

1951 District Tournament

Coach Ziemke Asks Squad To Forget Losses, Keep Spirit

Ross high's battling band of basketballers, still in the running for the class A championship after three close decisions in the Sandusky sectional basketball tournament, work out at the Toledo University field house tonight.

Coach Al Ziemke's crew get another crack at the undefeated Findlay Trojans in the district meet Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

Ross is due to take the T.U. floor at 7:30. Findlay moves in Thursday for a practice stint.

Ross looked spirited in practice sessions Monday and Tuesday, but Ziemke said the biggest obstacle to overcome is the "defeatism" attitude that has been displayed since Sunday's pairings put the Trojans and Giants together. Findlay beat Ross twice during the season.

Even Kentucky Vulnerable

"No basketball team is unbeatable," declared Ziemke. "Look what happened to Kentucky last Saturday night against Vanderbilt. There was a case similar to our situation."

(Kentucky had beaten Vanderbilt by margins of 25 and 32 points, then lost to Vandy in the Southeastern Conference tournament).

"Win or lose, I want to have a fighting team on the floor," the Ross coach continued. "We won on fight at Sandusky and we can do it at Toledo."

Forward Bob Boucher, whose play was hampered by a touch of influenza in the Sandusky event, was ailing again Tuesday, although he worked out with the squad.

Tickets for the Ross-Findlay game are on sale at the high school.

S.B.C. To Hold Meet At Ross

GENOA, March 7.—The Sandusky Bay Conference voted last night to hold its first track meet on Fremont Ross high's Harmon Field May 4.

The S. B. C., holding its last meeting of the school year, had two sites under consideration, Fremont and Port Clinton. The meet will be staged at night.

Art Hendricks, Clyde athletic director and track coach, was named to manage the meet.

Hendricks was also named president of the conference. Alvin Augsburger, Oak Harbor, was elected vice-president, and George Ihnat of Lakeside was re-elected secretary-treasurer. LaMar R. Hetrick of Elmore is the retiring president, while Bob Smith, of Fremont St. Joe, is the retiring vice-president.

Smith was presented a trophy for St. Joseph's basketball championship. St. Joe won all seven conference contests. Medals for All-Conference selections were given the players' coaches for distribution. The team: Bob Kreidler and Jim Smith, Sandusky St. Mary's; Jim Schlea and Chuck McGuire, Gibsonburg, and Paul Kristenak, Lakeside.

BOATMEN TO MEET

FINDLAY, O., March 7.—**P**—The United States Power Squadron—an organization of yachtsmen and motorboat enthusiasts—will hold a district conference here March 16 and 17. Hosts

F. H. S. Defense Al's Top Worry

It is the Findlay defense that is causing Ross Coach Al Ziemke the most concern as he prepares his squad for the big game with the Trojans Saturday night in the district meet at Toledo.

The Giants went through a 90-minute drill at the Toledo University field house last night and Ziemke placed particular emphasis on ways and means of scoring points over and under such excellent bulwarks as Bill Garnes, six-foot

four inch center, and John Nicholas Johnson, 6-5, a string-bean guard.

Although smaller than Garnes and Johnson, the Trojans' three roving ball-hawkers, Jim Koehler, Ted Bishop and Carl Brooks, are tough to outwit and outrun. They are the speed boys of Carl Bachman's aggregation.

In both games with Findlay during the season, Ross was held to less than 40 points. The Trojans are the only team to shackle the Giants' offense, which is averaging 58 points per game.

"If we are going to win, we'll have to score more than 39 points," the burr-headed mentor asserted. "We missed a lot of shots against the Trojans in the first couple of minutes here, then we didn't get many more chances.

Trojans Praised

Ziemke paid tribute to the Trojans as one of the finest balanced teams ever to roam the hardwood. "They have everything, offense defense, fast-break and playmaking," he stated, and continued: "Any team that beats Findlay must be on its toes and have a 'hot' night."

The Giants turned in a creditable performance against a T.U. freshman squad last night in a 30-minute scrimmage. On offense, the Giants appeared sharper than they were at Sandusky in the sectional tournament. Defensively, however, Ross appeared more vulnerable than usual. The rebounding was not satisfactory, according to Ziemke.

The Ross coach said the team's morale is good and that he expects to battle the Trojans right down to the wire.

Findlay practices at T.U. tonight, but it won't be the Trojans first session there this year. Ross learned last night that Bachman's confident band held at least one workout there last week, before ever winning the sectional tournament.

Which caused Ziemke to remark: "I wonder if they have already been down to Columbus to practice on the Ohio State floor?"

Says TV Could Be Death Of Football

COLUMBUS, O., March 8.—P—President Howard L. Bevis of Ohio State University believes enforced television of football games might cause the Buckeyes to abandon the sport.

