels the same. We just have to work and work and work at it."

"In our defense, the 4-4, you have to have two good tackles and two good inside linebackers who want to hit," Radeloff said, "and we have to look for them."

Tyree, a 6-1 senior, offered a good imitation of a former Heisman Trophy winner who

wore the number the Columbian signal-caller carried: 22. Doug Flutie would have been proud.

Tyree completed 12 of 16 passes as he picked apart the Little Giants. He hurled touchdown passes of 74, 10, 19 and 69 yards and scored the first Tornado TD of the season, trotting seven yards around left end nine minutes into the game.

Bryan McGowan hauled in five Tyree passes for 126 yards and a TD and sophomore Joey Goodman caught three more, including the 74-yard bomb, for 97 yards.

To rub more salt into the Little Giants' wounds, running back Ben Fogel continually slashed into the Ross defensive backfield while rushing for 99 yards on 13 carries. Running mate Brian Heebsh added another 34 on 11 carries as Columbian balanced out the passing attack with 145 yards on the ground.

Ross quarterback Craig Raney and wide receiver Tracy Hufford pulled Ross temporarily back into the game midway through the third quarter. After Columbian had rolled a 23-0 halftime lead, Raney directed the Little Giants on a 60-yard, 11-play drive to the Little Giants' touchdown.

Raney completed five consecutive passes to Hufford in the drive, passing the final two to the 6-2 senior to complete the drive at the 6:46 mark of the quarter.

Raney was 11 of 20 for 117 yards with Hufford hauling in eight passes for 97 yards. Sophomore Terry Carter, inserted into the lineup when starting tailback Rick May suffered a neck injury in the second quarter, led Ross runners with 37 yards on 14 carries.

May suffered a jammed neck. X-rays were negative at a Tiffin hospital but he was kept overnight for observation.

Columbian 36, Ross 6

Score by quarters

Ross	0	0	6	0	—	6
Columbian	7	16	13	0	—	36

Scoring

Tiffin: Dwayne Tyree, 7-yard run (Matt Ash kick), 3:07, first quarter.

Tiffin: Tim Shetterly, safety blocked punt, 8:29, second quarter.

Tiffin: Joey Goodman, 74-yard pass from Tyree (Matt Ash kick), 8:09, second quarter.

Tiffin: Bryan McGowan, 10-yard pass from Tyree (Matt Ash kick), 4:33, second quarter.

Ross: Tracy Hufford, 2-yard pass from Craig Raney (pass failed), 6:46, third quarter.

Tiffin: Craig Paul, 19-yard pass from Tyree (Matt Ash kick), 3:54, third quarter.

Tiffin: Bryan McGowan, 69-yard pass from Tyree (kick failed), 0:02, third quarter.

Team Stats

	R	C
First Downs	10	16
Rushes/Yards	30/46	33/145
Passing Yards	117	279
Passes/Comp./Int.	22/11/2	17/13/0
Punts/Average	6/28	4/35.
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/1
Penalties/Yards	0/0	8/74

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Tiffin, Ben Fogel 13/99, Brian Heebsh 11/34; Ross, Terry Carter 14/37.

Passing: Tiffin, Dwayne Tyree, 16/12/268/4 touchdowns; Ross, Craig Raney, 20/11/117/1 touchdown.

Receiving: Tiffin, Bryan McGowan, 5/126; Ross, Tracy Hufford 8/97.

Season record: Tiffin 1-0; Ross 0-1.

Woodward helps Ross open big home slate

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Maybe the Ross football team should adopt a revised Golden Rule as its motto.

This one would go "Do unto others before they do unto you."

Tiffin Columbian followed the revised commandment and parted the Ross defenses for three dozen points while allowing the Little Giants to pass for six.

"Saturday and Sunday were hard days," Ross Coach Rex Radeloff said. "We went over films and we did not see any hard contact or aggressiveness. I guess you could say it showed a lack of varsity experience.

"We had a lot of kids not hustling on the back side of plays defensively and on offense, we were letting their defense hit us before we hit them."

Do unto others...."

"What we have to do," Radeloff reasoned, "is instill confidence. That is what our whole week is focused on."

Only Radeloff and his staff did not have had a whole week in which to prepare for Friday's 8 p.m. opponent at Harmon Stadium, Cincinnati Woodward. Tuesday, when a dense fog blanketed the Sandusky County area, Fremont schools were postponed for a day. That wiped out a day of practice.

"A football coach is schedule oriented," Radeloff began, "and you get into a pattern and hopefully, you don't break it. To football coaches, Tuesday and Wednesday are 'work' days; the days when you have contact. We have missed one of the work days."

Radeloff planned a longer practice session Wednesday as his team gets ready for the Bulldogs.

Woodward, like Ross, is 0-1,

losing 28-0 to Cincinnati Elder last Friday.

"They are a team that will hit you," Radeloff described Woodward. "they have decent size and speed."

Linebacker/running back Charles Mitchell, defensive tackle, offensive guard Cory Jones and defensive end/tight end Ricky McGill are rated as the Bulldogs to watch by the Radeloff.

"Defensively, they went hard at Elder," Radeloff explained, "and were doing fine until Elder began to hurt them with passing."

If anything, that facet of offers an encouraging note for the Little Giants; passing was the only area that Ross looked fairly decent in against Columbian. Quarterback Craig Raney completed 11 of 20 passes for 117 yards. Eight of Raney's passes, including a two-yard touchdown pass, were hauled down by split end Tracy Hufford.

"We did not check off (change plays at the line) in the first half," Radeloff said, "but in the second half, we did and it paid off."

Another of the few positive things for Ross was the running of sophomore tailback Terry Carter. Taking over for injured Rick May, Carter picked up 37 yards on 14 carries. Carter, or Bryant Haralson will draw the starting job Friday.

May is definitely out of the game against Woodward after jamming his neck in the Columbian game. He was to go to neurologist today for further evaluation.

The game with Woodward is the first time the schools have met on the gridiron and it marks the first of seven home games for the Little Giants.

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Two first half TDs good for first Ross win

Sophomore Terry Carter rushes for 102 yards

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

It could be termed an ordinary football scoring drive but to Rex Radeloff, it was a sight for sore eyes.

Quietly smarting from his team's lopsided setback in the season opener a week ago, Radeloff's Ross Little Giants made a play of first downs pay off for a 14-0 victory over Cincinnati Woodward Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

"That was a super drive," Radeloff said as he relaxed in the coaches room located above a noisy Ross dressing room. "The offense played well the hole first half but in the second half, we got conservative and were sitting back on our heels."

The Little Giants could be forgiven for that.

An 11-play, 64-yard drive following a bad kickoff help sweeten the sour taste that had lingered in Radeloff's mouth for the last week, ever since his team was beaten 36-0 at Tiffin.

"I don't even want to think about that," he said. "There was a lot more hitting in this game."

Craig Raney's four-yard keeper put Ross on the board at the 6:38 mark of the opening quarter. Sophomore tailback Terry Carter, who finished the

night with 102 yards on 23 carries, gained 44 of the yards on six carries. The sophomore keyed the drive with runs of 15 and 17 yards.

The second Ross scoring drive was set up by the first of two Bryant Haralson interceptions.

Taking over at the Woodward 48 with just under five minutes remaining in the half, Ross hit paydirt in eight plays. Carter, running out of a power-I, bounced off the blocks of Cardell Beachum and Gary McClure and skirted left end from the three for his first varsity TD.

The key plays in the second drive were a 17-yard strike from Raney to Kevin Heck on a third-and-four and a 10-yard first down pass from Raney to Beachum to the Woodward eight.

Sophomore Eric Siesel hit both extra points.

"The defense played very well in the first half," Radeloff said. "In the second half, I felt we lost a little intensity late in the third quarter and early in the fourth, but by the end they were playing well again."

Jeff Draeger added another interception to the Ross totals and a fourth pass theft by Jim Moore was wiped out by a penalty. The Little Giants gave up 74 yards

rushing and 40 more in the air. "What I liked most out there tonight," Radeloff said, "was I saw a lot of good hits. Last week, it may have been lack of confidence or experience but I saw some good hits tonight."

The Ross defense gave the offense a shot at a third first half touchdown when Chris Smith blocked a punt off the foot of Woodward's Wayne Edwards. Andy Manbeck scooped the ball up but tumbled to the ground inches short of the goal line. On the first play, Ross was called for illegal procedure and two plays later, Raney's fumble while being sacked was recovered by Bulldog defender Ricky McGill.

With Smith plugging up the inside, the Ross defense was led by linebacker's Troy Novitski, McClure, Jamie Whipple, Jason Shultz and Beachum.

Raney, after hitting 11 of 20 passes against Columbian, fell off to 10 of 10 for 45 yards and one interception. Rodney Johnson was the only other Ross runner, besides Carter, to reach double figures, getting for 13 yards on four carries.

Next week, Ross will host Toledo Central Catholic.



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TERRY CARTER (29) of Ross runs around right end for a gain early in the second half. Carter gained 102 yards on 23 carries. Rodney Johnson (20) trails the play.

Football

High school linescores

Ross 14 Woodward 0

Score by quarters

Woodward	0	0	0	0	—	0
Ross	7	7	0	0	—	14

Scoring

Ross: Craig Raney, 4-yard run (Eric Siesel kick), 6:30, first quarter.

Ross: Terry Carter, 3-yard run (Siesel kick), 1:20, second quarter.

Team Stats

	W	R
First Downs	8	9
Rushes/Yards	27/64	41/103
Passing Yards	40	45
Passes/Comp./Int.	25/4/3	10/3/1
Punts/Average	3/23.6	5/31.8
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	8/90	6/35

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Woodward, Charles Mitchell 6/38, Ross, Terry Carter 23/102.

Passing: Woodward, Orlando Jones 21/4/1—47, Ross, Raney 10/3/1—45.

