

1968 Class A Sectional Tournament

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NORWALK CLASS AA TOURNAMENT

Little Giants Score Last 11 Points To Topple Fostoria

Fourth quarter wills of the past were forgotten Friday night as the Ross Little Giants came on with the last 11 points to stop Fostoria, 61-54. Victory advanced the Ross team to the second game of the Class A Sectional at Norwalk.

The win gave Fremont the right to meet Sandusky in tonight's sectional final, 7:30 p.m. Sandusky also advanced Friday at Norwalk by beating Vermilion, 68-45.

The Little Giants gained

stature and called for victory in the last two minutes of the Friday game. It allowed the Giants to club Fostoria for a second time this season.

Victory did not come easy for the Little Giants who gave up the first seven points of the game to Fostoria and trailed by four, 54-50, with 2:10 to play. Ross then held the Redmen scoreless while scoring those last 11 points. The closing rush provided the largest margin of the game after the 7-0 opening

lead by Fostoria. It climaxed a contest in which the score changed hands seven times and was deadlocked on five occasions.

A down and deep football pass pattern slammed the door on Fostoria hopes. A long in-bounds pass from Kevin Hahn to speedy Steve Parker was the sledge hammer which pounded Fostoria into submission.

Thirty-six seconds remained and Ross had a slim 57-54 lead. Fostoria defense was pulled in

as a desperation move to prevent Ross from getting the pass in bounds from under the Fostoria basket.

Hahn lined the long pass beyond midcourt and Parker who had peeled away from the defenders took it on the run. He drove for a two-point layup and suddenly the game was beyond reach.

A full-court press was the largest contributor to the Ross finishing flurry. A three-point

play by Wes Fahrback narrowed the Fostoria advantage to 54-53 with 1:58 to play. Fostoria then went into a press and a steal and basket by Tom Weiss made it 55-54 Fremont.

Phil Garry then stole the ball and drove for two more points before the out-of-bounds play that wrapped up the victory.

The closing flurry and hot hands from the outside by Hahn and Weiss were turning points in the game. Weiss led Ross from behind with three second

quarter field goals and Hahn led the way in the third quarter with seven points.

Fahrback was the Ross leader in scoring with 18 points and rebounding with 11. Weiss gave a strong assist on the boards with 10 rebounds and Garry pulled down 10.

In gaining victory Ross made 40 per cent of its shots from the field, 24-50. This compared to less than 30 per cent, 22 of 74 for Fostoria.

FREMONT-FOSTORIA
FREMONT — Garry 22-6, S. Faussey 2-7, Weiss 6-0-12, W. Fahrback 7-4-18, Decker 0-0-0, Hahn 4-3-11, Parker 2-1-7, Schwartz 0-0-0. TOTALS 24-13-61.

FOSTORIA — Browning 4-2-10, Belshaw 1-0-2, Ward 5-2-12, Peeler 2-4-8, Graves 3-2-8, Fairley 7-6-14. TOTALS 22-10-54.

Score By Quarters
FREMONT 12 14 19 16-61
FOSTORIA 13 15 13 13-54

SANDUSKY-VERMILION
SANDUSKY — Williams 2-0-4, Hsiefeld 2-2-4, Voserucci 2-1-5, Schirg 5-0-10, Darden 6-5-17, Hart 0-2-2, Hellick 4-2-10, Farries 4-0-8, Richardson 7-0-2, Samson 2-0-4. TOTAL 28-12-68.

VERMILION — Hall 2-0-4, Lerchbacher 5-5-15, Snell 2-1-5, Moes 1-0-2, Burger 2-2-6, Trinter 0-4-4, Angney 2-1-5, Schafer 1-2-4. TOTAL 15-15-45.

