

1947-1948 Season Review

LITTLE GIANTS FAVORED OVER TOLEDO SCOTT

Crimson Streaks Host Townsend Township Quintet

With injuries the predominant factor, the 1947-48 scholastic basketball campaign opens here Tuesday night as Al Ziemke's Little Giants of Ross host Toledo Scott while St. Joseph's Crimson Streaks entertain Townsend township.

The Giant-Bulldog clash will see the Rossmen rather heavy choices to repeat the lop-sided victory registered last year over the Toledoans despite a string of mishaps which has benched three Purple and White cagers.

Lloyd Bischoff went out of the lineup with a dislocated shoulder while Don Hulka and Bob Beeker joined the "sideline contingent" with a twisted knee and bad ankle respectively.

Meanwhile, Ziemke, commencing his first season at the helm of the Rossmen who were piloted heretofore by Eddie Gabel, currently trainer for Western Michigan's Broncos, indicated that Ralph Grubs would be a surprise starter at one of the forward berths, teaming with Dick Baron. Sam Sims will replace the graduated Dick Porczak at center while Bob Beck and Walter Weinhart will be at the guards.

All with the exception of Grubs, are lettermen. The latter played reserve ball last year at center and will be used with Sims in Ziemke's double-pivot set offensive. On the defense, the Rossmen will settle into a zone style. First line replacements include Tex Frey.

LITTLE GIANTS IMPRESSIVE IN 55-23 DECISION

Ralph Grubs Is Star
Of 1947-48 Cage
Inaugural

Exhibiting a surprisingly accurate attack and a stubborn zone defense despite only two weeks of drills, Ross high's Little Giant cagers romped to an impressive 55-23 victory over Toledo Scott Tuesday night at the Croghan street gym.

In winning, the Rossmen made Al Ziemke's debut as tutor of a Class A quintet an extremely successful one. The former Ashland assistant came up with a veteran-studded lineup that exceeded all possible predictions.

During the first five minutes of play, the Little Giants appeared likely to convert the clash into a rout as they held Andy Kandik's crew at bay while rolling 14 points through the hoop. During this time, the rebound work, Ralph Grubs and the deadly shooting of the 240-pound football tackle, who was starting his first varsity game—along with that of letterman Dick Baron, sent the Purple and White racing into a long lead they never relinquished.

The ball handling during the first period was exceptionally sharp and bad passes were held to a minimum. But in the second and third stanzas, the collapse set in. The locals as tough as ever on the defense—but their offense fell apart at the seams.

Lay-up shots were missed by every member of the combine and the ball handling became ragged. But, in the final canto—even with a lineup studded with second-stringers, the Rossmen regained their eye. Only the final whistle and free substitutions by Ziemke, who really opened "the gates of mercy" in this first encounter, prevented the score from resembling a debacle.

Scott Can't Hit

At no time after the first 30 seconds were the visiting Bulldogs "in" the game. Grubs opened the scoring with a pivot shot and added another before Baron came through with a push shot from the foul line. Scott called time in an effort to reorganize a sadly deficient zone defense after which Bob Beck, Bill Geiger, Weinhardt, and Grubs connected in rapid succession for a 14-0 lead. At the five minute mark Porter King converted a charity toss for Scott's initial counter.

They were not to tally their first goal from the field for an additional seven minutes during which time Baron and Grubs personally escorted the Rossmen to a 21-0 margin. It was not until early in the third period that the Bulldogs again hit from the floor with King doing the honors.

Held on even terms in the second period, the Little Giants broke loose again in the third canto as Grubs sent four shots swishing through the nets. In the final period, Johnny Auxter, Baron, Sims, Ed Nighswander, Tex Frey, and Bob Beeker took over the scoring chores, unleashing a 19-point attack while the Bulldogs were collecting 13—three more than their total for the first three stanzas.

Some 600 fans witnessed the clash in which nine of Ziemke's 11 players reached the scoring column. The lone Rossman who failed to see action were Don Hulke and Lloyd Bischoff, both of whom were riding the bench with injuries.

Grubs edged Baron for individual scoring honors with 14 points to the latter's 13 while Beck and Weinhardt each tallied six. Bill Geiger was Scott's "big gun" with seven points—six of 'em in the last period.

In the preliminary, the Ross reserves dropped a 33-18 decision to the Toledoans.

The Lineups:

	G	F	M	P	T
Roher, f	0	0	0	1	0
King, f	1	1	0	1	3
Geiger, f	0	0	2	0	2
Frey, g	0	0	0	0	0
Henning, f	1	1	0	1	3
Swartzlander, g	0	0	1	0	1
Cottrell, c	0	1	0	1	2
Plunkett, g (C)	0	3	1	2	5
Elliott, g	1	0	4	0	5
Sims, c	0	0	0	0	0
Swartzlander, g	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	11	10	15	52
Fremont Ross	6	11	10	15	52
Grubs, f	7	0	2	14	23
Auxter, f	2	1	1	5	18

Crimson Streaks 77-32 Victory O

Romping into a ridiculously loose to completely engulf a weak Tow of Fremont St. Joseph's registered 48 cage inaugural at Educational.

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With an all-veteran lineup the Streaks' Crimson Streaks barged quarter as Glenn Saller and Tom

My Yeager paced the attack. But it was in the second period that the roof really fell in on the visiting cagers who were absorbing their third successive setback.

Nelson Bhoedt's inexperienced crew—he has only one letterman from 1946—registered a brace of free throws early in the session and they were held absolutely scoreless until the two minute mark of the third chapter.

Meanwhile, Smith's contingent was solving a roaming zone defense efficiently and adding 28 points to its total.

