

Class AA Sectional Tournament

Little Giants Play At Sandusky

Fremont Draws Willard

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SANDUSKY—Fremont Ross has drawn Willard as its first round opponent for the Sandusky-Norwalk AA Sectional Basketball Tournament.

Coach Alex Clark's Little Giants will begin the tournament grind at Sandusky Friday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. If Ross wins Friday, it will return to Sandusky the following night to play the winner of Friday's Bellevue-Vermilion contest. Game time Saturday would be 8:30 p.m.

Ross, Willard, Bellevue and Vermilion are in bracket five. They'll be joined by Norwalk and Port Clinton. Bellevue with its 13-4 record is the second seeded team in the sectional. Norwalk (12-5) was seeded third.

Norwalk and Port Clinton (9-8) won't play until Saturday when they square off against each other at Sandusky high. Game time is 7 p.m. The game pitting the winners of the Ross-Willard and Bellevue-Vermilion follows.

Bellevue and Vermilion will play at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Clyde, the only other Sandusky County team in the sectional besides Ross, will open the tournament next Tuesday against Huron. The game is slated for Norwalk's junior high school at 7 p.m.

The winner advances to a Saturday meeting with top seeded Tiffin Columbian (14-3). That game will be the first game of a twin bill.

The other game matches the winners of the Tiffin Calvert (4-10)-Sandusky Perkins (6-9) and Margaretta (12-5)-Sandusky Senior (10-6) contests. These games will be played at Norwalk Friday.

Calvert and Perkins square off at 7 p.m. and Margaretta meets the Blue Streaks at 8:30 p.m.

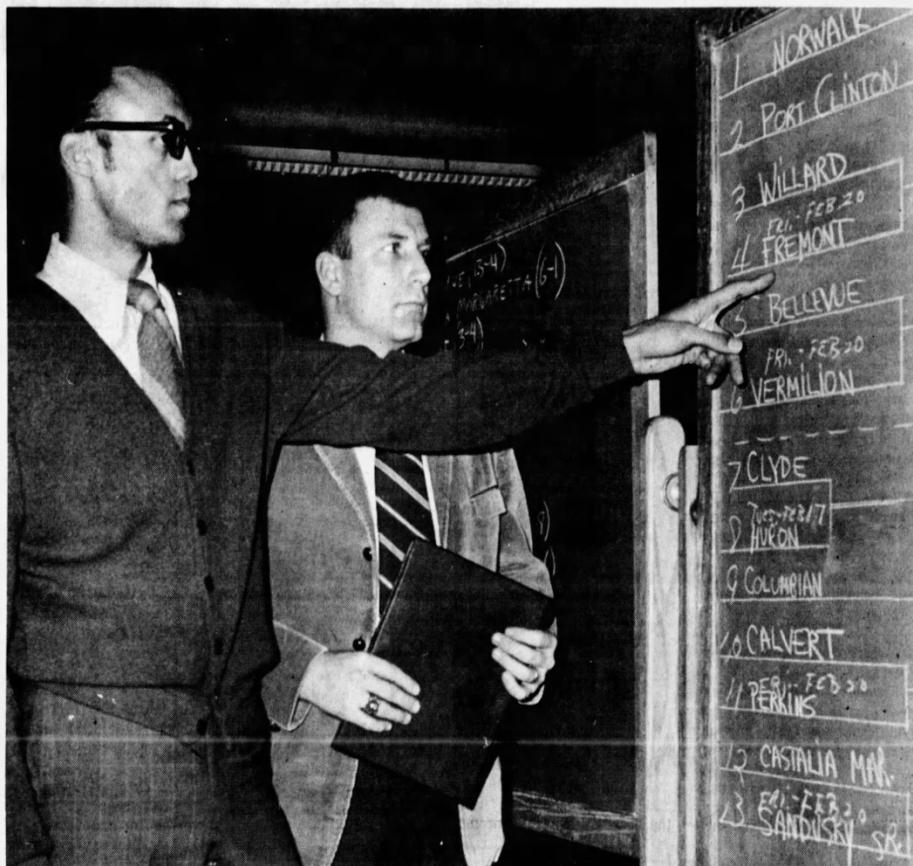
Sandusky's 10-6 record earned it the second seed.

At last night's seeding and drawing meeting, teams participating in the Sandusky sectional decided to hold split sessions. Teams at the Norwalk site felt it wouldn't be necessary for their bracket.

Thus, after the Ross-Willard game next Friday, the gym will be cleared. Fans won't be permitted to see both games with one ticket. The same holds true for the following evening.