Score By Quarters
SANDUSKY 15 18 19 16-68
VERMILION 7 6 17 15-45

FREMONT 'A' SECTIONAL

St. Joseph To Meet Hopewell

Hopewell - Loudon stunned Old Fort and Fremont St. Joseph's pulled away in the second half to down Bettsville in action at the Ross high school sectional tournament site Friday night. The two winners will meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Chieftains gained revenge for two regular season set backs by handling Old Fort a 73-60 defeat in the hard fought opener of the Friday night twin

bill. Despite a lack - lustre performance, St. Joe's had too much fire power for Bettsville and pulled away in the second half to down the Bobcats 62-41.

Bettsville seemed intent on making it a double upset night and gave the Streaks all they could handle for the first half of play. St. Joe's led by only two points at the half and fell behind 29-28 in the opening, before senior forward Dan Ben-

ton took charge. The slender six footer rattled off the next six points to give the Streaks a five point margin and send them on their way.

Mike Eberly added a pair of free throws and John Bavard dumped in a field goal before the Bobcats could add another point to their total. A foul shot by Eberly and back-to-back field goals by Benton

passed and scrapped on the boards. Eberly played a strong board game on both ends of the court and added 14 points to the cause.

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The all around play of Benton, the board work of Eberly, a second half zone defense which shut off a hot shooting Page Mader and an injury to Steve Channels played roles in the St. Joe win.

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The zone which cut off Mader may have been the biggest factor for the Streaks. The clever Bettsville senior had worked his way around and under the bucket for 15 points in the first half. He ended the night with 18 to lead the Bobcats.

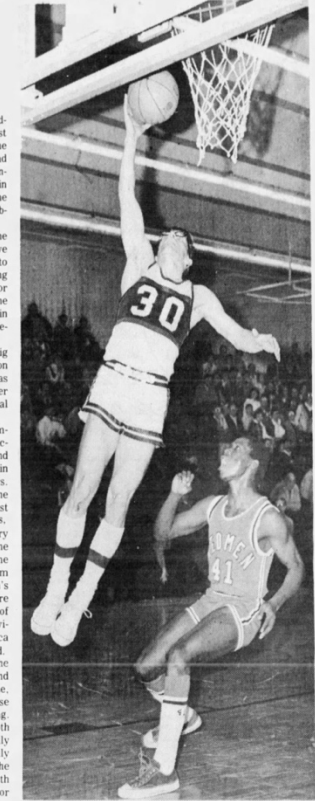
Bettsville was hurt by the second quarter loss of Steve Channels, who appeared to sprain an ankle while battling for a rebound. The 5'10" senior had been scrambling all the way to help keep the Bobcats in the contest in the first two periods.

The Streaks thus took a big first step in tournament action Friday night, but if Friday was any indication, they had better reinforce the troops for a real battle tonight.

Hopewell - Loudon's scrambling Chieftains were after victory from the word go and gained a thrilling revenge win over the Old Fort Stockaders. Speed and hustle were the key words in that ferocious first contest. The roar of the fans, the all - out effort of every player on both squads and the tears which followed the game made Ross high's gymnasium take on the air of St. John's arena in Columbus. There were tears of victory and tears of defeat, all of which gave evidence to the fact that Seneca county is a basketball hot bed.

Sparkling brightest among the many stars, Dennis Crum and Neil Jordan paced the offense, while a tenacious defense hounded Old Fort all night long. Crum was brilliant on both ends of the court, especially when the going got especially tough late in the contest. The 6'1" senior led all scorers with 27 points, while Jordan hit for 20.

It was a spintangling contest that included a second quarter that saw the lead rattle back and forth like a ping-pong ball, a five point play that moved Hopewell into the lead for good and slants of possession that



GAME CLINCHER — Steve Parker drives to layup the decisive two points which iced a 61-54 victory over Fostoria for Fremont Ross. He leaps above Fostoria's Spencer Fairley. Parker took a long in-bounds pass from Kevin Hahn and broke the distance of the floor for the field goal which gave Ross a 59-54 lead with 36 seconds to play. (News-Messenger Photo)

HEIDELBERG CLASS AA

NOL Quintets Split

TIFFIN—Northern Ohio League teams split in Friday action at the Heidelberg Class AA sectional here. Tiffin Columbian of the NOL, defeated Clyde, 65-54, but NOL member Norwalk did not score a point in the final three minutes to fall before Huron, 75-70.