The entire Streak contingent picked up the scoring barrage in the second stanza—all, that is, but Vince Swint. The shifty floor captain of the parochials assumed command of the passing attack and passed up shot after shot in order to feed the pellet to a mate. When the evening was over, Vince, usually the Streaks' top point-maker, had a single goal to his credit—but the assists he made on others failed to show in the statistics.

Jack House bagged eight points during the hectic second-period uprising and Tom Ackerman and Yeager contributed six apiece. In the following canto, it was virtually the same story with Joe Young and Ackerman topping the attack. When the festivities were concluded, Yeager wound up with the scoring honors on 15 points while Ackerman and Young trailed one

assist.

Score by quarters:

Toledo Scott 1 5 4 13—33

Fremont Ross 1 10 10 18—39

Officiating: Jerry Katherman (Wooster); Jack Kenney (Bowling Green).

Score by quarters:

Tol. Scott	Reserves	G	F	M	P	T
Weyant, f		3	2	4	1	10
Roher, f		2	2	1	2	5
Oiler, c		2	2	3	2	9
Todak, c		1	1	0	4	6
Arborthor, g		0	0	0	2	2
Geiger, g		0	0	0	0	0
Guyton, g		2	1	1	0	5
Flint, g		0	0	0	0	0
Totals		12	9	10	15	37
Ross Reserves		G	F	M	P	T
Titsworth, f		0	0	0	2	2
Sherman, f		0	0	0	0	0
Jones, c		1	0	2	3	6
Boucher, c		0	0	2	4	6
Stoner, g		0	0	1	0	1
Glover, g		0	0	1	5	6
Totals		8	2	14	17	39

Score by quarters:

Toledo Scott 10 9 7 7—33

Fremont Ross 4 4 8 2—18

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ROSSMEN TREK TO P. C. WITH RATED SQUAD

St. Joe To Host Weak Fostoria Combine At Ross

Seeking their second successive victories of the 1947-48 cage campaign, Fremont Ross and St. Joseph's—both again in the favorites' role—clash with Port Clinton and Fostoria St. Wendelin's respectively Friday night.

The Little Giants, after unveiling unexpected power and defensive ability in their inaugural Tuesday against a weak Toledo Scott combine, take to the road for the Porters' tilt while the Crimson Streaks inaugurate a new "home game" policy by moving into vacated Ross gym for their clash with the Mohawks.

Despite a 43-38 loss to Lakeside in the opener last week, Coach Mel Carl's Redskins are expected to provide Al Ziemke's crew with a serious test.

There is little question but what the Porters' passing prowess will better that of the hapless Bulldogs and, in Dave Krupp and Bob Lorenson, the hosts will have a decided offensive threat.

Center Benched

This combine, along with a newcomer, Bill Belshaw, accounted for all but three of the P. C. points against Lakeside. The Porters were weakened for the Stone Crusher clash by the loss of 6' 4" Harold "Nook" Masing who was sidelined due to a scholastic deficiency. His status for Friday's clash against the Rossmen is still uncertain.

In his absence, Mary Grover, a 6' 1" lad, will start at pivot post with Krupp and Lorenson at the guards and Belshaw and Gene Havener teamed in the front court.

Against this combine, Ziemke is expected to retaliate with Ralph Grubs and Dick Barons at forwards; Sam Sims at center, and Walter Weinhardt and Bob Beck at the guards. All but Beck are seniors and all but Grubs are returning lettermen. It was the latter who was a rather surprise star of the Ross-Scott clash.

Carl, starting his first year as head coach of the Redskins, has revolutionized the Porters' style of play.

He has abandoned the former zone defense style in favor of a man-to-man. On the attack, the Porters have dropped their slow set methods for the higher-scoring fast break mode.

Krupp was shifted from a forward, where he specialized in one-handed "flip" shots, to a guard to bolster the backboard defenses while Belshaw was converted from a set-shot to a high-scoring offensive threat.

The Rossmen will continue their tight 2-3 zone defense in which Sims and Grubs play the dominate part in "under-the-basket" work, and a double-pivot, set offense which features the shooting threats of the entire combine.

The Porters will be attempting their second hurdle of a rugged 16 game schedule which includes Libbey, Central Catholic, Woodward and Waite of Toledo; Bellevue, and Ashland.

Meanwhile, at Ross another high scoring game appears in prospect as Kenny Herman brings his Mohawks to Fremont for another in the series of family feuds with brother-in-law Bob Smith.

Little Giants Edge Porters In Overtime By 46-45 Margin

Climaxing a terrific last-period rally in which they came from far behind to deadlock the count before capturing a 46-45 overtime victory, the Little Giants from Fremont Ross recorded their second straight triumph of the season at Port Clinton Friday night.

Rated a rather lop-sided favorite following their easy victory over the Toledo Scots in the regular season, the Porters were bowing to Lakeside, the Rossmen trailing almost from the opening whistle to the last minute of regulation.

Carl, in his first year as tutor of the Redskins, had his crew primed for that one. No longer did the Porters resemble a hapless outfit which missed shot after shot in losing to Class B Lakeside.

The fast-breaking offense was infiltrated in the zone set with remarkable precision in the early stages of the tilt as Dave Krupp co-ordinated the attack with deadly slip-shots.

In the end, though, it was the stamina, fighting hearts and executes shooting of Dick Baron, Sam Sims and the rest of the Rossmen that paid off in nine dividends and completely defeated whatever cockiness that had existed in the Little Giant ranks.

Lady Luck Smiles

Of course, Lady Luck had her part. And the Porters had a smile strictly on the Rossmen. For after Sims had deadlocked the score at 42-42, Bob Lorenzen stepped to the free-throw line for a charity toss which would "settle the outcome." He missed.