This, in effect, is the gist of what he told a committee of the Ohio house of representatives last night. The committee has before it two bills to require Ohio State to televise its gridiron contests and another to prohibit piping TV-casts to theaters unless television of football games is made available to the general public.

President Bevis reminded the committee that Western Conference and National Collegiate Athletic Association rules prohibit live television of football contests. And, he added, if Ohio State breaks these rules it could be left without any opponents.

Abandonment of football at Ohio State could disrupt the university's entire athletic program. For football, which grossed more than \$1,200,000 at Ohio State last year, finances most of the school's other sports.

The Western Conference and NCAA football-TV bans were put into effect because officials feared gate receipts would be reduced sharply.

NYU Player Admits Part In Cage Bribe

NEW YORK, March 8.—P—Authorities say Connie Schaff,

Ziemke Declares Team Ready; Ross, Trojans Clash At 7:30

Ross high's battling basket-
eers, their hopes high and their
minds set on removing a huge
obstacle that confronts them to-
night, were declared ready to-
day for their tournament game
with the undefeated Findlay
Trojans.

**Coach Al Ziemke said that
the team's morale is excellent
and that he and his lads are
not going to Toledo with the
feeling they are already
whipped.**

"We're ready," the mentor de-
clared, and added: "This is the
biggest game Ross has played
for a long time and I think we
will give our best. We'll have no
alibis if we lose."

Ross, winner in 16 of 21 games
and victor last week in the
Sandusky sectional tourney,
plays the Trojans on the Toledo
University field house floor at
7:30. The survivor will compete
in next week's regional tourna-
ment at T. U. The loser is done
for this season.

Ziemke appeared almost con-

fident after putting his team
through a mild drill last night.
The Giants appeared to be
"loose as a goose" and carefree
as they went through their first
'easy' session in many a moon.
To demonstrate that they are
in a playful mood, the players
jogged off the floor, then ducked
the student manager, Tom Mes-
singer, under a shower.

Asked if he thought his team
was going to win, Ziemke re-
plied: "I don't know, but I can
tell you that Findlay is going to
know they're in a ball game."

**Ziemke's veteran squad lost
twice to the Trojans during
the season, there by a score of
69-37 and here by a 65-39 count.**

Making up the Ross squad are
Bob Boucher, Dick Houghtaling,
Gladden Schafer, Marlin Farver,

TICKETS AT DOOR

**Tickets will be available for
tonight's game at the Toledo
University field house, Barney
Francis, T.U. athletic director
and tournament manager, an-
nounced today. The doors open
at 6:30.**

John Allen, Charles Glover and
Ken Wolf, all seniors; John
Lewis, Jim Ameling, Jerry
Pastorius, juniors; Dick
Garcia, sophomore; Ronald
Whitcomb, freshman.

Mansfield, 64-58 victor over
Toledo Central last night, is al-
ready assured of a regional
berth. After the Ross-Findlay
tussle, Maumee plays Lima
Central at 9 o'clock tonight.



AL ZIEMKE

Invitational Cage Tournament Opens

NEW YORK, March 10—P—
The St. Louis Billikens, one of
two teams able to take the mea-
sure of mighty Kentucky this

Ross Bows Out Of Cage Scramble, 51-39

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The great opportunity that Ross hoped for in its district basketball tourney game with Findlay presented itself Saturday night at the Toledo University field house, but the luckless Giants had one of their poorest shooting spells of the season as they bowed out of the class A championship race to the undefeated Trojans, 51-39.

Ross outplayed Findlay in every department except one—shooting—and of course, that's the one thing that always pays off.

However, the Giants outplayed the Trojans on defense and except for a portion of the third quarter, controlled the boards. Ross set up many plays that gave easy shots at the hoop but the Giants were incredibly "cold." They missed at least eight layups and numerous other chances only a few feet from the basket.

For 13 minutes, it was a nip-and-tuck game, with Ross swapping buckets on even terms. Despite "blowing" about five easy shots in the first few minutes and being unable to connect on fouls, Ross was ahead 8-6 with 3:13 to play in the first quarter. With three minutes to go in the half, Findlay was on top, 19-16, then closed with a rush for a 27-18 halftime edge.

Ross fell completely apart in the third period, while Findlay, having a torrid session from the floor took right up where it left off in the first half.

Findlay Takes Big Lead

Bill Barnes, who played a brilliant all-around game, and John Nicholas Johnson made two-pointers as the third canto began. John Lewis made a foul for Ross for a 31-19 count, then Findlay garnered five quick points for a 35-19 edge.