Receiving: Woodward, Jermaine Arnold 2/19, Ross, Tracy Hufford 1.18, Cardell Beachum 1/10, Kevin Heck 1/17.

Season records: Ross 1-1, Woodward 0-2

Central slips past Little Giants 8-0



PUNTER TY FRIES of Toledo Central Catholic turns the corner while Fremont Ross defender Chris Smith (94) and his teammates give chase

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during action at Harmon Stadium Friday night. Fries picked up a bad snap from center and ran 26 yards for a first down on the play.

Quarterback, punter slide by Ross defense on 2 key plays

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

It was a drive and a chip along with an offensive pass interference penalty that did in Ross Friday night at a wet and soggy Harmon Stadium.

Toledo Central Catholic, 3-0, took the opening kickoff and drove straight down the field 76 yards in a dozen plays to top the Little Giants 8-0.

"We came out and got things going that first drive," Irish Coach Greg Bailey said, "and then they (Ross) got tough."

The opening drive featured the bullish runs of tailback William Peterson and fullback Art Bates. Peterson charged 23 yards on the opening play. Bates picked up two and 14 on the next two and Peterson came back for 11 to put the ball at the Ross 22. That duo got the Irish to the Ross one but the drivers failed at that point.

Facing a fourth and goal, quarterback Toby Bryce came up with the winning chip shot, rolling in around right end

unmolested for the touchdown with 7:32 remaining in the first quarter. Earl Kiester scored the extra points on a fake kick.

"They came out and controlled us," Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siesel said about the opening drive. "After that, we played very well."

"It was a great effort for us," head Ross Coach Rex Radloff said. "We played hard the whole game. That was a good football team we went against; they are going to win a lot of games."

The Little Giants did get into the Irish end zone but wide receiver Tracy Hufford was called for pass interference and the TD was nullified. Quarterback Craig Raney, facing a third and 19 at the Central 27, hit Hufford behind the defense for what appeared to be the TD with 6:08 remaining in the game.

"That was a heck of a call," Radloff grimaced, "especially

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Football

Toledo C.C. 8, Ross 0

	Score by quarters				
Toledo C.C.	8	0	0	0	— 8
Ross	0	0	0	0	— 0

Scoring

Toledo Central Catholic: Toby Bryce, one-yard run (Earl Kiester run), 7:32, first quarter.

Team Stats

	TCC	R
First Downs	15	10
Rushes/Yards	46/253	27/57
Passing Yards	0	82
Passes/Comp./Int.	0/0/0	15/7/0
Punts/Average	5/30.8	6/34.8
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/0
Penalties/Yards	8/71	4/35

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Toledo C.C.: William Peterson, 24/156; Art Bates, 15/67; Toby Bryce, 7/30; Ty Fries, 1/26. Ross: Terry Carter, 16/40; Rodney Johnson, 4/27; Cardell Beachum, 2/3; Bryant Haralson, 1/2.

Passing: Ross; Craig Raney, 15/7/0 — 82.

Receiving: Ross; Tracy Hufford, 4/67, Carter 2/11, Johnson, 1/4.

Season records: Toledo C.C. 3-0, Ross 1-2.

Undefeated Clay next for Little Giants

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

"Undefeated" is becoming a whispered word in the Ross High School football team locker room.

The Little Giants have had their fill of that word. If it was used to describe Ross, it would be different. Instead, Coach Rex Radeloff's team will have to force it down one more time Friday when Oregon Clay's unbeaten Eagles visit Harmon Stadium for a 8 p.m., Friday, clash with the 1-2 Little Giants.

Ross opened the season at Columbian and came back last week against Toledo Central Catholic. Those teams are 3-0 like this Friday's opponent.

"They are three-and-a-half," were the first words out of Radeloff's mouth when asked about Clay Tuesday before his team's first hard day of work this week. "They are senior-oriented, starting 10 seniors and a sophomore on both the offense and defense."

The chief weapons in the Eagles' arsenal are tailback Chris Langer and quarterback Don Walendzak. Langer transferred in from out-of-state and Walendzak quarterbacked Clay as a junior.

"JJ (Clay coach John Johnson) told me Langer is the best running back he has had at Clay," Radeloff said and added, "the quarterback runs well and he can throw the ball on the run very well."

Clay has beaten Toledo Bowsher, Cardinal Stritch and Sylvania Southview. The Little Giants are coming off an 8-0 loss to Central Catholic. The Irish scored on the first drive, going 72 yards in 11 plays. After that, the Ross defense would bend but refuse to break.

Radeloff and his team were unhappy with the loss but the Ross coach could see a positive side.

"The effort was there the whole game," he described. "We were in the game all the way. Sure, we don't like to lose and we feel bad about it but the kids gave it all they had."

He added that the game was the best his team has played in the still young season.

The Ross passing game has progressed but Radeloff is worried that it may be getting into a rut. Wide receiver Tracy Hufford has been the main target of quarterback Craig Raney, Radeloff pointed out.

Hufford caught four passes for 67 yards against Central and took one of Raney's passes into the Central end zone only to have the TD wiped out when he was flagged for pass interference on a disputed call. The senior has 13 receptions for 172 yards and a touchdown in the first three games.

"Hufford has been playing very well," the Ross coach praised, "and Raney has been throwing the ball well but we have to utilize people besides just Hufford. We have to spread it around."

"He (Hufford) has been getting open but we don't want Raney to get into the habit of just looking for him and not reading the defenses."

Ross defense ends Clay victory string

Giants pluck Eagles' feathers



CARDELL BEACHUM and Troy Novitski (96) hit Oregon Clay quarterback Don Walendzak just after he released the ball. Jason Schultz (40) of Ross closes in on the play.

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By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Ross put 14 first half points on the scoreboard and then let the defense take over in the second half for a 14-9 upset of previously unbeaten Oregon Clay Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

"I thought the whole defense did a super job," Ross defensive coordinator Joe Siesel said, "especially the way they turned it up in the last few minutes."

Trailing 14-9, Clay had a shot at pulling out a miracle. The Eagles took over at their own 43 with 2:06 remaining in the game. On the first play, Ross turned on the pressure as inside linebacker Mike Longanbach blew up the middle to sack quarterback Don Walendzak for a nine-yard loss.

Walendzak hit Chris Langer for 10 yards on the next play but misfired on the next two plays as Little Giants forced him to throw off-balance both times. The second incompletion gave the Ross the ball with 1:18 play and clinched the Giants' second win against two losses. Clay is 3-1.

The Ross defense surrendered a net 110 yards on the ground as Langer ran for 122 yards on 26 carries. Walendzak pulled the



News-Messenger/Chris Walker
RICK MAY of Ross picking up yardage during the game against Clay. May played in his first game after being injured three weeks ago in the season opener at Tiffin Columbian.

total yardage down with a minus-33 yards on seven attempts.

"That was a good defensive effort," Ross head Coach Rex Radloff said. "I think we played

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better tonight than we did last week."

Last week, Ross fell 8-0 to undefeated Toledo Central Catholic, but at the time Radeloff said that was his team's best effort of the season. Friday night, it got better.

"We are getting better," Radeloff said. "We are getting more confidence and it is showing."

The Ross defense set up both touchdowns. Defensive end Maurice Jones fell on a Langer fumble at the Eagles' 43 on Clay's first offensive play. Nine plays later, sophomore tailback Terry Carter followed the blocks of right tackle Cory Reed and wingback Gary McClure into the end zone. The first of Eric Siesel's two extra point kicks put Ross up 7-0 at the 5:44 mark.

After Clay answered that TD with a 26-yard field goal off the toe of Chad Schwierking, the Little Giants' defense put the offense back in business.

With Clay driving midway through the second quarter, linebacker Cardell Beachum stepped in front of a Walendzak pass at the Ross 14. The senior cut to his right and raced 76 yards to the Eagles 10 before Langer hauled him down from behind.

Carter ran six and three yards on two carries and quarterback Craig Raney sneaked in from the one as Ross forged to a 14-3 lead with 1:33 remaining in the half.

Other than the 40-yard scoring drive, Clay's deepest penetration in the second half was to the Ross 24 but Jones and Jason Schultz sacked Walendzak for a 10-yard loss on a third and seven. On the following play, the Ross pressure forced another

incomplete pass.

Clay, after a Langer punt pinned Ross at its own nine, took over at the Little Giants 40 after a Siesel punt with 4:47 to play in the game. Two Walendzak passes got the ball to the one and Langer took it in from there at the 4:13 mark. Clay elected to go for two points but Ross tackle Chris Smith knifed through to dump Waldendzak at the five.

The tackle wiped out the possibility of field goal tying the game and forcing an overtime.

Beachum performed well on both sides of the ball, Radeloff said. The senior co-captain ran out of the fullback and tailback slots offensive, rushing for 36 yards on seven carries. Carter was the leading rusher for Ross with 83 yards on 22 carries. Rick May, back in action since being injured in the season opener with Columbian, had 13 on four carries.

"I think Rick coming back, sparked us," Radeloff said. "He did a good job for just coming back."

Defensively, Longanbach was in three sacks, Schultz two, Jones and Steve Boonie one each. Linebacker Troy Novitski came up with a pair of tackles for losses.

Next Friday, Ross will host Cleveland Benedictine.



Football

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Score by quarters

Clay	3	0	0	6	—	6
Ross	7	7	0	0	—	14

Scoring

Ross: Terry Carter, 2-yard run, (Eric Siesel kick), 5:44, first quarter.

Clay: Chad Schwierking, 26-yard field goal, 1:04, first quarter.

Ross: Craig Raney, 1-yard run, (Siesel kick), 1:33, second quarter.

Clay: Chris Langer, 2-yard run, (run failed), 4:13, fourth quarter.