Then again in the overtime, with Ross ahead 46-45 and less than a minute remaining, Lorenzen again was awarded a free-throw. Again he missed. Moments later a Port Clinton foul which sent Bill Bellshaw from the game gave the Rossmen possession out of bounds at mid-court. The ball naturally froze the ball for the remainder of the tilt.

But, it was not quite as simple as all that. For some 30 minutes of the contest, the rooting was strictly one-sided. And well it might have been as Krupp passed the Porters at 15-10 in the quarter lead; a 24-20 intermission margin; and a 33-24 third quarter advantage.

Ability to convert more than eight of 17 free throws nearly resulted in defeat for Ziemke's crew who tallied 19 points from free throws while the Porters had only 10. On the other hand, the Redskins registered only 17 goals, but dropped in 11 of 19 charity tosses.

Krupp had the individual scores: 10 goals and three free throws for 23 points—the lone Port Clinton foul which hit with consistency, while Baron made eight shots from the floor and added a quartet of foul throws for 20 markers.

Fouls hampered both defensive sets. The Porters' Bob Beeker, Wieshardt at the start of the final period and Bob Beck midway through the overtime. The Porters, in addition to Beck, lost Marc Grover at the start of the extra session via the five foul rule.

With Bellshaw, Grover, Krupp and Lorenzen each hitting the hosts raced into a 10-2 first quarter lead and only led minute shots by Wieshardt. Baron presented the Redskins with a commanding advantage at the outset. The second quarter was evenly matched as Krupp had seven of P. C.'s nine points but the Littl. Giants were literally snowed under in the third quarter during which the Porters were 11-4 while the Porters were hitting the hoops for nine.

At the two-and-a-half mark in the final period, it looked like a certain upset. The Porters had a 38-27 margin and Wieshardt had already been lost from the Ross defense.

Then Bob Beeker connected on the second of two free throws and took off with a field goal to make it 38-30. Sims missed three successive one-hand "flop shots" to make it 38-36 but Steve Rossan connected. Yet a free throw for the latter Beck then from the floor but Krupp's effort made it 41-38. Grover then boasted a charity toss in and once again the game appeared to be over. But, connecting on two free throws and Sims came through with a tying basket.

Beck missed a broadside of foul shots in the overtime and Bob Fritz in one effort for the Porters. Baron then swished the ball to give the Rossmen the lead for the final minute and Sims followed with the game winning shot. But, the Redskins were not finished. Krupp tallied to tie the score at 42-42. Lorenzen's free throw—a shot that would have sent the tilt into a "Sudden death" second overtime.

The Porters:

Fremont Ross: G F M P T
Gruber, f 1 0 1 0 2
House, f 1 0 1 0 2
Baron, f 4 0 0 1 25
Sims, s 1 0 0 0 1
Wieshardt, g 2 1 2 2 5
Becker, g 1 0 0 0 2
Fritz, g 0 0 0 0 0
Austin, g 1 0 0 0 0
Total 19 4 1 0 46

Port Clinton: G F M P T
Bellshaw, f 0 0 0 0 0
Rossan, f 0 0 0 0 0
Grover, c 2 0 0 0 6
Lorenzen, c 1 0 0 0 0
Fritz, c 0 0 0 0 0
Total 1 1 0 0 6

Score by quarters:

Fremont Ross: 12 15 10 11 46
Port Clinton: 15 9 5 2 45

Featuring the accurate shooting of Vince Swint, Glenn Saller and Tom Ackerman, the Crimson Streaks of Fremont St. Joseph's took their second straight victory of the case campaign Friday when they blasted Fostoria St. Wendelin's, 49-32, at the Ross home.

The game represented the opening of a new "home game" policy of Bob Smith's crew whereby six of their eight Fremont conflicts are slated for the Little Giants' den.

At no time were the locals in danger as their zone defense held Kenny Herman's players at bay until late in the final period when Smith cleared the bench and used a line-up composed in the main of underclassmen.

Ackerman, Swint and Saller alternated at accounting for the entire scoring effort of the Crimson Streaks in the opening canto which Fostoria's won, 15-13.

Jim Whitta commenced to find the range in the second period for the Mohawks, but his five-point performance was checked. Swint sent four shots zooming through the cords as his white-clad teammates gave a 27-15 margin at the intermission.

"Opens The Gate"

Here again Smith made frequent use of his points in an effort to "open the gates of mercy" for brother-in-law Kenny Herman, and, at the same time, provide his young players with invaluable playing experience.

Saller and Tommy Yeager picked up the loose ends of the Streaks and closed out the game with the latter bagging his entire evening's total of five points during the eight-minute session.

Moher was called in the final chapter to outscore St. Joe, 11-9—but the deficit was too great to even threaten. At one time in the fourth quarter, the Mohawk Streaks rolled out in front by a 20-point margin—47-27.

Only All-American and Whitta were able to find the hoop with any consistency for the visitors who were dropping their second massive output. Ritzler bagged 10 points. Whitta added 11. Meanwhile, Swint, who was used as the key man in Smith's passing attack during the Townsend conflict, was the principal target and up 77 points, was moved to the front court for the Mohawk clash and came through with seven goals and three assists. He was able to bag the individual scoring honors with 15 markers. Saller, switched from his normal forwards berth to guard, fared up with 10 markers while Ackerman netted eight points.

The Streaks completely dominated the play, including the rebounds under both baskets with Ackerman, House and Young in charge of the defensive side.

In the preliminary, the Crimson Streaks reserves kept pace with the varsity by knocking off the Mohawk second-stringers, 22-14.