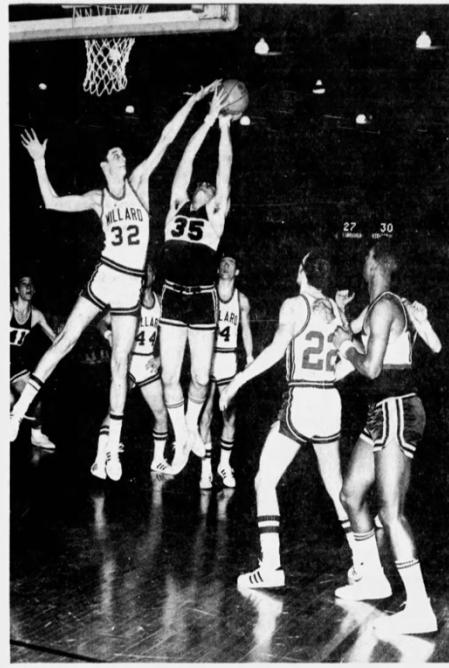
Ticket prices have also been announced. Student price is 75 cents if purchased at the school. All adult tickets are \$1.50. All tickets sold at the door will be \$1.50.

Gary Nossaman, faculty manager at Ross, has announced the following ticket information for Little Giant followers. Beginning Sunday adult and student tickets will be sold at Tremper's. Student tickets will also be sold at the senior and junior high schools until the day of the game.

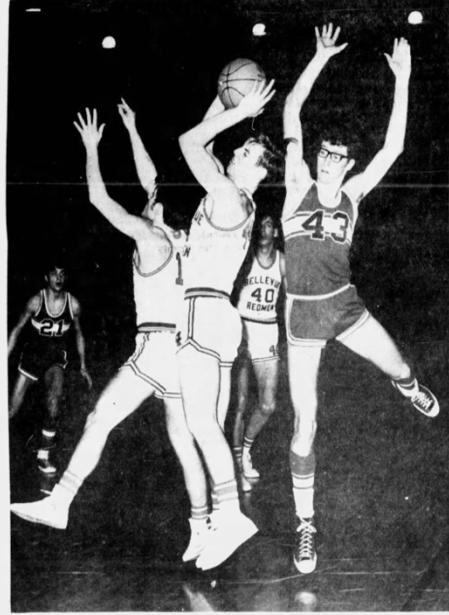


'HERE WE ARE COACH'—Ross high school basketball coach Alex Clark shows assistant Chuck Wegner where the Little Giants are bracketed in the Sandusky-Norwalk AA sectional tourney. Ross will play Willard in a first round game at Sandusky high school next Friday at 7 p.m. If the Little

Giants win they'll play the winner of the Bellevue-Vermilion contest the following night at Sandusky. Drawings and seedings were made at Sandusky high school last night. (News-Messenger Photo)



BLOCKED SHOT — Mike Burma (32), Willard's 6-7 freshman center, blocked Rusty Zimmerman's shot in the second half of last night's game at Sandusky high school. The Crimson Flashes eliminated Ross from AA tournament action, 65-58. Other Ross players checking the action are Chuck Colek (41) and John Lewis. (News-Messenger Photo)



BELLEVUE CONTROLS REBOUND — Bellevue's Don Seymour out-hopped teammate Steve Callahan and Vermilion's Alex Angney for this rebound in the first quarter of

last night's AA sectional game at Sandusky high school. Bellevue won the contest, 74-55, and meets Willard in a semifinal game tonight at the same site. (News-Messenger Photo)

Little Giants Lose, 65-58

Willard Eliminates Ross

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SANDUSKY — Ross high school's basketball season is over.

Willard put the lock on the 1969-70 campaign for the Little Giants with a 65-58 victory in the first round of the AA sectional here last night.

The Crimson Flashes, who trained at home, 27-26, broke loose for 39 points in the second half taking advantage of 14 Little Giant turnovers.

"We just didn't do a thing in the second half," rejected Ross tutor Alex Clark said. "We didn't execute on offense and it looked like we weren't doing anything on defense."

The contest was loosely played on both sides. Ross had a total of 21 turnovers and Willard checked in with 24 miscues.

But the difference came in the third quarter when Ross committed eight errors in the early minutes. Willard didn't make a miscue until only 1:45 remained. By then the Flashes were in front, 56-52.

Coach Jack Gill ordered his squad to use the press in the second half.

"I think it was the difference," Gill said afterwards. "We thought it really shook them up. It also seemed to help our shooting. We didn't play good at all. I'm just glad to win it."

Willard opened the half with eight straight points — a three point play by Mike Burma.

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