Team Stats

	C	R
First Downs	13	7
Rushes/Yards	36/110	34/129
Passing Yards	107	38
Passes/Comp./Int.	16/71	10/4/0
Punts/Average	2/26.0	5/31.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	2/2
Penalties/Yards	5/55	9/77

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Clay: Langer 26/122, Gary Zachei 3/21, Don Walendzak 7/33; Ross: Carter 22/33, Cardell Beachum 7/36, Rick May 4/13, Raney 1/3.

Passing: Clay: Walendzak 16/7/1-107; Ross: Raney 10/4/0-38.

Receiving: Clay: Terry Rugg 2/54, Jeff Ladd 2/19, Troy Rothenbuhler 1/10, Mike McGee 1/14; Ross: Tracy Hufford 2/22, Carter 1/11, Scott Swanger 1/5.

Records: Ross 2-2, Clay 3-1.

No. 1 Bennies

next for

Little Giants

By BOB MARKER

Staff writer

Rex Radeloff is beginning to like the common things.

It's been common this season for Radeloff, in his second season as head football coach at Ross High School, and his team to face an undefeated on a week-in, week-out basis.

Cleveland Benedictine, 4-0 and the Division II Associated Press poll leader, visits Fremont Friday for an 8 p.m. game at Harmon Stadium is the latest unit in that parade.

"You hope to play the good teams," Radeloff said Tuesday before practice. "It is easier to prepare for an undefeated team than for a team that does not have that good a record because the kids are mentally into it. The kids know they have to play hard."

Preparing for the Bennies is easy. Stopping them is another matter.

"They have always been a good team," the Ross coach said. "I don't think they have changed offense or defense for years. You know what they are going to do; you just have to stop them."

It will be the eighth meeting of the teams with Benedictine holding a 6-1 edge.

Ross, 2-2, and improving week to week, Radeloff said, will face a veteran Bennie team.

The tailback, Ron Grasel, is a three-year starter. Quarterback Preston Hrisko started last season.

"The tailback can go up the middle or outside," Radeloff said, "and Hrisko can crank (throw) it."

"They have two good receivers," Radeloff said, "and he (Hrisko) likes to throw the wide receivers."

Kevin Macci, 5-10 senior, and John O'Neill, 5-10, 165, are Hrisko's main targets.

Fullback Tim Zdavowicz is another key cog in the Bennies offense.

"He'll run five or six times but he is mainly a blocker," Radeloff said, "and he is a good blocker."

The Little Giants are coming off a 14-9 win over previously undefeated Oregon Clay.

"Offensively, we hurt ourselves with penalties," Radeloff said. "Defensively, we played hard the whole game; they were hitting people out there."

One of the key defensive plays, Radeloff said, was linebacker Cardell Beachum's 76-yard return of an interception to the Clay 10. That theft killed an Eagles drive.

Offensively against Clay, Radeloff said he felt the return of running back Rick May was a plus.

"It seemed like May coming back, picked them up," he said.

May, a senior, suffered a neck injury in the first game of the season and did not return until last week.

NOTES: Ross ranks fourth in Buckeye Central Conference offensive stats after four non-conference games. The Little Giants average 154.5 yards per game. Defensively, Ross is also fourth, allowing 260 yards per game. Zanesville is the offensive leader with 326.5 yards per game but also ranks fifth in defense, allowing 275 yards per contest.

Benedictine rallies to nip Little Giants



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AWWW, COME ON: Ross head Coach Rex Radeloff, left, and assistant coaches Chuck Lindsey, middle, and Joe Siesel respond to a call during fourth quarter action Friday at Harmon

Stadium. The coaches wanted an intentional grounding call against the Cleveland Benedictine quarterback during a scoring drive but did not get it.

Coach calls Ross, 'Best we've faced'

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Cleveland Benedictine came from behind twice in the final quarter to squeeze past Fremont Ross 14-13 in a high school football thriller at Harmon Stadium Friday.

"We have played Benedictine eight times," a disappointed Ross Coach Rex Radeloff said, "and this is the best I have ever seen and a Ross team play them."

"I told the kids that, sure, they should feel bad about the loss, but not about the effort they made."

Benedictine, 5-0, has beaten the Little Giant seven times.

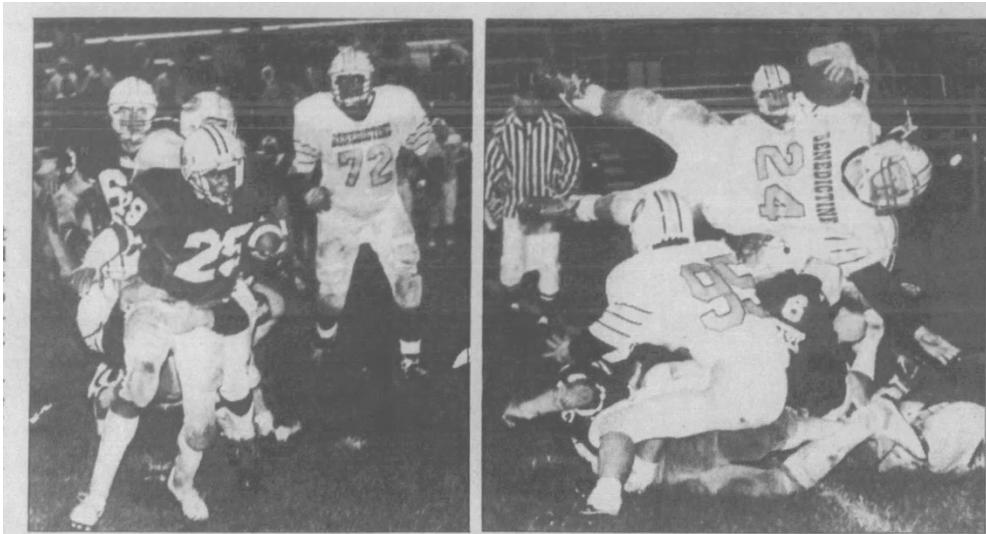
Ron Grosel, 5-10, 170-pound senior bullet, rushed for 248 yards on 33 carries and scored both touchdowns for the state's top-ranked Division II squad.

"He is a good running back on a good team," Radeloff said. "We would stop him sometimes but he kept pounding back at you."

"He's (Grosel) not very big," Benedictine Coach Augie Bossu pointed out, "but he's a heck of a back."

Ross had a "heck of back" on its side, too. Sophomore Terry Carter, listed at 165 but probably closer to 150, scored both Ross

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LEADING RUSHERS Terry Carter of Ross, left, and Ron Grosel (24) of Benedictine

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TDs while rushing for 182 yards on 22 attempts.

After a scoreless first half, Ross began a drive from its 27 with 4:17 remaining in third quarter. Carter ran for 33 yards on four carries and quarterback Craig Raney hit Tracy Hufford for 16 yards to the Benedictine 20 to key the drive. Rick May, who had nine yards on two carries during the eight-play drive, got the ball to the 15. Carter took it from there over left tackle for the TD with 38 seconds to play in the period.

Eric Siesel's kick made it 7-0.

"The offensive line told me they could handle them," Radeloff said, "and they did. Carter ran behind them and hit the holes."

Cory Reed, Dave Carroll, Mike Longanbach, Matt Manbeck, Tony Roob and Chad Overmyer saw most of the duty from tackle to tackle for Ross.

But, the Bennies bounced back, driving 62 yards on 16 plays, the final five by Grosel. Greg Gotto's kick tied the game at 7-7 with 7:03 remaining. The drive was aided by a controversial call. With a second and six at the Ross 19, Bennie quarterback Preston Hrisko faded back, seemingly was in the clutches of a Ross tackler, but managed to get rid of the ball as he fell.

The play was ruled an incomplete pass as Radeloff's arguments went unheeded.

Two plays later Hrisko, on a fourth and 10, passed 14 yards to John O'Neill for the first down at

the Ross five.

"Hrisko did not have that good a game," Bossu admitted, "but he made the big plays in the pinch."

Ross roared right back, covering 63 yards in three plays. Carter ran for one before Raney hit tight end Scott Swanger for 22 to the Bennie 40. Carter then cut around right end, faked a linebacker off his feet and broke into the open on a 40-yard scoring run.

Disaster struck on the extra point. The snap was a trifle high forcing Siesel to hesitate. The result was a miss to the left that gave Ross a 13-7 lead with 5:35 to play.

Radeloff did not fault his sophomore kicker.

"We are just not at the point where we are consistent (on the extra point) but we are not going to go for two," Radeloff said. "It was just one of those things that happens."

Ross got into trouble on the following kickoff when Bruce Coffey returned it to the Bennie 43. After two incomplete passes, Hrisko hit Mike Garred for 15 yards and a first down at the Ross 42. Hrisko followed with a 12-yard strike to O'Neil to the 30.

After a five-yard penalty pushed the Bengals back, Grosel bolted 35 yards on a draw play for the tying TD. Gotto split the uprights to put Ross down 14-13 with 4:10 to play.

Ross came back quickly. Facing a second and 18 at the five after Raney had been sacked, Carter ran 20 yards for a first down. Raney hit Hufford for 14 more to the 39 before Carter ran 39 yards to the Benedictine 22 before being knocked out of bounds.

On a third and 13, Raney lofted a pass just over the outstretched hands of Hufford and into the hands Bennie defensive back Mike Nelson, killing the drive with 1:34 to play.

"I told Augie after the game," Radeloff said, "you just beat the best two and three team in Ohio."

"There's no question about that," Bossu confirmed. "This is the best team that we have faced."



High School

Benedictine 14, Ross 13

Score by quarters

Benedictine	0	0	0	14	—	14
Ross	0	0	7	6	—	13

Scoring

Ross: Terry Carter, 15-yard run (Siesel kick) 38, third quarter

Benedictine: Finn Grosel, 5-yard run (Grosel kick) 7, 18, fourth quarter

Ross: Terry Carter, 40-yard run (kick failed) 5, 25, fourth quarter

Benedictine: Finn Grosel, 25-yard run (Grosel kick) 4, 10, fourth quarter

Team Stats

	B	R
First Downs	19	20
Rushes Yards	42/248	33/181
Passing Yards	97	124
Passes Comp. Int.	22/6/3	24/8/3
Points Average	21/22.0	4/27.3
Fumbles Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties Yards	7/50	6/47

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Benedictine-Grosel 33/248, Tom Zasnowicz 2/0, John O'Neil 2/5, Preston Hrisko 5/0; Ross-Terry Carter 22/182, Rick May 5/19, Cardel 2/2, Craig Raney 2/12.

