

## 1968 Class A Sectional Tournament

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### NORWALK CLASS AA TOURNAMENT

## Little Giants Score Last 11 Points To Topple Fostoria

Fourth quarter wits 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 tonight's Sectional final, 7:30 p.m. Sandusky also advanced Friday at Norwalk by beating Vermilion, 58-44.

The Little Giants gained

stature and rallied 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 lead scoreless while scoring those last 11 points. The closing rush provided the largest margin of the game after the 7:06 opening

led 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 bridge hammer which closed Fostoria's door to admission.

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

shot by Wes Fahrbach narrowed the Fostoria advantage to 54-53 with 1:58 to play. Ross then went into a press and a steal and basket by Tom Weisz made it 55-54. Fremont's Phil Garry who stole the ball and drove for two more points before the out-of-bounds play that capped up the scoring.

In gaining victory Ross made 40 per cent of its shots from the field, 24-59. This compared to less than 30 per cent, 22 of 74 for Fostoria.

**FREMONT-FOSTORIA**  
Fausey 2-3, Weisz 6-6, W. Fahrbach 7-4-18, Decker 0-0, Hahn 4-3-11, Parker 3-1-7, Schwartz 0-0-0. TOTALS 24-13-61.

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

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

**SANDUSKY-VERMILION**  
Sandusky 2-2-6, S. Fahrbach 2-2-6, Vermilion 2-1-5, Schirp 4-4-10, Darden 6-5-17, Hall 9-2-2, Helliek 4-2-10, Farrys 4-4-8, Richardson 2-0-2, Samison 2-0-4, TOTAL 28-12-68.

**VERMILION** — Hall 2-0-4, Lorchbacher 5-5-15, Snell 2-1-5, Moes 1-0-2, Burger 2-2-6, Trinert 0-4-4, Angrey 2-1-5, Schafer 1-2-4, TOTAL 15-15-6.

**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, viewed Old Fort and Fremont St. Joseph 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 handing Old Fort a 73-65 defeat in the hard fought opener of the Friday night twin

bill. Despite a lack-luster performance, the Chieftains 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 senior 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 Boyd dumped in a field goal before the Bobcats could add another point. The Streaks got a foul shot by Eberly and back-to-back field goals by Benton and Eberly stretched the margin to 13 and all but settled the contest.

Then the all-around play of Benton, the hard work of Eberly, and the second half zone defense which shut off a hot shooting Page Mader and an injury to Jim Halbesem, who started and then rested, displayed increased energy and enthusiasm in the second half, going to the boards harder to give an assist on the rebounding.

Benton led the St. Joe scorers with 18 points, had several field goals and 10 rebounds and Eberly played a strong board game on both ends of the court and added 14 points to the cause. Several of the junior forward's points came as the result of offensive rebounds. Jim Halbesem, who started and then rested, displayed increased energy and enthusiasm in the second half, going to the boards harder to give an assist on the rebounding.

The zone which cut off

Halbesem may have been the biggest factor for the Streaks. The clever Bettsville senior had scored his way around and under the basket 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 scram

bling Chieftains were after victory from the word go and gained a thrilling revenge win over the Old Fort team.

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 bed.

Sparkle shone bright among the many fans, Dennis Crum and Neil Jordan paced the offense, while a tenacious defense bounded 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 had 20.

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that included a second quarter that saw the two rattle back

and forth like a pinball ball

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Hopewell into the lead for good

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## 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

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

Like a bad 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,

34-24, after they had led 17-15 down 32 rebounds. Sandusky 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," appraised Ross Coach Don Purvis.

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

reached the finals with a 32-51 from Bowling Green Sectional, victory over Bowling Green Napoleon, Friday in the Super

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ROSS 17 7 14 20-58

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5-15, Rather 2-15, Schirg 1-8-2,

Hostfeld 6-16, Totals 30-15-75.

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

Huron — Caporini 0-2-2, Gorman 5-6-14, McIntrye 4-2-10, Hunter 6-14, Wilber 3-14, Heitrick 2-4-4, Totals 19-20-58.