The Lineups:

Fostoria St. Wendelin: G F M P T

Walters, f 0 0 0 0 1
Bartner, f 2 0 0 0 6
Ritzler, f 0 0 0 0 0
Schulz, g 0 0 0 1 0
Hausler, c 0 0 0 0 0
Nye, c 2 0 0 0 4
Hausler, c 0 0 0 0 0
Holman, c 0 0 0 0 0
Gilligan, c 0 0 0 1 0
Total 12 15 10 11 46

Fremont St. Joseph's: G F M P T

Swint, f 2 0 0 1 2
Ackerman, c 0 0 2 0 4
House, c 1 0 0 2 3
Young, c 1 0 0 2 3
Hausler, c 0 0 0 0 0
Hagerty, g 0 0 0 0 0
Total 22 3 5 14 9 45

Score by quarters:

Fostoria St. Wend. 12 15 10 11 46

Fremont St. Joe 11 9 2 11 32

Reserves: 12 15 10 11 46

LITTLE GIANTS FOR CONTEST VISIT TOLEDO

Crimson Streaks Host Gibsonburg On Ross Hardwood

Both confronted with their most serious tests of the campaign, Ross and St. Joseph's return to a heavy pre-Christmas cage schedule Tuesday night against highly regarded quintets from Toledo Woodward and Gibsonburg respectively.

Al Ziemke's Little Giants trek to the lair of the Polar Bears, generally regarded as Toledo's top quintet and defending champion of the City League as well as the 1947 district tournament winner, in quest of their third successive victory.

Woodward, again under the guidance of Wilson Weis, opened with a 54-40 victory over Bryan but bowed to a powerful Alumni crew last week, 33-24.

This tilt saw the Polar Bears come up with one of their worst performances in recent years as they tallied only five times from the field while committing innumerable passing and defensive errors.

Lack Experience

Only one holdover from his championship combine greeted Weis at the start of practice—Jack Smith, a forward. The balance of the Woodward lineup will include Bob Rutkowski in the front court with Smith; Dave Sayers at the pivot, and Ed Houghtaling and Jim Chubner at the guards.

Against this array, Ziemke is expected to retaliate with the same lineup that blasted Toledo Scott 55-23, and then edged Port Clinton in an overtime thriller, 45-46.

This would send Ralph Grubbs and Dick Baron into the front court with Sam Sims at center and Bob Beck and Walter Weinhardt at the guards.

Bob Smith's Crimson Streak parochials will likewise be in quest of their third successive triumph when they host Gibsonburg's powerhouse on the Ross hardwood.

As yet untested, St. Joe has romped to easy 77-32 and 49-32 victories over Townsend and Fostoria St. Wendelin's respectively with the second-stringers playing a majority of each tilt.

Glenn Saller and Tommy Yeager will move to the forwards against the Golden Bears with Tom Ackerman at center and Vince Swint and Joe Young in the back court.

Also seeking their third victory will be Bob Krotzer's Gibsonburgers who have blasted Elmore, 37-27, and Genoa, 48-30, while losing to Class A Toledo Central Catholic, 44-35.

The Golden Bears will take to the hardwood with Harry Leid and Dick Schlea at the forwards, Paul Stengel in the pivot and Harley Partner and Jim Driftmyer at the guards.

WOODVILLE COPS THIRD CAGE WIN

WOODVILLE, O., Dec. 8—Behind the shooting of Sam Florio and Ralph Myers, Woodville's highly-regarded Warriors romped to their third successive victory in four outings Saturday night by edging Jackson township, 47-35.

Myers and Florio, each bagged 14 paces to pace the Warrior attack while Jack Warner connected for 10 counters to top the losers. Woodville copped a 32-9 decision in the reserve encounter.

LOCAL TEAMS FACE RUGGED CAGE TESTS

Confronted with their most severe tests of the infant campaign, the Ross and St. Joseph's high school quintets resume competition tonight, each seeking a third successive victory.

The toughest row apparently faces Al Ziemke's Little Giants who hit the road to Toledo where they engage the defending city and district champion Polar Bears of Woodward, tutored by Wilson Weis.

The 1946-47 Rossmen bowed to Woodward by a 42-31 margin, and the Polars will be a rather heavy favorite to repeat tonight, despite the fact that only one letterman will be in the starting lineup.

Woodward has spit two cutings thus far, rocking Bryan, 54-40 in the opener, before bowing to a powerful Alumni quintet, 33-24 last week. Against this, Ziemke's crew has edged Port Clinton, 46-45 in an overtime thriller, and routed Toledo Scott 55-23.

LITTLE GIANTS DROP 10-POINT TILT TO BEARS

Sam Sims, Dick Baron
Pace Fremonters
At Toledo

In a game marred by 41 personal fouls, Toledo Woodward's defending district champion Polar Bears handed the Little Giants of Fremont Ross their first defeat of the 1947-48 campaign Tuesday night by a 43-33 margin.

Although the outcome followed closely pre-game expectations, nevertheless it was an inability to hit from the foul line that was instrumental in the Rossmen's downfall. Of 25 charity tosses, Al Ziemke's crew succeeded in bagging only nine while the Polar Bears were sinking 15 of 24 foul shots.

The Rossmen lost Bob Beeker midway through the third quarter via the five foul route while Bob Beck was flagged from the floor on one of the first plays of the last period. Woodward likewise lost two first stringers through rule infractions with center Dave Saygers trailing out a moment behind Beeker and Bob Rutkowski taking the same road near the conclusion of the contest.

Wilson Weis' crew, again one of the pre-season favorites for the Toledo city and district Class A championships, broke in front when Jack Smith, lone returning letterman from the 1946-47 combine, netted a free throw. Ross went to the fore for the only time in the tilt a few seconds later when Dick Baron found the hoops with a push shot.