Passing: Benedictine-Hrisko 21/8/3 = 97, Ross: Raney 24/9/3 = 124.

Receiving: Benedictine-Grosel 2/22, Kevin Mucci 2/26, O'Neil 2/26, Mike Garred 1/15; Ross-Tracy Hufford 5/80, Carter 1/6, Scott Swanger 2/27, Kevin Heck 1/11.

Season records: Benedictine 5-0, Ross 2-3.

1st Ross BCC test at Newark

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

At first glance, it could appear that Ross was getting a reprieve by taking a trip south.

But quick glances are, many times, deceiving. Rex Radeloff has taken more than a passing look at his Ross Little Giants' opponent Friday, winless Newark.

"Both of us," the Ross coach began, "play a tough schedule and we have played pretty good lately."

To add spice to the game, it will be the first Buckeye Central Conference game for both teams.

Four of the Little Giants five opponents have just one loss to date and Ross put that blemish on Oregon Clay 13 days ago. Last week, Ross lost to Cleveland Benedictine, ranked No. 1 in Division II schools by the Associated Press, 14-13.

"We lost," Radeloff said after that game, "but it was the best we have ever played Benedictine. The kids had nothing of which to be ashamed. They played the best game of the season."

Newark has had more than its share of problems with a schedule that includes, Worthington, Pickerington, Toledo Whitmer and Columbus DeSales. Waiting down the road after Ross is Columbus Mifflin in week eight and undefeated Zanesville in the final week.

Worthington and Whitmer were in the state playoffs last year, DeSales won the state Division III title in 1985 and was undefeated in 1986 after stepping up to Division II. Mifflin and Worthington were other undefeated teams last season.

The Wildcats have been paying for that schedule. Newark has been outscored 119-41 but still ranks above Ross in Buckeye Central Conference season stats, allowing opponents 249 yards per game, 25 yards less than the Little Giants.

But, for both teams, Friday marks the beginning of a "new" season.

"We have five games left," Radeloff pointed out, "and it is the first game of the conference schedule."

"The kids have confidence," he said. "They have improved week after week and they know they can play well."

"The biggest thing for us is that this Friday is a conference

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game and winning the conference is one of our goals."

BCC NOTES: Buster Howe of Zanesville leads the BCC in rushing, scoring, punting and kickoff returns and is tied for interceptions with three with Jeff Draeger of Ross one of the three. Howe has scored 18 touchdowns and 22 extra points for 130 totals points.

Tracy Hufford of Ross, with 20 catches for 284 yards is the top receiver. Ross quarterback Craig Raney ranks second with 406 yards on 34 completions in 80 attempts. Terry Carter is second in rushing with 444 yards to Howe's 630.

DIRECTIONS: From Fremont, take Ohio 53 south to U.S. 23 south to Delaware. Take Ohio 37 east out of Delaware. Just before reaching Newark, take State 16 east to 21st Street. Turn right on 21st Street. Turn left at Church Street (first light). The stadium is located at the corner of Church and 11th Streets. Turn right on 11th to enter the stadium. The estimated time of the trip in good weather is 2½ hours.

Ross blasts Newark in BCC test

Little Giants spot Wildcats touchdown before rolling to 34-6 victory

News-Messenger Reports

NEWARK — Fremont Ross, suffering from a short-term case of travel-lag, spotted Newark a touchdown before reviving to smother the Wildcats 34-6 in the Buckeye Central Conference opener for both teams Friday.

"I don't want to blame it on the two-and-a-half hour drive down here," Ross Coach Rex Radeloff said, "because we actually enjoyed it, but we were not ready for the kickoff; we were not ready to eat nails."

Instead, the Little Giants had a meal of Wildcats, who after an opening growl, became meek kittens.

Newark marched 68 yard in five plays for a 6-0 lead just two minutes and 40 seconds into the contest. Tailback Kevin Bonner, on his way to a 135-yard rushing night, had runs of three, 10, 17 and the final 38.

After that, Ross tightened the screws.

"We made some defensive

adjustments," Radeloff said. "We adjusted to their blocking schemes and filled the gaps off-tackle."

"We thought that we could move the ball on them," Newark Coach Tim Thimmes said, "and we did, but we were not satisfied with our defense. We had a letdown."

"That first series of theirs, though, was a good one," Radeloff said.

Ross began chewing its meal of nails after Newark had the

early treat.

A 29-yard scoring pass from Craig Raney to Tracy Hufford and the first of four Eric Siegel extra point kicks put Ross ahead 7-6 at the 5:35 mark of the opening period.

Terry Carter, who did not start at tailback because of stomach cramps, made a quick recovery with a 64-yard punt return for a Ross TD three minutes later and Ross was on its way.

In the second quarter, Rick May scored his first TD of the season on a two-yard run and

Hufford hauled in another Raney TD pass with 13 seconds remaining in the half. The 26-yard scoring play and extra point gave the Little Giants a 28-6 halftime edge.

Carter finished off the scoring three minutes into the final quarter with a 20-yard run. The Ross sophomore finished with 91 yards on 13 carries to lead the Little Giants.

Raney was seven-of-14 passing for 107 yards.

Ross is 3-3 and 1-0 while Newark fell to 0-6 and 0-1.

Football

High School

Ross 34, Newark 6

Score by quarters

Ross	14	14	0	6	—	34
Newark	6	0	0	0	—	6

Scoring

Newark: Kevin Bonner, 38-yard run (kick failed) 9:20, first quarter.

Ross: Tracy Hufford, 29-yard pass from Craig Raney (Eric Siesel kick) 5:35, first quarter.

Ross: Terry Carter, 64-yard punt return (Siesel kick), 2:25, first quarter.

Ross: Rick May, two-yard run (Siesel kick), 5:11, second quarter.

Ross: Hufford, 26-yard pass from Raney (Siesel kick), 0:13, second quarter.

Ross: Carter, 20-yard run (kick blocked), 9:39, fourth quarter.

Team Stats

	R	N
First Downs	11	9
Rushes/Yards	29/147	47/149
Passing Yards	387	71
Passes, Comp., Int.	14/7/1	9/4/2
Punts, Average	4/34	4/26
Fumbles, Lost	6/9	2/1
Penalties, Yards	6/38	4/35

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Ross, Carter 15/91, May 30/51, Cardell Beachum 2/6, Eric Young 1/2, Marti Gonzales 1/6, Raney 1/4; Newark, Bonner 26/135.

Passing: Ross, Raney 16/7/1 — 367; Newark, Trent Evans 9/4/2 — 71.

Scoring: Ross, Hufford 5/7, Jeff Draenger 1/16, Carter 1/5, Kevin Bonner 1/6, May 1/1; Newark, Marti Gonzales 1/30, Jim Staus 1/23, Clark Myers 1/2.

Season records: Ross 34 (1-0), Newark 1-6 (1-1).

Unbeaten Devils and Howe square off against Ross

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

It may seem that Buster Howe does everything except drive the team bus for the Zanesville High School football team, and if he did, he would probably be a bus drivers' All-Ohio selection.

Howe is riding an old offense toward state and national acclaim.

Operating out of the "single-wing," Howe, a 5-foot-11, 182-pound Mr. Everything, rushed for 160 yards on 32 carries and scored on touchdowns of 1, 26 and 6 yards in a 27-0 victory over Findlay last Friday.

If that was not enough, he also kicked three extra-points, intercepted a pass, recovered a fumble and handled all of the punts and kickoffs.

Through his six games, Howe has 790 yards on 146 carries, has rushed for 20 touchdowns and also has a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Out of the single-wing offense, he has completed 20 of 34 passes for 347 yards and two touchdowns. He has thrown two interceptions, but has intercepted four as a defensive back. He is averaging 46.8 yards per punt, has a kickoff return average of 45.1 yards and has recovered three fumbles.

Rev. Radeloff qualified for the "Understatement of the Year Club" when he described Howe as a "great athlete."

Radeloff's Little Giants have the task of Zanesville's Mr. Everything and his Blue Devils teammates Friday at Harmon Stadium. It will be the second Buckeye Central Conference game for both teams. Both are 1-0 in the BCC and Ross is 3-3 this season.

For those unfamiliar with the single-wing, the predominant offense well up into the 1940s, there will be a tight end and a guard on one side of the center with a guard, two tackles and an end on the other in the unbalanced alignment. There is a wingback on the outside of the end on the strong side of the formation with the "quarterback" close behind the inside tackle. The fullback lines up slightly ahead of the tailback, who is about three to four yards back of the center.

Usually, Radeloff said, Zanesville will have formation's strong side on the right.

"Howe does most of the running, but they will run counters and the fullback up the middle," Radeloff explained, "and Howe will go inside and outside."

The single-wing offense is being used for the first year by Zanesville Coach Whitt Parks. In a recent interview, Parks said he went to the offense because he sees an abundance of good tailbacks in the Blue Devils' future. Howe is the first.