TIFFIN COLUMBIAN — Nol-

er 2-1-2, Lohenslager 0-2-2,

Kieffer 4-4-12, Blust 4-5-13, Cartwright 1-0-2, Watson 6-6-12, Watson 6-0-12, Loescher 2-3-7, 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 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 was 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 Nahm 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, Nahm, Dickert, Wright), 1:51.3; Lima (Sawyer, Rooney, Webb, Frost), 2:02.3.

200 FREESTYLE — Epp (L), 2:09.9; Aten (R), 2:02.9; Jennings (L), 2:09.5.

50 FREESTYLE — McKenna (L), 24.3; Zink (R), 24.7; Frey (R), 28.7.

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; Speicher (L), 97.7.

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

100 FREESTYLE — McKenna

### PORT CLINTON 'A' SECTIONAL

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

POR 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 handing Thompson and highscoring 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.

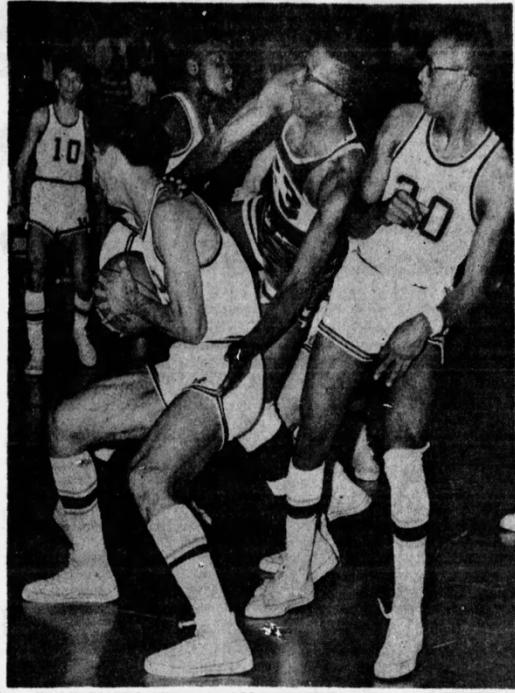
Foul shooting helped York stay in contention with 28 of 43 free throws. St. Mary converted 25 of 40 foul shots.

From the field York was 23 of 33 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 18-2, meets Attica, Tiffin Sectional survivors, 17-2. St. Mary, 16-4, will face Hopewell-Loudon, Fremont sectional survivor with a 13-9 record.

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Little Giant Squeezed by Lino Venerued (With Ball), Tom Darden (20)

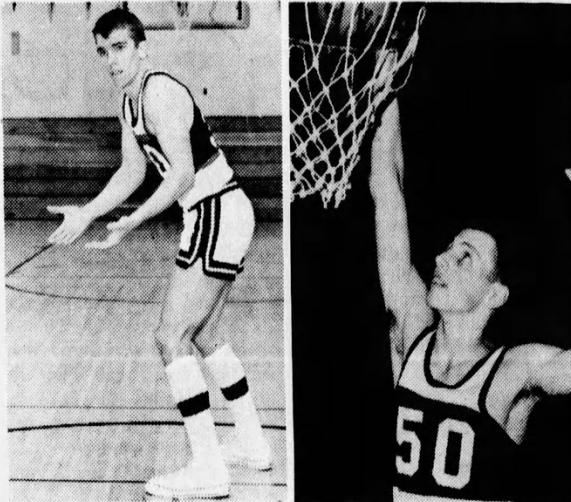
# Ross Claims Respectability In Initial Comeback Step

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

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

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,

Nearest to Fahrach in the scoring department was guard Steve Parker who averaged 9.9 points with 197 total. Phil Garry shared with Fahrbach the board leadership and in the first half of the season was a point pace- 4; and John Fahrbach, 1. Graduation will cut Wes Fahrbach, Parker, Fausey, Perkins, Decker and Dudley from the roster. With graduation of Fahrbach and Decker goes the height with both standing 6-4. They were not great height this

## Johnson Buckeye Leader

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—Don day night for a grand total of Johnson of Kokomo, Ind., re- 5,350.

gained 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.

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.

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

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

## National Hockey

4; and John Fahrbach, 1. Graduation will cut Wes Fahrbach, Parker, Fausey, Perkins, Decker and Dudley from the roster. With graduation of Fahrbach 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 Fahrbach, 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.