

1964 Class AA District Tournament

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FREMONT COMES UP SHORT, 61-43:

DeVilbiss Ends Ross Dream

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The end of a long and surprisingly successful basketball trail came to a jarring halt for Fremont Ross Saturday night in Toledo as a tall Toledo team, the DeVilbiss Tiger five-men, handed the Little Giants a 61-43 setback in the finals of the Toledo district cage tournament.

DeVilbiss, which had tied for second place in three other teams in the Toledo City League, earned the right to represent this area in Friday's opening round of the northern regional tournament at Bowling Green. DeVilbiss carries a 17-6 record while Ross closed with a 15-7 log.

It was no disgrace to lose to the likes of the hot-shooting Orangemen who hit 58 per cent of their first half shots and 50 per cent of the second with 23 of 45 for 50.4 per cent.

Ross carried only 16 of 51 shots and totaled 31.4 per cent from the field, the lowest average for Fremont since early in the campaign.

Moreover, Ross was generally getting only the one shot before the racy Tigers cleared the boards and were able to move quickly to set up their offense which featured the inside work of clever Center Dave McClellan, 6-5, and the corner shooting of 6-4 Mike Eastop and 6-1 George Zahn.

McClellan led a balanced DeVilbiss attack with 17 points, followed by Eastop's 14, Zahn's 12 and Clyde Lykins' 10.

Ross did not have a player in double figures, all starters sitting on the portion of the floor. Russ Hagerty and Ken Hasselbach each gained eight points each and Don Binkley came off the bench to get six.

After the opening tip-off, DeVilbiss took a zone defense and those tall lads from Toledo further hindered the Little Giants by keeping them from the boards. Ross' deliberate team most of the season, really slowed down the works and took its time shooting during the early going. Fremont had hoped to pull DeVilbiss out of its planned defense.

"We passed up some good shots in the first half," judged Coach Dan Purcell.

Still Ross got off one more field try in the first period than DeVilbiss—8-7. However, the Tigers had five of their and Ross only three.

After one and one-half minutes of the quarter, Hasselbach worked clear of the zone defense to pot the first basket of the first half try. Zahn then clicked for the Tigers but Dave George came right back to regain the lead for the locals.

McClellan's basket and a free throw by Eastop pushed the Tigers ahead 5-4 but Hagerty canned a rebound shot and Ross was on top again at 6-5.

Fremont's Dave Wenzel had eight as DeVilbiss scored eight of the game's following

plus points to grab a 13-7

halftime total of 32 per cent. DeVilbiss connected on seven of 14 second stanza fielders, giving the tigers a torrid 12 for 21 the first half.

McClellan's basket slightly put the Little Giants in the big noise for the hungry Tigers as he meshed five long shots from

the side and the Tigers moved to their biggest lead of the game at that point, 24-13, with 2:13 remaining.

Coach Norman shuffled his lineups and substitutions around, pulling his regulars from time to time as he sought a winning combination. Wally Smallets had to leave the game with a brief spell in the quarter when he picked up his third personal foul. He later added a fourth.

When Smallets took his seat on the bench, McClellan stepped to his former chair and Ross dropped back by 21 points, 45-24, in the late stages of the third period.

Ross went the final six and one-half minutes of the third quarter without scoring a basket, living strictly on five free throws during that span.

DeVilbiss had a one-and-one foul shooting situation with 4:07 left in the quarter.

Ross spurted at the start of the fourth period and made a bid to overtake DeVilbiss' big lead. Binkley scored on a rebound shot and the husky senior came back to talk after getting hit in the corner and Ross was down by 13 points, 45-32. Zahn, Eastop and McClellan scored in rapid fashion to thwart any Ross dream of a comeback.

Ross shot 31 times in the second half as compared to 22 field tries in the first two quarters.

Ross (43) DeVilbiss (63)

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Hagerty 2 2 5 Lykins 2 2 5

George 2 2 5 Shultz 2 2 5

Wenzel 2 2 5 Smith 2 2 5

Hasselbach 3 2 6 Johnson 4 4 12

McClellan 3 1 5 Schaeffer 3 3 9

Binkley 2 2 5 Thompson 2 2 5

Eastop 2 2 5 Tracy 2 2 5

Zahn 2 2 5 Purcell 2 2 5

DeVilbiss 2 2 5

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