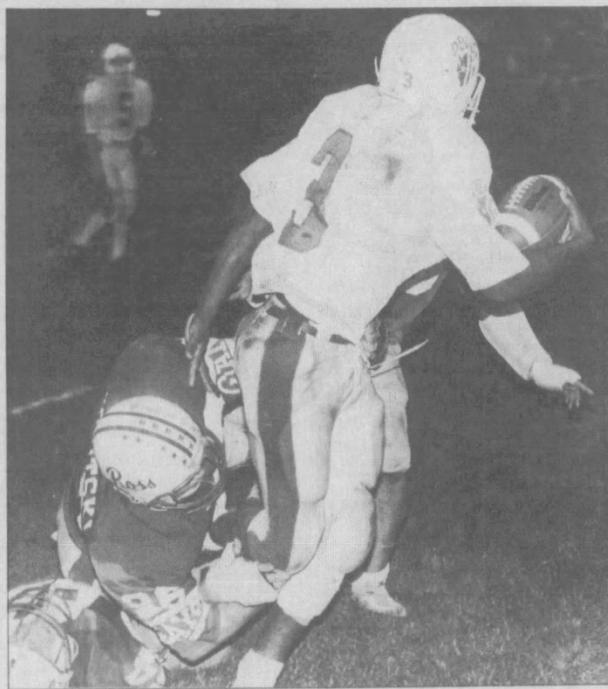
Running alongside of Howe is the next: sophomore fullback Steve Hodge.

Radeloff said that the biggest concern about defending against the single-wing is it offers a new look.

"You cannot change your defense," he said, "you have to keep doing what you normally do. One of the bigger problems is simulating it in practice."

The blue Devils have scored 241 points this season and after surrendering 66 points in the first four games, have posted two consecutive shutouts.

"They do not have a big defense," Radeloff said, "but they are quick. They like to penetrate and go after the ball."



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BUSTER HOWE (3) of Zanesville tries to pull free from Ross defender Troy Novitski during second half action at Harmon Stadium Friday.

Turnovers hurt ...and Howe... as Ross loses

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Buster Howe lived up to his billing, but credit Ross with a big assist for Howe and his Zanesville High teammates.

The Little Giants committed five turnovers and Zanesville erupted for 21 second half points to knock off Ross 33-7 Friday night at Harmon Stadium in a Buckeye Central Conference football clash.

Zanesville, ranked third in the state in Division I of the Associated Press poll, is 7-0 and took over sole possession of the top rung in the BCC race. The Little Giants slipped to 3-4, 1-1 in the conference.

"You have to make athletes like him work hard for the yardage," Ross Coach Radeloff said. "You cannot give him the

BUCKEYE CENTRAL CONFERENCE			
Zanesville	2-0	7-0	274-73
Lancaster	1-1	5-2	183-73
Ross	1-1	3-4	88-106
Findlay	1-1	2-5	78-124
Newark	0-2	0-7	47-208

ball at the 50 or closer."

Howe rushed for 189 yards on 28 carries running out of the single wing. He scored on touchdown runs of 13 and six yards, kicked three extra points and booted field goals of 23 and 27 yards. The 5-11, 185-pound senior, collected 137 yards and both TDs in the second half.

"We like to think we are a second half team," Zanesville

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Coach Whit Parks said. "I guess we are."

Zanesville had a 12-7 lead at the half after scoring on Howe's 23-yard field goal and a 39-yard fumble return for a touchdown by Chad Grandstaff in the first four minutes and 40 seconds of the game. The field goal was set up on the opening kickoff when Zanesville's Tom Cash fell on Jim Moreno's fumble at the Ross 34. Howe booted a 27-yard field goal with seven seconds remaining in the half.

"We were still in it at the half," Radeloff pointed out, "but we just could not get going in the second half."

The Blue Devils did, but with a big boost from Ross. Gene Evans stepped in front of a Craig Raney pass and raced 57 yards for a TD midway through the third quarter.

Four minutes later, after the Little Giants's Eric Siesel squibbed a punt 21 yards to the 50, Howe raced 13 yards around left end to climax the five-play drive, making it 26-7.

The final Zanesville TD came on an eight-play, 67-yard drive in the final quarter with Howe scoring from six yards out at the 6:45 mark.

"Anytime you play a good team," Radeloff said, "turnovers, field position and the kicking game will decide it. We turned the ball over, gave them field position and they had the

good kicking game."

That was three strikes and the Little Giants were out.

"We just did not perform well and they did," Radeloff said.

With Howe leading the attack for most of the game, the Blue Devils' single-wing offense featured fullback spinners, deceptive counter plays and even a Statue of Liberty play. The offenses generated 287 yards on the ground with 195 in the second half.

Howe was one of four passing for 14 yards.

As the game wore on, Howe

seemed to get stronger.

"He does that," Parks said. "He is dedicated; he works in the weight room hard and he make himself durable."

To add spice to his offensive performance, Howe intercepted his fifth pass of the season in the first half.

Ross, trailing 9-0, scored with a half-minute remaining in the first quarter. Raney's 27-yard pass to tight end Scott Swanger put the points on the board. Swanger hauled in the pass at the 20, got a block from Tracy Hufford that wiped out two

defenders and ran untouched into the end zone. Siesel's kick accounted for the final Ross point of the game.

Tailback Terry Carter had 97 yards on 19 carries for Ross, but the Little Giants had just 99 yards rushing total. Raney was eight of 22 for 109 yards and Hufford had six receptions for 74 yards.

Ross will host Lakewood in a nonconference game, Friday while Zanesville can clinch a share of the first BCC crown with a win over Lancaster at home, also Friday.

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Football

High School

Zanesville 33, Ross 7

Score by quarters

Zanesville	9	3	14	7	—	33
Ross	7	0	0	0	—	7

Scoring

Zanesville: Buster Howe, 23-yard field goal, 8:51, first quarter.

Zanesville: Chad Grandstaff, 39-yard interception return, 7:22, first quarter.

Ross: Scott Swanger, 27-yard pass from Raney, (Siesel kick), :30, first quarter.

Zanesville: Buster Howe, 27-yard field goal, 0:07, second quarter.

Zanesville: Gene Evans, 57-yard interception return, (Howe kick), 5:39, third quarter.

Zanesville: Buster Howe, 13-yard run, (Howe kick), 1:51, third quarter.

Zanesville: Buster Howe, 6-yard run, (Howe kick), 6:45, fourth quarter.

Team Stats

	Z	R
First Downs	13	12
Rushes/Yards	51/287	28/99
Passing Yards	14	109
Passes/Comp./Int.	5/1/1	22/8/2
Punts/Average	2/35.5	2/25.7
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	6/3
Penalties/Yards	5/40	4/40

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Zanesville: Howe 28/189, Steve Hodge 16/63, Evans 5/26, Keith Shrider 1/7; Ross: Terry Carter 19/97, Rick May 5/9, Scott Swanger 1/4.

Passing: Zanesville: Howe 4/1/1-14, Mike Sarap 1/0/0; Ross: Raney 22/8/2-109.

Receiving: Zanesville: Hodge 1/14; Ross: Tracy Hufford 6/74, Swanger 2/35.

Season records: Zanesville 7-0 (2-0); Ross 3-4 (1-1).

Ross will face Lakewood aerial attack at Harmon

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Ross is going to extremes. Last week, the Little Giants football team was occupied with the ground-pounding single-wing attack of undefeated Zanesville, but this Friday at Harmon Stadium, Ross defensive heads will be tilted skyward as Jon Koz and the Rangers of Northwood invade Harmon Stadium for the 8 p.m. Ross homecoming game.

Lakewood is 5-2 while the Little Giants are 3-4.

"They (Lakewood) like to air (pass) it out," Ross Coach Rex Radloff said. "Koz is a good quarterback with a strong arm."

Koz's most recent exploit was in Friday's 24-7 victory over Shaker Heights. The 190-pound junior completed 20 of 41 passes for 347 yards. He also caught a 13-yard touchdown pass on a quarterback eligible play.

"Koz likes to go deep," Radloff pointed. "He does not seem to like the short stuff."

"We do throw a lot — I like the passing game," Brian Burke, Lakewood coach said. "We do what we do best."

Burke is a former head coach at Ohio University.

"This kid is pretty good," Burke said as he talked about his quarterback. "For a junior, he has a lot of poise."

Radloff said that Koz does not have a favorite target, instead his passes are spread around to several receivers. Burke agreed with that assessment.

"If teams double up on a particular receiver...if they take one away, Koz will find someone else," Burke said.

The Rangers' losses have been been close: 21-8 to Lakewood St. Edward and 18-13 to Cleveland Heights.

Radloff feels his team will have to get sophomore tailback Terry Carter outside against the Rangers. To do that, Radloff hopes to use more of the option attack this week. Once that is accomplished, he feels that fullback Rick May will be able to run inside the tackles.

Ross is coming off a 33-7 loss to Buckeye Central Conference foe Zanesville, a team that had 287 yards on the ground and just 14 in the air.

On the surface, it would seem to be ludicrous saying that the Ross defense played well against Zanesville but that was the case.

"The defense did play well the first half," Radloff said about the recent Ross loss.

In the second half, Zanesville rushed for 195 yards but it was an early Ross turnover that seemed to sink the defensive effort. A pass was returned 57 yards for a touchdown, stretching the Wildcats' lead to 19-7. After that, Zanesville's Buster Howe ran freely.

"After that big turnover, we let down," Radloff said, "but we held them down in the first half."

"It was a tough loss but, like I said before, in big games, the team that does not have the turnovers and has a good kicking game will usually win. Zanesville had that."

ROSS NOTES: The Little Giants are third in offense for all games with nearly 200 yards per game and also third in the Buckeye Central Conference with 231 behind Lancaster's nearly 400 yards per game.

Carter is second behind Howe in rushing with 632 yards on 129 carries for a 4.9 average. Howe has rushed for 965 yards on 169 attempts, a 5.8 average.



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GARY MCCLURE of Ross is tackled at the Lakewood three after grabbing a five-yard pass from Craig Raney. McClure's reception set up a late Ross field goal attempt.



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RUNNING BACK Terry Carter (29) of Ross follows the blocks during third quarter action Friday at Harmon Stadium. of Tony Roob (74), Craig Raney (7) and Rick May, foreground, Carter had 114 yards rushing on 28 carries.