Clyde got a 24-point performance from Ray Baker but had no other scoring help. Baker was the only Flier to score more than eight points and

only one other got more than two field goals.

Columbian took an 11-point first quarter lead and then fought off Clyde the rest of the way.

TIFFIN COLUMBIAN—Loudenslager 3-2-8, Kieffer 2-0-4, Blust 2-4-8, Loescher 4-0-8, Noller 5-5-15, Gooding 6-3-13, Cartwright 0-3-3, Dumdove 1-0-2, Hoenschell 1-0-2. TOTAL 24-17-20-54.

Score By Quarters
T. COLUMBIAN 19 11 11 24-65
CLYDE 8 12 9 25-54

HURON-NORWALK
HURON—Gorman 2-13-17, Caporini 3-2-8, MacIntire 11-4-28, Hunter 0-3-3, Hetrick 1-3-5, Wilber 6-2-14. TOTAL 23-29-75.

NORWALK—Draxler 4-2-10, Shadle 1-0-2, Fisher 3-8-14, Diringer 0-10-26, Francisco 1-0-2, Gross 3-4-10, Edward 3-0-6. TOTAL 23-24-70.

Score By Quarters
HURON 9 31 17 18-75
NORWALK 15 28 15 14-70

Friday Fights

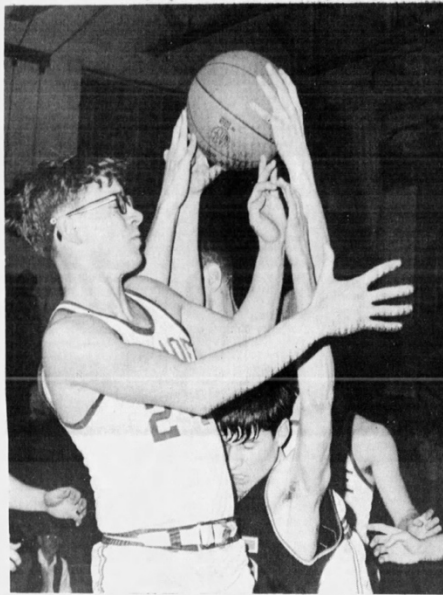
MELBOURNE, Australia — James Skelton, 129½, Philippines, outpointed Leo Young

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CAUGHT IN A VISE — Bettsville's Dennis battle for the ball under the basket Benner

Ross Seniors' Efforts Fall Short Of Blue Streaks

NORWALK — Fremont Ross' three senior regulars went down in a relative blaze of glory here Saturday night, but it was not enough to make up for the Superior Sandusky manpower. There were too many Blue Streaks to stop as Sandusky ended the Ross season, 75-58. Four of the Sandusky starters scored 15 points or more.

This overcame the fact the three seniors in the Ross starting lineup each had 12 points or more. Wes Fahrbach, the leading scorer, played a strong game with 17 points. Steve

Fassey had one of his better scoring nights at 12 points and the speedy Steve Parker was good for 16.

Like a had dream which keeps repeating itself the Little Giants for the third time this season fell to Sandusky. Like the previous appearances the Ross team stayed in contention early but faded as the board strength and running ability took their toll. Ross once more could not escape the one bad period. This bad period was the second in which Sandusky led the scoring 19-7. It put the Little Giants down by 10 points,

34-34, after they had led 17-13 after the first eight minutes of play.

Ross came on strong in the third period but could not regain what was lost in the second. The Little Giants pulled to within four points on two occasions in the third quarter. "We made it more difficult for them each time we played them," as praised Ross Coach Don Purvis.