Bears on Spree

Woodward snatched a three-point lead during the first period and then raced into a 23-14 advantage at the intermission as Saygers paced a 14-point uprising with a brace of fielders and as many foul shots.

The Little Giants whittled a 27-15 third period deficit to 27-21 as Beeker bagged a field goal and two free throws and Sims followed with a pivot shot. But four successive charity tosses by Ed Houghtaling, Rutkowski, Smith and Saygers again gave the Polar Bears a huge lead which they maintained throughout the balance of the tilt.

During the third quarter, the Rossmen missed a chance to whittle the Woodward lead considerably when they failed to connect on eight of 13 foul shots while the Polar Bears were hitting five for six.

The work of Sims on rebounds under both baskets highlighted the Ross attack along with the offensive showing of Beeker and Tex Frey. Baron, however, paced the Little Giants' point-making with four fielders for eight points while Sims hit for seven markers. Ray Verner and Saygers topped the individuals with 11 points each.

It was Woodward's second triumph in three outings.

In the preliminary-encounter the Ross reserves were literally swamped by the Polar Bears, 31-10, as Bob Boucher tallied the lone goal from the field for the Little Giant juniors.

The lineups:

	G	F	M	P	T
Fremont Ross	0	1	3	0	8
Gruba, f	4	0	3	2	9
Baron, f	4	2	1	2	9
Davis, f	2	1	2	1	5
Auxier, f	0	3	4	2	9
Sims, c	3	1	2	3	7
Weinhardt, g	2	1	1	4	6
Becker, g	0	1	1	1	3
Frey, g	2	1	1	1	5
Totals	12	9	16	22	33
Toledo Woodward	G	F	M	P	T
Smith, f	2	5	2	3	10
Rutkowski, f	1	2	2	5	10
Crawford, f	0	0	0	2	0
Aubry, f	1	0	0	1	2
Saygers, c	3	5	1	5	14
Verner, g	0	1	2	0	3
Chubner, g	0	0	0	0	0
Houghtaling, g	1	2	2	0	4
Milner, g	0	1	0	0	1
Fordy, g	0	0	0	4	4
Totals	14	15	9	19	43
Score by quarters:					
Fremont Ross	6	8	9	10	33
Toledo Woodward	9	14	11	9	43

Rossmen Trek To Fostoria

Rated as a battle of "contenders" for the Buckeye League basketball championship generally awarded by now to Findlay's Trojans, the Little Giants of Fremont Ross trek to Fostoria tonight where they collide with a high-scoring and unbeaten crew of Redmen.

It will be the initial league test for both quintets which deadlocked for runner-up honors in the 1946-47 chase. The Fostorians have dumped Shelby (42-32); Sandusky (49-35), and Wapakoneta (57-38) thus far while the Rossmen bowed to a classy Toledo Woodward contingent, 43-33, in their last outing

after pasting Toledo Scott, 55-23, and edging Port Clinton, 46-45.

Meanwhile, Carl Bachman's Findlay crew open their quest of a sixth successive championship against Tiffin Columbian. The latter, tutored by George Burkett, dropped a 41-38 decision to Bucyrus while blasting Willard 44-27 as the Trojans, semi-finalists in the state tournament last year, were taking the measure of Galion, 59-22, and Columbus Bexley, 30-27. Saturday night the Findlay crew hosts a powerful Hamilton Public quintet.

In the lone non-league encounter, Bowling Green treks to Ottawa Hills with a 53-39 victory over Bellevue and a 43-29 loss to Toledo Waite on the books.

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The remaining tilts in the area see Bellevue's thrice beaten Redmen, who have bowed to the Alumni, Bowling Green and Ashland while edging Lorain, 44-42, at Upper Sandusky; Bettsville's unbeaten combine in quest of win No. 4 at Bascom; Genoa's winless quintet at Elmore, which has bowed to Lakeside and Gibsonburg while trimming Woodville, and Green Springs, with a 2-4 mark, at Jackson.

Gibsonburg's powerful Golden Bears, which have bowed to Toledo

Central Catholic and Fremont St. Joseph's while blasting Elmore and Genoa, treks to Port Clinton in what is listed as the feature of the evening, despite the fact the Porters have dropped three in a row.

MAXWELL HONORED

PORT CLINTON, O., Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting of the Port Clinton Downtown Coaches, Forrest Maxwell was elected president; James Kleinhans, vice-president; C. Alton Cover, secretary, and William Misch, treasurer. Charles Martin, Jr., is the retiring president.

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BARON PACES ROSSMEN TO LOOP TRIUMPH

Fostoria Bows 40-39
To Ziemke Quintet
For First Loss

Fremont Ross and Fostoria met in another of the bitterly-contested encounters League basketball games Friday night—but, with the addition of yard-line markers, the tilt might well have been a foot closer.

As a matter of record, the Little Giants walked off the court with a thrilling 40-39 victory. But it was only through the medium of 14 successful free throw conversions in 19 attempts that enabled Al Ziemke's crew to come through their initial league encounter unscathed.

A total of 45 personal fouls, along with two technical infractions, were called during the contest which constantly threatened to break out of the control of officials.

The final 60 seconds of play saw the Rossmen attempt to halt Fostoria rally by stalling tactics at mid-court. The aroused Redmen came from every football, basketball, and tackle or two, in an effort to obtain possession. As a result, five personal fouls were logged against Art Royer's quintet in the last 60 seconds. On each of these occasions, the Ziemke crew took the ball out of bounds.

Take Early Lead
An excellent start saw the Rossmen take a 9-0 lead during the first 4½ minutes of play during which time the Fremont defense functioned admirably. While Dick Johnson was hitting the cords with remarkable consistency on one-handed push-shots from the foul area.