Ross drops triple-overtime thriller

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

The passing game was pretty, but in the end, there was nothing like sticking to the ground.

Tim Gates' 20-yard run on a counter over left tackle in the third overtime gave Lakewood a 27-21 victory over hard-luck plagued Fremont Ross at Harmon Stadium Friday night.

"I don't know about it being a great call," Lakewood Coach Brian Burke said. "It was the execution that made it look like a great call."

Gates, who caught seven passes for 90, raced untouched to the end zone on the first play of the final overtime for the Rangers. Ross had failed to score on its offensive series in the third extra session.

In overtime, each team starts its series from the opponent's 20.

"It was a good call," Ross Coach Rex Radeloff said in an

icy quiet Ross locker room. "They trapped us and that was it."

Lakewood is 6-2 while Ross slipped to 3-5.

Ross had its chances to win but Lakewood's defense swatted down a pair of sophomore Eric Siesel field goal attempts. The first try was from 28 yards with 3:27 remaining, and the second, from 18 yards with no time remaining in regulation.

That brought the game to overtime with a 7-7 deadlock.

The Little Giants had yet another chance in the first overtime. After sophomore tailback Terry Carter had run 20 yards on the first play in the Ross offensive series for a touchdown, the Little Giants defense had forced Lakewood

into a fourth-and-goal situation at the six.

Jon Koz, who had 307 yards on 24 of 37 passing, dropped back

and found Brendan Ryan at the goal line for the TD. James Gomez split the uprights for a 14-14 tie, forcing another overtime.

"We could not come up with the big plays when we had to," Radeloff said. "We had them on a fourth down and they scored."

Lakewood scored first in the second OT, this time on an 18-yard pass over the middle from Koz to Ryan. It was the same type play that the Rangers had used to tie the game in regulation 40 seconds into the final quarter. That play was a Koz to Ryan 50-yard aerial.

"It's not a screen pass," Radeloff explained. "Four of the receivers pull the defenders to one side and he circles around underneath. That leaves us with a linebacker to cover and we could not cover him."

Ross bounced back from the 21-14 second OT deficit, scoring in three plays coupled with a

Lakewood personal foul. Carter carried the final five for the TD and Siesel's kick tied it.

Ross had the ball first in the final overtime but was unable to move. On a fourth-and-four at the 14, Carter's halfback pass fell at the feet of Jeff Draeger and the game was one play from being over.

Gates struck on the first Lakewood play to end it.

"I knew it would be a good ball game," Burke, former head coach at Ohio University said, "but not that good. I felt that Fremont was a very well disciplined team; they did not make mistakes."

Burke's team did make a mistake and it cost the Rangers.

With 1:20 remaining in the first half, Ross defensive back Bryant Haralson blocked Vince Curiale's punt, scooped up the

ball at the Lakewood 28 and ran untouched for the game's first TD. Siesel's boot put Ross into the lockerroom with a 7-0 lead.

"We have been spoiled on punts," Burke said. "We have not had one blocked in two years. We may not have blocked and I think our punter was slow getting it off."

Although Ross surrendered 307 yards in the air, the Little Giants allowed just 39 on the ground.

"All losses are disappointing," Radeloff said, "but this was very disappointing to the kids."

Carter had 114 yards on 28 carries and Rick May added 45 on 12 attempts. Craig Raney was seven of 15 passing for 137 yards. Tight end Scott Swanger had three receptions for 62 yards and Tracy Hufford two for 57.

Hufford hauled in a 43-yard yard aerial from Raney to the Lakewood seven, setting up Siesel's last field goal attempt.

Football

Lakew'd 27, Ross 21 (3OT)

Score by quarters

Lakewood	0	0	0	7	7	7	6	— 27
Ross	0	7	0	0	7	7	0	— 21

Scoring

Ross: Bryant Haralson, 28-yard blocked punt return (Eric Siesel kick), 1:20, second quarter.

Brendan Ryan, 50-yard pass from Jon Koz (James Gomez kick), 11:20, fourth quarter.

Ross: Terry Carter, 20-yard run (Siesel kick), first overtime.

Lakewood: Ryan, six-yard pass from Koz (Gomez kick), first overtime.

Lakewood: Ryan, 18-yard pass from Koz (Gomez kick), second overtime.

Ross: Carter, five-yard run (Siesel kick), second overtime.

Lakewood: Tim Gates, 20-yard run, third overtime.

Team Stats

	L	R
First Downs	15	14
Rushes/Yards	26/39	47/156
Passing Yards	307	132
Passes/Comp./Int.	37/24/0	16/7/1
Punts/Average	3/27.0	3/29.7
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	6/52	4/25

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Lakewood-Ryan 15/23, Gates 1/20, Vince Curiale 1/5, Mike Griffin 1/-1, Koz 6/-20; Ross-Carter 28/114, Rick May 12/45, Antonio Dupont 1/0, Craig Raney 6/-3.

Passing: Lakewood-Koz 37/24/0 — 307; Ross-Raney 15/7/1 — 132, Carter 1/0/0.

Receiving: Lakewood-Gates 7/30, Brian Fisher 8/86, Ryan 6/83, Ron Dowling 3/48; Ross-Carter 1/13, Tracy Hufford 2/57, Scott Swanger 3/62, Gary McClure 1/5.

Season records: Lakewood 6-2, Ross 3-5.

Ross still has shot at crown

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Searching for a positive statement, you could say Fremont Ross is beating the high school football teams it should beat, and losing to the ones it should.

If there is some consolation in that, tell Coach Rex Radloff and his Little Giants.

To add, 'It doesn't get any easier,' despite two games remaining in the dwindling season, is becoming commonplace when referring to the Ross schedule.

The Little Giants have fallen five times, losing to Tiffin Columbian, Toledo Central Catholic, Cleveland Benedictine, Zanesville and Lakewood — teams that have a combined record of 36-3. The first three are undefeated while Zanesville has lost once and Lakewood twice.

Ross has beaten Cincinnati Woodward, Oregon Clay and Newark — squads that are 6-15. This week, Ross travels to Lancaster, the team that ended Zanesville's seven-game unbeaten streak Friday, and owner of a 6-2 record.

Easy? This Ross schedule is definitely not.

Still, the Little Giants can salvage the season, even though at 3-5, Ross appears to be bogged down in a season where any remaining talk of a conference championship seems ludicrous. But, it is not.

"I hope Lancaster beats Zanesville," Radloff said after a triple overtime loss to Lakewood Friday. He was thinking ahead.

"That would give everyone in Buckeye (Central Conference) a loss," he said, "and that means we can still tie for the championship."

Lancaster accommodated Radloff with a 35-27 win, tossing the BCC race into turmoil.

Lancaster and Zanesville are 2-1 with Ross and Findlay 1-1. Lancaster has only Ross remaining on the BCC schedule while Zanesville has winless Newark and Findlay has Newark before closing the season in Fremont Nov. 6.

"We are still in the running," Radloff said.

Lancaster, though it a big hurdle in the Little Giants' path.

The Golden Gales rank first in all games defensively and first in Buckeye Central Conference games, allowing 224 and 278 yards, respectively. On offense, Lancaster is second for all games with 318 yards of total offense each game and first in the BCC with over 336 yards and 109 points.

Quarterback Jeff Pica is first with 79 of 151 passing attempts for 1,208 yards and 12 touchdowns. Receiver Tim Graham is first with a 37-31 advantage of Tracy Hufford of Ross in receiving. Graham has 608 yards and seven TDs.

DIRECTIONS: To get to Lancaster's Fulton Field, take State Route 33 south out of Fremont to State Route 23 south. Take 23 to I-270 (around Columbus) to State Route 33. Take 33 east to Lancaster. If you want to avoid the Columbus rush hour, take State Route 37 south out of Delaware to 33 north of Lancaster.

On 33 in Lancaster, to east on West Fair Avenue (it will become East Fair Avenue) past Arbor Valley Street. Fulton Field is on Arbor Valley with parking north of the field. It is a 2½ to three hour trip.

Ross drops another heartbreaker

Lancaster spoils Little Giants' comeback with last minute touchdown

News-Messenger Reports

LANCASTER — An old trick treated Lancaster to a stunning 28-22 Buckeye Central Conference victory over Fremont Ross Friday night.

Trailing 22-21 and facing a fourth and 12 at the their own 43 with less than a minute to play, the Lancaster goblins of Hallowe'en Eve reared their heads in the form of the "flea-flicker."

Lancaster quarterback Jeff Pica passed to John Holland 15 yards downfield to start the off-beat play. Holland lateraled to

Tim Graham who then completed the 53-yard scoring play with 50 seconds remaining in the game.

"We knew we had to find ways to win," Golden Gales Coach Lee Owens said.

The flea-flicker was one of two tricks the former Galion High School coach pulled out of his bag. The first, according to him, may have saved his team.

Ross scored on Terry Carter's three-yard run with 3:07 remaining in the first half for a 6-0 lead. Owens went to his bag after that.

With time running out and the Golden Gales at the Ross 29, Owen's team lined up in an apparent field goal attempt. The trickery took over from there. Graham was frantically being waved off the field by his teammates as if the Gales had too many men on the field. There were, however, just 11 and Graham stopped short of the sidelines and cut upfield when the ball was snapped.

Holder Joel Foote pulled the ball back from kicker Tony Shinn and passed to Graham

who was all alone for the easy touchdown as time ran out.

"I think the fake field goal was the key for us," Owens said. "Because we have such a high-scoring offense, I felt that if we had gone into the locker room without having scored, it would have really hurt us."

Lancaster built a 21-6 lead in the third quarter, scoring on a 28-yard run by Nat Lora ditch and a 47-yard pass interception return by Brian McQuaid.

In the final quarter, Ross came roaring back. The Giants

cut the Lancaster lead to 21-14 on a 42-yard pass from Craig Raney to Tracy Hufford with 8:21 on the clock. Carter added the extra points.