Ross made it 35-23 with 2:48 left in the quarter as Lewis made his only goal of the night, then Findlay zoomed to a 43-23 lead with 30 seconds remaining. Bob Boucher, at the foul line with two shots sank the first, then scored on a rebound when his second was off. The period ended 43-26.

Personal fouls started taking a toll on Findlay in the fourth quarter, and Ross shaved the deficit to 47-37 with 1:42 left, with Ken Wolf making a pretty pivot shot, the only attempt made to af-score in the brief time he was in the game.

FINDLAY (51)				
	G	F	P	T
Bauman, f	3	1-2	0	7
Koehler, f	2	0-0	0	4
W. Barnes, c	7	1-3	4	15
Johnson, g	4	1-4	5	9
Brooks, g	4	1-1	5	9
Bishop, f	2	1-1	2	5
Peterson, f	0	2-2	5	2
J. Barnes, g	0	0-0	2	0
Bilde, f	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22	7-13	23	51

ROSS (39)				
	G	F	P	T
Boucher, f	3	2-6	5	8
Houghtaling, f	2	5-6	2	9
Lewis, c	1	5-14	2	7
Schafer, g	4	2-2	0	10
Farver, g	1	0-0	3	2
Allen, f	0	1-1	1	1
Glover, g	0	0-0	0	0
Wolf, f	1	0-0	0	2
Totals	12	15-29	13	39

Score by quarters: 14 27 43 51

Findlay..... 14 27 43 51

Ross..... 13 18 26 39

Officials: Rex Burke and Don Mewhort.

Don Bauman made the score 49-37 with a set shot, then Glayden Schafer, the outstanding Ross player Saturday night, plunked in a set shot for a 49-39 reading before Barnes tallied with about eight seconds to play.

Ross scored first in the game. After missing two fouls, Lewis made one. Bauman tied it up, then Farver pushed in a one-hander for a 3-1 edge. Jim Koehler scored for the Trojans to tie the score at 3-3 and hot-tempered Carl Brooks made a free-throw to give Findlay the lead. Boucher, however, banked in a foul before Dick (Mr. Swish) Houghtaling made a long shot to put Ross ahead, 6-4.

Ross Ahead, 8-6

Brooks quickly tied it up, but with 3:13 left in the first period, Schafer tallied on a fast break and Ross kept its lead, 8-6. Barnes and Bauman reversed the trend, however, and the local lads were never ahead after that.

Louie Peterson, husky substitute Findlay guard, fouled out with 4:16 remaining, and his teammates, Johnson and Brooks, followed. Brooks was the last to leave, with 2:42 still to be played. Brooks, who took exception to every personal called against him, waved his arms in disgust as he stalked off the court.

Bob Boucher of Ross drew his fifth personal with 5:42 left in the contest.

While Coach Carl Bachman complained that his Findlay team was far off form, it still had a good night as far as shooting percentage is concerned. The Trojans shot 66 times and made 22. Ross fired 67 times and made 12. The Findlay average was 33 per

cent, while the Giants had a percentage of 17.

Defensively, John Lewis, was tops, but he was unable to locate the range from the floor or free throw line. As a team, Ross made only 15 of 29 foul shots, a far cry from its usual percentage.

Schafer Outstanding

Schafer distinguished himself on the huge floor, once dribbling away from a Trojan defender, Bauman, to drive more than half the length to make a layup. The little fellow never made a bad pass. The Trojans pressing de-Giants moving downcourt with-fense failed to bother

out any trouble. But when it came to shooting, Ross had its worst night of the 1950-51 season.

The Giants can still show one of the school's better records. They won 16 and lost five, three of the losses coming at the hands of the mighty Trojans, who rank as the favorite to win this week's regional tournament and go to Columbus.

It was the last game for Schafer, Boucher, Houghtaling, Farver, Wolf, John Allen and Charlie Glover. Of the eight boys who got into Saturday's game, only Lewis will be back next season.

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LIMA CENTRAL WINS

Lima Central, playing Maumee in the nightcap Saturday, blasted Maumee 65-52 to join Findlay and Mansfield, winner Friday over Toledo Central, in the regional tourney.

Neither team showed the basketball ability displayed in the Ross-Findlay setto.

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Grand Rapids Draws Deshler

Grand Rapids, winner of the Fremont district class B tournament, drew undefeated Deshler for 7 p. m. Thursday in the regional tourney at Toledo University.

At 8:30, Fort Recovery, unbeaten in 23 starts, meets Leesville (25-2).

Class A quintets start Friday. At 7:30, Findlay, not licked in 22 games, plays Columbus East (22-2), and at 9, Lima Central (11-7) plays Mansfield (22-2).

The winners in B and A go to Columbus for the state finals.