Three quick baskets near the end of the period sliced the Ross advantage to 11-9. The two teams battled on even terms for the remainder of the second period before Baron hit for two quick buckets to enable the Little Giants to stay in front, 22-15 at the intermission.

The play of both teams during the first half was exceptionally clean considering the rivalry between them. While Baron's offensive efforts were limited during that time, equal Fostoria's scoring performance, nevertheless it was the "unnung" work of Ralph Grubbs under both baskets and on the floor or less dominated the Ross attack.

The Little Giant football tackle alternated between a gash and a dig as Fostoria's two quick pivot men, Jim Thrallkill and Ray Pastoric, holding them to a collective four points until formation of the 20-15 lead-in route.

While the purple-clad Fremonters were compiling their first half lead, their passing was virtually perfect and the Rossmen's blunders enabled Baron to break into the clear time after time.

On defense, the Rossmen used a man-to-man system which forced Fostoria to shoot from far out on the floor or at almost impossible angles.

But the roof fell in during the second period. Good passes for either team came at a premium as both attempted to turn the attack from wide-passing into a series of one-on-one, race-horse style of play which featured every football formation but the flying wedge.

And as this the Redmen had a disastrous attack. The Rossmen, of Grubbs, Sam Sims and Bob Beck under the baskets prevented the Ross crew from taking a huge lead. However, through the first period the Fostorian lost John Royer through the medium of five personal fouls. And then their attack was stopped. Fostoria's offensive work of this substitute guard who had dominated the Redmen's play.

With the Rossmen's combine sliced their deficit to 36-35 during the third canto—but always appeared on the verge of unleashing a terrific rally. None in the final moments, though.

With three minutes remaining, the count stood 37-34 in favor of Ross. The Redmen had a chance to tie the game but Carlos Jackson retaliated for the Redmen. Charley Switzer missed a free throw but Thrallkill dropped in a one-point shot to make it 39-37. Then Thrallkill dumped an overhead pivot shot to deadlock the count—the first time in the game that the Rossmen did not take a few seconds later, Baron fouled by Jackson while in the act of shooting, converted the first of two free throws, then those to take the ball out of bounds.

At this state, the game became rough—but good. Thrallkill went out of bounds with 15 seconds remaining after committing two fouls in three seconds.

The Redmen were on the charge and Royer was able to raise a last up shot and the Redmen recovered with 35 seconds to go. But a wild pass went out of bounds and the game ended with the Rossmen still in possession and stalling at midcourt.

It was the first loss in four outings for Fostoria and the third

Bowling

One of the circuit's most ardent "cowboys," Julius (Juice) Letterman climbed into the saddle Friday night and when the "red light" had stopped was invited to the Honor Roll with his first merit counts of the year.

Rolling with Red Cap Ale in the Elks Lodge at the Pastime Inn, Letterman came up with a 25 middle line and followed with 207 to match his 178 opener for a 643 series—also the best of the evening.

Far to the rear with a consistent 193-212-199—604 came Wilbur (Windy) Decker rolling with Portage Inn. The quintet had a 207-208-209 final for the top team performance.

Scores of the six BPOE matches at the Pastime lanes were not turned in.

HONOR ROLL

(225 Single Game)

Julius Letterman (Red Cap) .258

Wilbur Decker (Portage Inn) .604

The boxscores:

Portage Inn vs Fremont OH

Foster 550 Hayes 509

Robbins 551 H. Gabel 465

Decker 550 J. Gabel 425

Retrick 534 C. Mayle 508

Hausman 514 H. Hayes 414

853 921 941-2725 850 849 872-2616

Red Cap Ale vs Blue Spruce D.

Bauman 472 Dr. Votav 544

Letterman 643 Dr. Mader 417

Retrick 534 Baker 486

Siders 557 Sample 554

Hausman 514 H. Hayes 414

197 851 820-2308 836 936 842-2614

State Wine Store vs. Spt. Center

Rich 472 Dr. Bowlin 432

Kallman 2 284 H. Zink 432

Retrick 2 284 LaFerty 423

Ward 2 284 H. Zink 432

Kallman 2 284 LaFerty 423

Balsimer 2 315 H. Zink 432

Handicap 148 H. Zink 432

821 807 832-2479 801 848 859-2353

Baker Electric vs. Pink

Baker 402 H. Bowlin 444

Young 564 H. Zink 432

Ward 528 H. Zink 432

Young 534 Siler 514

Young 472 Weier 528

Hausman 393 H. Hayes 414

1013 991 911 2914 823 777 797-2412

Blue Shoe Store vs. Red Hdw.

Keller 425 Baker 500

Klitz 485 Baker Score 371

Gibson 338

Hess 452 Dowday 465

Chouinard 452 Dowday 465

Handicap 186

262 818 727-2279 806 846 866-2323

State Wine Store vs. Pfeifers

Tiecke 471 Swisegood 543

Young 564 H. Zink 432

Ward 528 H. Zink 432

Kelly 391 McCarthy 508

Gilmore 302 Thurz 412

Young 472 Weier 528

Handicap 408

722 810 729-2271

Hilt's Inc. vs. Stand. Sheet Met.

Hilt 413 Dunigan 475

Dr. Dorn 412 Dunigan 475

Ward 427 Dunigan 475

Hilt 349 Harringer 377

Young 472 Harringer 377

Ward 427 Harringer 377

Wolff 490 Harringer 473

Handicap 414

737 781 789-2316

Good Hdw. vs. Good Kamp.