Ross took the lead with 1:52 to play when Raney, on a fourth and goal at the Lancaster eight, found Scott Swanger in the end zone for the TD. Ross disdained the tie and went for the win, and Raney hit Swanger again for the extra points which put Ross up 22-21.

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But Owen's final trick snatched the win from Ross. Ross did get another chance, driving to the Lancaster 32 before Raney's pass was intercepted inside the 10 with time running out.

The loss dropped Ross to 3-6 and erased any hopes for the Little Giants tying for the Buckeye Central Conference title. Lancaster, 7-2, finishes the BCC season with a 3-1 and at least a share of the title.

Raney had his best night passing, hitting 12 of 24 for 203 yards but suffered the interceptions. Hufford had eight receptions for 161 yards and Carter rushed for 122 yards on 33 carries.

Ross will close the season Friday, hosting Findlay, a 27-6 loser to previously winless Newark.

Football

High School

Lancaster 28, Ross 22

Score by quarters

Ross	0	6	0	16	—	22
Lancaster	0	7	14	7	—	28

Scoring

Ross: Terry Carter, three-yard run (kick failed), 3:07, second quarter.

Lancaster: Tim Graham, 29-yard pass from Joel Foote (Tony Shinn kick), 0:00, second quarter.

Lancaster: Nat Loraditch, 28-yard run (Shinn kick), 3:57, third quarter.

Lancaster: Brian McQuaid, 47-yard interception return (Shinn kick), 2:28, third quarter.

Ross: Tracy Hufford, 42-yard pass from Craig Raney (Carter run), 8:21, fourth quarter.

Ross: Scott Swanger, eight-yard pass from Raney (Swanger pass from Raney), 1:52, fourth quarter.

Lancaster: Graham, 53-yard run (Shinn kick), 0:50, fourth quarter.

Team Stats

	R	L
First Downs	17	12
Rushes/Yards	46/168	31/103
Passing Yards	203	201
Passes/Comp./Int.	24/12/2	17/10/1
Punts/Average	2/33.0	4/34.0
Fumbles/Lost	4/3	0/0
Penalties/Yards	3/20	3/25

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Ross-Carter 33/122, Rick May 11/53, Raney 2/7; Lancaster-Loraditch 12/74, Paul Flowers 10/56, Jeff Pica 7/32

Passing: Ross-Raney 124/12/2 — 203, Pica 16/9/1 — 172, Foote 1/1/0 — 29

Receiving: Ross-Hufford 8/161, Gary McClure 1/11, Jeff Draeger 1/17, Swanger 1/8, Carter 1/6; Lancaster: John Holland 6/99, Graham 3/86, Mark Smith 1/14.

Season records: Lancaster 7-2 (3-1), Ross 3-6 (1-2).

Prep Preview

Senior honor at stake at Harmon

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

It is the final game of the season but no championships are up for stakes and a play-off berth is a "next year" item.

Still, there is something at stake when Findlay and Ross square off at 8 p.m., Friday in Harmon Stadium.

You could call the game the "Championship of the Northern Portion of the Lear Jet League." In layman's terms: the battle for football suprem-

acy of the two northernmost teams in the Buckeye Central Conference. That's something at which to shoot albeit grasping at shreds of shattered pre-season dreams.

Lancaster, 7-2, has won at least part of the overall title, and Zanesville, 7-2, is waiting to pull over Newark, 1-8, to match Lancaster's 3-1 BCC mark and a share of the overall title.

"The only thing we have left is to finish on a winning

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Ross 'Spirit Parade' is tonight

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The Ross High School "Spirit Parade" will begin at 6:30 this evening at the high school.

The parade begins from the Ross High School parking lot. From the high school, the parade route goes east on North Street to Rawson Avenue; south on Rawson to State Street. West on State to Franklin and then north to Miller Street. Right Miller to Harmon Stadium.

Harry Seils, who has attended Ross football games for 50 years, is the grand marshall for the parade.

A community pep rally is slated to begin at approximately 7 p.m.

In addition to Ross head football Coach Rex Radeloff Dr. Charles Hull, the senior members of the team will be introduced.

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note," Ross Coach Rex Radeloff said, "and it's a game to win for the seniors. It's also a game to set up next year."

At Findlay, Coach Dick Cromwell's team, like Ross, is 3-6.

"We are not having a good time," Cromwell admitted. "Last week we were not ready to play."

That hurt the Trojans as Newark won its first game, 27-6. Jon Wauford, Findlay tailback, had 195 yards on 25 carries in the contest and added 17 tackles from his linebacker slot. But a one-man gang was not enough to avert the loss.

Like Radeloff, Cromwell can see the positive aspect of the teams' 10th game.

"I think it can be a fun game," he said. "It's a game between schools who have played for years and will continue to play for years. Now

that is is the 10th game, we hope that in the future it will be a big game — one that will determine the title and maybe a playoff position."

While Cromwell's team has lost as many times as Ross, there is a difference he insisted.

"Ross has lost to a lot of good teams," he said. "I am sure they are disappointed but they have lost to better competition."

"The kids have deserved better," Radeloff said about his Little Giants. "The kids have worked extremely hard. One quality I see in this group is they don't quit."

"The Lancaster game is a prime example. We were down 21-6 but they came back to go ahead 22-21; they refused to give up and I hope that quality sticks with them all their lives."

Radeloff's biggest disappointment, if he could pinpoint one, was the season opener, a 36-6 thumping by Tiffin Columbian.

"That was more like a rude

Findlay-Ross facts

Series: The 62nd game dating back to 1918. Ross leads the series 39-19 with three games ending in ties.

Last year: Ross 15, Findlay 8.

Last five years: Ross has won four straight with Findlay's last win, 17-14, in 1982.

Most points in winning game: Ross, 63-0, in 1920; Findlay, 53-0, in 1953.

Highest combined scoring: 1977 — Findlay 48, Ross 28.

Coaches records: Rex Radeloff of Ross is 9-10 in two seasons and 1-0 against Findlay. Dick Cromwell of Findlay is 13-16 in three years and 0-2 against Ross.

awakening than anything else," he said.

Radeloff and Cromwell agree that the Ross-Findlay rivalry is a hot item with the students.

"In the couple of years that I have been here, I have noticed that the kids enjoy playing Fremont," Cromwell said, "and I hope to build on that this week."

"I think the Sandusky game is one that the community likes," Radeloff said, "but I have always felt that the kids' rivalry is with Findlay."



RICK MAY (44) of Ross sails through the air for a yardage against Findlay Friday night at Harmon

Stadium. May had 100 yards on 21 carries and two touchdowns.

News-Messenger/Chris Walker

Fliers upset Rockets

David Gregg's 28-yard field goal is a winner

By CHRIS BLACK
New Herald Correspondent

OAK HARBOR — It was a game of big plays, and weird plays, as the Clyde Fliers shocked the Oak Harbor Rockets 15-13 in a Sandusky Bay Conference football season finale for both teams Friday.

The win enabled the Fliers to tie Oak Harbor and Port Clinton for fourth in the final SBC standings with a 3-4 conference record. Clyde finished 3-7 and Oak Harbor 4-6.

Clyde used a pair of tackle eligible plays — one for a first half touchdown by Bob Anderson and the other for a key first down

SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE				
Huron-x	7-0	9-1	205-73	
Margaretta	4-3	6-4	158-126	
Perkins	4-3	6-4	136-99	
Oak Harbor	3-4	4-6	147-99	
Clyde	3-4	3-7	64-192	
Port Clinton	3-4	3-7	79-203	
St. Mary's	2-4	5-4	179-92	
Edison	1-5	3-6	66-133	
x-Conference champion Saturday Edison at St. Mary's				

28-yard field goal by David Gregg.

"We put the play in Monday and it looked so good on Wednesday that we decided to use it to-night," Clyde Coach Bob Rishon

A 44-yard pass play by Mike Carter to Gregg put the ball at the Oak Harbor five late in the first half. After Clyde was assessed a five-yard penalty for offside, Anderson caught the Rockets off-guard, sweeping around left end, scoring virtually untouched.

With less than five minutes remaining in the game and trailing by one, Clyde got the ball on its 49 and used the same play to get out of a jam, keeping Clyde's last minute drive alive.

Anderson, on a fourth-and-eight at the 38, clicked off 10 yards to pick up a key first down.

Ross fells Findlay in finale 27-20

By CLIFF PINCKARD
Staff writer

Craig Raney passed a thousand, Terry Carter came close and Ross finished on a happy note Friday night at Harmon Stadium.

Raney, the Ross quarterback, passed for 57 yards to give him 1,019 for the season as Ross defeated Findlay 27-20 in the season finale.

Carter, a sophomore tailback, fell seven yards short of a 1,000-yard season, amassing 125 yards in 25 carries to lead Ross rushers. Fullback Rick May added 100 yards on 21 carries.

The win ended a three-game Ross losing streak and gave the Little Giants a 4-6 record, 2-2 in the first year of the Buckeye Central Conference. Findlay closed out the season 3-7 and 1-3.

Both Ross Head Coach Rex Radeloff and Carter said they were unaware he needed only seven yards. But Radeloff said he would not have changed his game plan to accommodate Carter.

"We were running what was working," Radeloff said. "Terry's only a sophomore and he's had a great year. He has two more years to get his 1,000-yard season. I wanted to win the game."

At the beginning, both teams ran at each other, and both scored on their first possessions. Findlay took the opening kickoff and drove 51 yards for the score, with the Trojans Jon Wauford going over from the one.

Area standings

BUCKEYE CENTRAL CONFERENCE			
Lancaster-x	3-1	7-3	253-143
Zanesville-x	3-1	8-2	368-138
Ross	2-2	4-6	156-181
Findlay	1-3	2-8	141-185
Newark	1-3	1-9	92-296

x-Tie for conference title.



BRYANT HARALSON, behind Findlay receiver Blaise Winch, broke up this third quarter pass near the Ross sidelines.