In the statistical department each team had 11 turnovers. Ross was 23 of 32, 44 per cent, from the field; 12 of 18, 67 per cent, at the foul line and took

down 32 rebounds. Sandusky was 30 of 77 from the field, 39 per cent; 15 of 24, 62 per cent, at the foul line and had 41 rebounds. Fahrbach had 11 of the Ross rebounds. Purvis credited Parker with "One of his best games."

For the Buckeye Conference champion Blue Streaks Tom Darden was the pace-setter at 22 points. Ed Williams and Lino Venerucci head 15 each and Dave Hosfeld 16.

Victory advances the Sandusky team to the Toledo University super sectional next Friday against Bryan. Bryan

reached the finals with a 32-31 victory over Bowling Green. This gave Bryan an 8-13 record, compared to the 17-3 of Sandusky.

I, the three-part Sectional Class AA tourney Huron was the survivor at Heidelberg College and Bellevue at Sandusky. Huron eliminated a Northern Ohio League team from the competition a second consecutive night. Latest NOL victim for Huron was Tiffin Columbian, 58-55. Friday night the Huron victim had been Norwalk, 75-70.

Huron will face a survivor

from Bowling Green Sectional, Napoleon, Friday in the Super sectional at Toledo University. Bellevue's next step is at Ashland College against Ashland. Ashland survived a Mansfield Madison slowdown at Galion Saturday for a 39-9 victory.

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SANDUSKY-ROSS
SANDUSKY — Williams 7-15, Darden 9-22, Venerucci 5-15, Rather 2-1-5, Sching 1-0-2, Hosfeld 6-4-16, Totals 30-15-75.

ROSS — Fassey 5-12, Fahrbach 5-7-17, Hahn 3-1-7, Parker 7-2-16, Weis 2-0-4, Perkins 1-0-2, Totals 23-12-58.

Score By Quarters
SANDUSKY 15 19 17 24-75
ROSS 17 7 14 20-58

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HURON-TIFFIN

HURON — Caporini 0-2-2, Gorman 5-6-14, McIntyre 4-2-10, Hunter 6-2-14, Wilber 3-8-14, Helrick 2-0-4, Totals 19-20-58.

TIFFIN COLUMBIAN — Noller 2-1-5, Loudenslager 0-2-2, Kieffer 4-4-12, Blust 4-5-13, Cartwright 1-0-2, Watson 6-0-12, Watson 6-0-12, Loescher 2-5-7, Jan-son 1-0-2, Totals 20-15-55.

Score By Quarters

HURON 17 18 10 13-58

TIFFIN 16 16 9 14-55

MILLER SETS SCHOOL MEDLEY RECORD

Ross Wins Final Swim Meet, 62-33

Co - Captain Steve Miller had the best performance of his swimming career Saturday afternoon. That performance, 2:13.2 in the 200-yard individual medley, set a Ross high school record.

More important it was the

spark that ignited the Little Giants to a 62-33 victory. The last meet conquest broke a seven-meet losing streak and gave the Little Giants a final record of 4-7.

"We were able to turn what figured to be a close meet into

an easy win by some good hard inspired swimming," stated Coach Jack Balsizer of Ross. He added, "The turning point of the meet was Co - Captain Steve Miller's fine performance in the 200 Individual Medley . . . It gave an inspirational lift to the

boys and after that we seemed to swim with more drive."

Further helping the cause was a one - two finish in the diving with Dan Linder winning his first top award of the season. Slemmer, who won in nine of the 11 dual meets, finished second. Another bonus was the one-two finish in the 100-yard breast stroke by Sophomore Scott Nahn and a steadily improving Tom Thomson, a junior.

Miller with his 2:13.2 broke the old record of 2:16.1 set by Jack Jaisler in 1963.

Ross swept both relays and had a total of seven first places in the 11 events.

SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY — Ross (Semer, Nahn, Dickert, Wright), 1:51.3; Lima (Sawyer, Roney, Webb, Frost), 2:02.3.
200 FREESTYLE — Epp (L), 2:00.9; Aten (R), 2:02.9; Jennings (L), 2:06.5.

50 FREESTYLE — McKenna (L), 24.3; Zink (R), 24.7; Frey (R), 26.7.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Miller (R), 2:13.2 (new Ross record); McCain (L), 2:15.3; Keller (R), 2:21.6.

DIVE — Linder (R), 101.9; Slemmer (R), 98.2; Spechler (L), 97.7.

100 BUTTERFLY — Koebel (R), 1:00.1; Epp (L), 1:00.4; Dickert (R), 1:01.3.

100 FREESTYLE — McKenna (L), 1:01.3; Zink (R), 1:01.3; Frey (R), 1:01.3.

PORT CLINTON 'A' SECTIONAL

Lakeside Halts Thompson, 71-65; York Is Eliminated By St. Mary

PORT CLINTON — "We figured Dreher for his 30 points but had to shut off the other four. That's just what they did." This was the Lakeside Coach Ron Ray described his team's pre-game plan for handling Thompson and high-scoring Dave Dreher.

Dreher had troubles with the Lakeside defense but still managed 29 points. The Lakers did the job the rest of the way defensively and eliminated Thompson, 71-65, in the Port

Clinton Class A Sectional tournament. In the other sectional bracket at Port Clinton Sandusky St. Mary topped York, 83-74.

Thompson came up with a big second quarter and trailed only 35-34 at halftime. The Lakers responded by applying defensive pressure in the second half. "We did a good job on Dreher," stated Ray. "We kept him out front and forced him to take shots from farther out than he is used to." Dreher still managed to hit near 40 per cent of his shots.

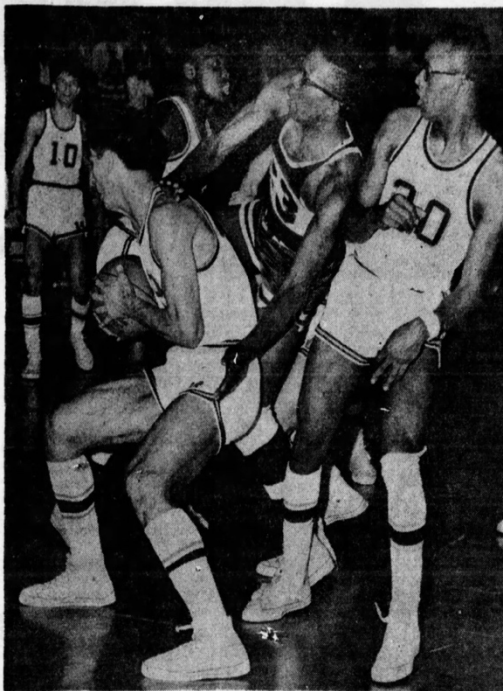
Major object of the intense defense in the second half was Ron Moyer. Moyer had 13 points the first half but was held to only four as Lakeside pulled

points 56-54, at the three-quarter mark.

Foul shooting helped York stay in contention with 28 of 43 free throws. St. Mary converted 25 of 40 foul shots. From the field York was 23 of 53 and St. Mary 29 of 68. St. Mary controlled the boards with 51 rebounds to 40 for York.

Both teams had four men in double figures but the scoring difference was the 28 points from sophomore Rich Davie.

The two Port Clinton winners now advance to the super sectional at Heidelberg College next Friday. Lakeside, now 15-2, meets Attica, Tiffin Sectional survivors, 17-2. St. Mary, 16-4, will face Hopewell-Loudon, Fremont sectional survivor with a 13-9 record.