Wingard 460 Good Kamp. 516

Sherid 451 Good Kamp. 516

Kallman 478 Shepherd 422

Young 411 Schell 381

Dr. Dorn 409 Sharon 473

Handicap 148

763 829 728-2320 810 848 875-2429

ELMORE INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Wood. Legion vs. Rothschild

Ward 428 H. Zink 444

Unger 462 Haas 436

Sternman 429 Hartman 323

Ward 428 H. Zink 432

Meyer 514 Bringman 505

Hausman 514 H. Hayes 414

693 697 623-2616

Stan. Lime No. 4 vs. Dunigan Oly.

Or. Weier 418 Schmidt 368

Leuke 450 C. Magag 389

Ward 419 H. Zink 432

Mock 424 S. Magag 418

Underwood 460 H. Hayes 414

Handicap 144

719 826 726-2186 720 817 813-1956

Stan. Lime No. 4 vs. Dunigan Oly.

Or. Weier 418 Schmidt 368

Leuke 450 C. Magag 389

Ward 419 H. Zink 432

Mock 424 S. Magag 418

Underwood 460 H. Hayes 414

Handicap 144

768 774 892-1256 768 815 866-1978

Farmer Elevator vs. Ken Mar Inn

H. Miller 425 Rohrb 441

Becker 414 H. Hayes 414

Hein 414 H. Hayes 414

Reyher 424 H. Hayes 414

Geister 456 Hunterbrink 423

Handicap 221

717 715 776-2008

Fre. Huber vs. Stan. Lime No. 3

Weigman 419 D. Baer 465

Ward 424 D. Baer 465

Kleiger 402 Asperger 412

Ward 402 Asperger 412

Sampson 378 Kell 507

Handicap 227

736 809 809-2249 812 816 800-2428

NICE GESTURE?

TUSKEE LOGO, Al. Dec. 15.

UP—Introducing something new in

the history of college football,

Coach Red Dow of Alabama

today announced that he and

Coach Bill Cherry of Tennessee

would exchange films of their 1947 games

before their teams clash in the

Sugar Bowl, January 1.

Victory in four starts for Ross

Fostoria's reserves copped a 44-

35 victory in the preliminary.

The lineups:

Fremont G P M V T

Becker, f..... 0 1 0 5 1

Sims, c..... 2 2 1 0 5

Ward, g..... 1 2 2 3 5

Weinhardt, g..... 0 1 0 0 1

Total..... 13 14 3 22 40

Fostoria G P M V T

Gillette, f..... 0 0 0 6 0

Thom, f..... 0 0 2 2 2

Pastorius, c..... 0 2 2 2 2

Lowmaster, g..... 1 0 0 5 2

Royer, f..... 4 1 0 5 2

Sims, c..... 0 0 0 5 2

Totals..... 14 11 12 22 35

Fremont 11 11 8 10-40

Fostoria 9 6 10 14-39

ROSS FAVORED TO COP FIFTH WIN OF YEAR

Pre-Yuletide Schedule Completed; Trojans Are Next

Seeking the temporary lead in the Buckeye League's 1947-48 basketball race, Al Ziemke's Ross high eagles tackle an improved Tiffin Columbian quintet Friday night on the Croghan street hardwood.

A victory would elevate the Little Giants to a position one-half game ahead of Findlay's powerhouse Trojans—highly favored to capture the coming state Class A crown. But the lead should be short-lived—for the Trojans come to town January 2. From there on in, the race appears settled.

Columbian, hampered by illnesses which sidelined four of the top 10 players during the past week, will again be at top strength for the Ross clash.

George Burkett's crew will be bulwarked by only two returning lettermen—Glenn Bare at center, and Tom Company at a forward. Teaming with the former in the front court is Harry Spidle, playing his first season with the varsity. Marion Miller and Paul Harrison will be paired at the guards.

This combination dropped a 41-38 thriller to Bucyrus as Company hit the hoops for 14 points and Harrison netted 10. Against a weak Willard combine, the Blue and Gold led all the way to garner a 44-27 triumph as Company bagged 15 points and Bare and Harrison connected for 13 and 12 respectively.

Trojans In Rout

But Findlay really lowered the boom on the Tiffin crew. With nine men breaking into the scoring column, the Trojans racked up a 61-12 victory which saw Columbian go without a field goal until midway through the third period. Harrison bagged all but one of the Blue and Gold's points.

Tuesday night the Burkettmen again took their lumps as a lanky Mansfield crew romped off with a 64-47 decision as Harrison and Company each hit the cords for 16 counters.

Against this aggregation, Al Ziemke's Rossmen will be seeking their second successive Buckeye League victory and their fifth triumph in six outings.

The Little Giants enjoy a decided offensive advantage—on paper—and have restricted their combined foes to an average of 38 points per game whereas the Columbians have allowed a 48-point per game mark.

Ziemke's quintet, with Dick Barron and Ralph Grubbs at the forwards; Sam Sims at center, and Tex Frey and Walter Weinhardt at the guards, have blasted Toledo Scott (55-23); Port Clinton (46-45); Fostoria (40-39) and St. Joseph's (52-42) while bowing to Toledo Woodward (43-33).

ROSSMEN HOST COLUMBIAN IN LEAGUE CLASH

Clyde-Green Springs Collide In Top Rivalry

Generally heralding the termination of scholastic cage hostilities until after the new year, a fairly heavy schedule of tilts tonight sends 19 of the area's crews into action with three unblemished records going on the block.

Findlay's unbeaten Trojans, semi-finalists in the 1946 state race, go after victory No. 5 against Xenia with a combine that has averaged 47 points per game thus far against a 22-point mark for the opposition.

Ashland's highly regarded Taylor Tots entertain Cleveland South, and Clyde's Fliers host Green Springs. It is the latter attraction that bids fair to develop into the "game of the night."