Ross answered right back, taking advantage of a 43-yard

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kickoff return by Scott Swanger. The Little Giants drove 44 yards with May scoring on a two-yard run. Eric Siesel's kick tied it at seven.

On the ensuing kickoff, Findlay's Jeff Stutzman fumbled and Ross's Tate Young recovered on the Trojans' 36. Ross managed to move to the 10, but a penalty on third-and-eight moved the Giants back to the 16-yard line. Raney threw incomplete but disdaining a field goal attempt on the fourth-and-eight, Raney fired a bullet across the middle to Tracy Hufford at the two-yard line for a first down. May bulled across on the next play to put Fremont up 14-7.

On their next possession, the Giants again scored, driving 80 yards, highlighted by a 30-yard run by Carter. Carter capped it off with a three-yard TD run for a 21-7 Ross lead with 3:42 left in

the half.

The Trojans were not about to bow out. Taking the ball at its 38, Findlay needed only six plays to find the end zone. Wauford scored from two yards out to make it 21-14 at the half.

The Giants got their final score in the third quarter when Carter spun his way in from the three with 1:24 left for a 27-14 lead.

Ross had an opportunity to put the game away when Maurice Jones blocked a Findlay punt on the Trojans' 25. But after moving to the five the Trojans held Ross on fourth-and-one.

Findlay then became its own worst enemy.

Down by 13, and 94 yards from a score, the Trojans began a long, time-consuming drive with nine minutes to play. Twenty-one plays later, and only 1:42 left, Ross' Brian Haralson intercepted Scott Garlock's desperation pass in the end zone to end Findlay's hopes.

But Ross fans still had one hope: Carter's push for 1,000 yards.

Taking over on the 20, Ross fans watched, and hoped. First

down, May up the middle. Second, May. Third, Raney throws incomplete. Next, Carter goes right for seven.

But on the next play, Carter fumbled the handoff, and Findlay's Ben Gladstone scooped it up and sprinted 54 yards for the touchdown with no time remaining.

Carter expressed disappointment at falling short.

"I was looking forward to making it," Carter said. "I came out for a couple of plays, but I thought I could make it up."

Radloff was happy with the victory, both for the seniors and the whole team.

"I tell you, winning is not easy. Too many people think that winning comes automatically. It takes a lot of hard work."

"These kids deserve a better record than they've got. It's unfortunate."

Radloff is already looking forward to next season.

"It's been a fun year working with them (the seniors). I'm going to enjoy this evening and the win, and start working on the '88 season tomorrow."

Football

High School

Ross 27, Findlay 20

Score by quarters

Findlay	7	7	0	6	—	20
Ross	7	14	6	0	—	27

Scoring

Findlay: Jon Wauford, one-yard run, (George Widunas kick), 8:38, first quarter.

Ross: Rick May, two-yard run, (Eric Siesel kick), 3:39, first quarter.

Ross: May, two-yard run, (Siesel kick), 11:24, second quarter.

Ross: Terry Carter, three-yard run, (Siesel kick), 3:42, second quarter.

Findlay: Wauford, two-yard run, (Widunas kick), 1:19, second quarter.

Ross: Carter, three-yard run, (kick failed), 1:24, third quarter.

Findlay: Ben Gladstone, 54-yard fumble return, no PAT, 0:00, fourth quarter.

Team Stats

	F	R
First Downs	16	15
Rushes/Yards	40/183	49/229
Passing Yards	95	57
Passes/Comp./Int.	17/8/1	10/5/0
Punts/Average	1/32	2/27.5
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	4/44	3/15

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Ross-Carter 25/125, May 21/100; Findlay-Shaun Dulaney 22/114, Jeff Stutzman 9/49.

Passing: Ross-Craig Raney 10/5/0/57; Findlay-Scott Garlock 17/8/1/95.

Receiving: Ross-Tracy Hufford 4/44; Findlay-Rob Reinhart 2/36, Jason McGaugh 2/27, Dean Whitacre 2/23.

Season records: Ross 4-6 (2-2), Findlay 2-8 (1-



HUFFORD



BEACHUM



JONES



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CARROLL

Six Little Giants on BCC first teams

News-Messenger Reports

Ross placed six players on All-Buckeye Central Conference football teams selected by the five conference coaches.

Tackle Cory Reed, guard Dave Carroll and wide receiver Tracy Hufford of the Little Giants are on the first team offense. On the first team defensive unit are end Maurice Jones, linebacker Cardell Beachum and defensive back Bryant Haralson.

Buster Howe of Zanesville was named the offen-

sive player of the year and Jon Wauford of Findlay won the honor defensively.

Whit Parks of Zanesville and Lee Owens of Lancaster are the conference co-coaches of the year.

Little Giants on the second teams are tight end Scott Swanger, center Mike Longanbach, quarterback Craig Raney and running back Terry Carter on offense and linebacker Troy Novitski, backs Jeff Draeger and Rodney Johnson are second team defensive picks.

High School

Northwest All-District

DIVISION I

First Team

Offense

Ends—Mark Szlachcic, Toledo Whitmer, 6-foot-5, 190 pounds, Senior; Tracy Hufford, Fremont Ross, 6-3, 195, Sr.; Mike Beier, Toledo St. John's, 6-2, 210, Jr. Linemen—Cory Reed, Fremont Ross, 6-4, 245, Sr.; Pete Kowalski, Toledo Central Catholic, 6-5, 270, Sr.; Corey Pargo, Toledo Rogers, 6-4, 290, Sr.; Bob Winterhalter, Toledo Central Catholic, 6-4, 220, Sr.; Mike Harrington, Toledo Start, 6-4, 225, Sr. Quarterback—Matt Dzierwa, Toledo St. John's, 5-10, 170, Sr. Backs—Chuck Webb, Toledo Macomber, 5-11, 195, Sr.; William Peterson, Toledo Central Catholic, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Tod Simpson, Lima Senior, 5-8, 160, Sr. Placekicker—Jim Delverne, Toledo St. John's, 6-1, 172, Sr.

Defense

Linemen—Howard Littin, Toledo Central Catholic, 6-1, 210, Sr.; Jon Wauford, Findlay, 6-3, 220, Sr.; Tony Johnson, Sandusky, 6-1, 210, Jr.; Rodney Gordon, Toledo Macomber, 6-3, 235, Sr. Linebackers—James White, Toledo Scott, 6-1, 209, Sr.; Willis Knighten, Toledo Macomber, 6-1, 215, Jr.; Matt Eberflus, Toledo Whitmer, 6-3, 205, Sr.; Mike Armstrong, Mansfield Madison, 6-1, 195, Sr. Backs—Myron Bell, Toledo Macomber, 6-1, 190, Jr.; Aneel Chablani, Toledo St. John's, 6-0, 170, Sr.; Kevelin Capers, Lima Senior, 6-2, 170, Sr.

Special Mention

Tony Roob, Fremont Ross; Craig Raney, Fremont Ross; Terry Carter, Fremont; Bryant Haralson, Fremont Ross.

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and were ranked sixth in the final Division IV state poll.

Margareta defensive back Chris Leibacher was also named to the Division IV defensive unit. Leibacher intercepted 14 passes this season for the Polar Bears.

Ross had both players selected for the Division I offensive team. Wide receiver Tracy Hufford, who had 43 receptions for 693 yards this season, was joined on the team by Cory Reed at tackle.

Other area players earning positions on the select team were Oak Harbor defensive back Rick Ferguson, Genoa linebacker Kevin Brown and Bellevue punter Brad Schubert in Division III.

Special Mention

Tracy Hufford, Corey Reed, Fremont Ross.

Hufford named MVP for Ross football team

News-Messenger Reports

Tracy Hufford, a senior wide receiver, was named the most valuable player for the Ross High School football team Monday evening during the awards program in the high school cafeteria.

Hufford hauled in 43 passes for 693 yards and four touchdowns during the season. He was named to the All-Buckeye Central Conference first team and was voted to the first team, Associated Press (AP) All-Northwest Ohio.

In addition to those awards, Coach Rex Radeloff presented the 6-2 senior with the outstanding offensive lineman award.

Other special awards went to sophomore Terry Carter as the team's outstanding offensive back. Carter also won the outstanding sophomore honor. The Ross tailback gained 1,008 yards on 214 carries, a 4.6 yards per carry average. He scored 10 rushing TDs and returned a punt for another six-pointer.

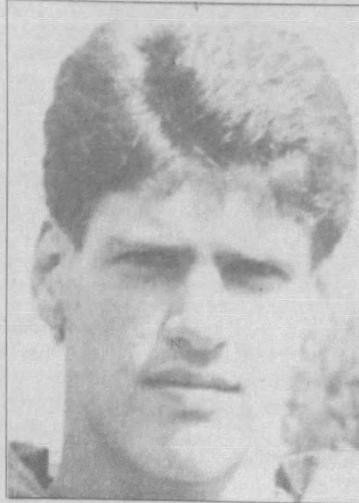
Defensively, Bryant Haralson, a junior, was named the outstanding defensive back and junior Jason Schultz won the outstanding defensive lineman award. Haralson led the Little Giants in interceptions with six and blocked a punt, returning it for a touchdown.

Schultz, a two-year starter, had 44 tackles and 47 assists, trapping the passer eight times and causing a fumble from his defensive end slot.

Radeloff also awarded the most improved awards to senior linebacker Troy Novitski and junior lineman Chris Smith.

Novitski played inside linebacker, chalking up 46 tackles, 33 assists, knocking down two passes and trapping the passer once.

Smith had 31 tackles, 38 assists, trapped a passer twice, recovered one fumble and blocked a punt.



TRACY HUFFORD

Matt Wolfe won the True Grit Award. This award is presented to the player who is not necessarily a starter but whose attitude and practice habits exemplify team play and spirit. Wolfe, senior, was the snapper for the Ross placekicking and punting game.

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