HEAVY TRAFFIC UNDER BOARDS CATCHES PHIL GARRY (25) IN MIDDLE Little Giant Squeezed by Lino Venerucci (With Ball), Tom Darden (20)

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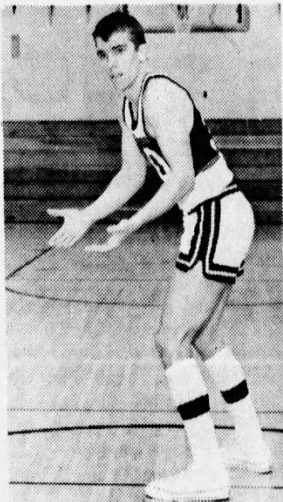
Ross Claims Respectability In Initial Comeback Step

Four wins and 16 losses doesn't seem like much of a season, but it was a long way back for the Fremont Ross Little Giant basketball team. The first season with Don Purvis as head coach doesn't look like much in the won-loss column, but that does not tell the story.

Ross a year previously had been winless in the Buckeye Conference and 2-17 for the year. The great difference was not in the number of victories but in the type of losses. In the previous year when Coach Richard Norman was faced with a complete rebuilding and little talent on which to build had been one of cage humiliation. The fact was the talent just was not there, nor was the height. Norman switched to young players, largely ignoring his seniors. The switch built the foundation for a long trip back up the ladder.

The 1966-67 team was seldom in a league game and suffered numerous humiliations. Where most league foes could name their score and often did by teasing with the 100-point mark, this year's edition was in nearly every ball game.

In league the Little Giants broke a 27-game Buckeye losing streak by upsetting Findlay. In five games the final count was by four points or less in favor of the opponent.



STEVE PARKER



WES FAHRBACH

Little Giant Top Two Scorers

Elyria needed an overtime to nip Ross.

It was a team without a single sensation, although Wes Fahrback rated as one of the better pivots in the area. Fahrback got stronger as the year progressed and ended with 258 points. This was an average of nearly 12.9 points per game. Fahrback was the only Little Giant to average in double figures for the season.

Nearest to Fahrback in the scoring department was guard Steve Parker who averaged 9.9 points with 197 total. Phil Garry shared with Fahrback the board leadership and in the first half of the season was a point pace-

setter. He leveled off to a 9.4 average on 188 points.

Kevin Hahn, who teamed at the guard with Parker, scored 157 points, 7-9. Tom Weisz, who was used in spots against some defenses because of his long-shot ability, had 124 points. Steve Fausey, the other starter, had 99 tallies. Other scoring for the Little Giants was Tom Perkins, 76; Jon Schwartz, 53; Tom Decker, 19; Jack Dudley, 4; and John Fahrback, 1.

Graduation will cut Wes Fahrback, Parker, Fausey, Perkins, Decker and Dudley from the roster. With graduation of Fahrback and Decker goes the height with both standing 6-4. There was not great height this season for Ross, but good balance in this department. The roster showed five boys at 6-2, plus the two bigger boys. The graduation losses include two of Remaining as the tallest boys on the varsity at 6-2 are Garry, Weisz and John Fahrback, who toiled most of the time on the reserve.

As a team for the season the current addition of the Little Giants scored 1,183 points and gave up 1,330. This represents an offensive average of 59.2 points per game and 66.5 on defense.

Johnson Buckeye Leader

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)— Don Johnson of Kokomo, Ind., regained the lead Thursday and heads the field of 16 finalists for the start of match play today in the Professional Bowlers Association's \$50,000 Buckeye Open.

Johnson, who had lost the early lead he took Wednesday, fired the biggest six-game block in the tournament Thursday night, knocking over 1,440 pins. He now has a 24-game total of 5,429.

In second place is one of the

day night for a grand total of 5,350.

Norm Meyers of Whittier, Calif., is in third place with 5,346, Les Schissler of Denver, Colo., is fourth at 5,329, and Jim Godman of Hayward, Calif., fifth with 5,325.

Following match play today, the five top finishers will meet Saturday afternoon for the \$6,000 first prize.

National Hockey