For, while Benny Benson's Bobcats have dropped five of seven outings while the Fliers have copped four successive wins—anything goes when these two meet. Art Hendrick's Clyde crew rates a decided pre-game edge through the medium of an attack that has averaged 55 points per game while the Bobcats have been hitting a 34 pace.

Columbian Here

The lone Buckeye League encounter sends three beaten Tiffin Columbian against Fremont Ross on the Little Giants' hard-wood with Al Ziemke's hosts likewise riding in the pre-game driver's seat.

Bettsville's combine rests assured of its perfect record as the scheduled encounter against Jackson-Liberty was postponed due to a scarlet fever quarantine imposed on one of the Bobcat second-stringers.

Willard's hapless Railroaders journey to Bellevue where Kenny Sampson's outfit, with three loss in five outings, are a rather one-sided choice while Elmore treks to Oak Harbor for another one of those bitter Ottawa County League clashes with Tommy Temple's Rockets a somewhat slight underdog against Vincent Kelley's crew. The Oaks have dropped but one of three starts, a 30-27 affair to Walbridge, while Elmore has split in four games.

Lee Zierlof's powerful Sandusky St. Mary's combine hits the road to Lakeside with a perfect string of two wins while the Stone Crushers have bowed only to Oak Harbor.

Port Clinton's rebounding Redskins trek to Sandusky under the guidance of Mel Carl where the outcome is rated a tossup. The Porters have copped one of four decisions while Vic Malinovský's Blue Streaks are winless in two starts.

BUCKEYE LEAGUE STANDINGS					
	W.	L.	Pts.	O.P.	Pct.
Findlay	1	0	61	12	1.000
Fremont Ross	1	0	40	39	1.000
Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	.000
Fosteria	1	1	31	40	.000
Tif. Columbian	0	1	12	61	.000

AREA RECORDS

	W.	L.	Pts.	O.P.	Pct.
Findlay	4	0	84	1.000	
Ashland	4	0	192	132	1.000
Bettsville	4	0	205	83	1.000
Clyde	4	0	215	139	1.000
San. St. Mary's	2	0	67	77	.333
Fosteria	2	1	20	178	.000
Fremont Ross	4	1	236	192	.800
Woodville	4	1	259	182	.800
Fremont St. Joe	3	1	209	152	.750
Bowling Green	3	1	210	157	.750
Oak Harbor	2	1	110	118	.750
Lakeside	2	1	136	121	.667
Gibsonburg	3	2	247	220	.500
Jackson	3	2	221	236	.500
Elmore	2	2	172	149	.500
Port Clinton	2	2	146	156	.500
Bellevue	2	3	193	227	.400
Green Springs	2	5	239	264	.286
Port Clinton	1	3	157	162	.250
Tif. Columbian	0	3	111	125	.250
Sandusky	0	2	78	109	.000
York	0	3	101	171	.000
Genoa	0	4	120	188	.000
Fost. St. Wend.	0	5	128	234	.000
Townsend	0	5	140	325	.000

Late Rally Enables Rossmen To Take Buckeye League Lead

Exhibiting a lagging brand of ball which threatened throughout the game to result in an upset defeat, Ross high's Little Giant cagers rallied in the final nine minutes of play here Friday night to edge Tiffin Columbian, 43-40.

The win, fifth in six outings for Al Ziemke's Rossmen, placed the Purple and White temporarily in command of the Buckeye League race with two straight loop conquests while defending champion and favored Findlay has but one triumph in league play. However, the Ross advantage is expected to be shortlived. For Findlay re-opens the cage season here January 2—and will be an odds-on choice to drop the Little Giants and proceed on to its sixth successive league title.

George Burkett's Columbian crew grabbed an early lead and held sway throughout the first half and until the last minute of the third period. With four minutes remaining, they surged back to deadlock the count only to fall victim to a last-minute Ross rally.

The visiting Tiffin crew dominated the game for the most part as the Fremont defense sagged tremendously over previous performances. From the floor, the Rossmen were almost as inept, while Columbian was bagging better than 30 percent of its scoring efforts.

The work of Paul Harrison and Glen Bare on rebounds from both baskets forced the Rossmen to press for possession through most of the affray. But, at the best, it was only a half-hearted effort.

Columbian grabbed a 6-1 lead in the first three minutes as Harrison, who paced the individual scorers with 12 points bagged a field goal and two free throws and Bare added a basket. Ross sliced the deficit to 6-5 on fielders by Walter Weinhardt and Dick Baron but promptly fell behind again as Harrison, Harry Spidle and Marion Miller dropped in two-pointers and Tom Company added a free throw while Weinhardt was sinking a fielder to trail 13-7 at the end of the first stanza.

Ross Lags At Half
It was much the same story throughout the second period as Tiffin exhibited a steady, accurate passing attack and a floating zone defense which held the Little Giants at bay. The intermission ended with Columbian leading 22-17.

Then the Rossmen changed their tactics. Ralph Grubs moved out of Ziemke's double-pivot setup into the corners from where he lined three successive attempts through the cords while Baron was dropping a brace of one-handed push shots through the cords from far out on the floor.

With 60 seconds remaining in the third quarter and the Fremonters trailing 26-25, Grubs drilled home the last of his trio to send the locals to the fore for the first time. Weinhardt added a free throw to make it 28-26 and Tex Frey sent a long shot booming through the netting as the horn ended the stanza with Ross in front, 30-28.

With Weinhardt bagging a fielder and two free throws, the Little Giants moved out in front, 35-31 midway through the finale only to see Harrison drop in a basket and two charity tosses while Bare broke open under the goal for a bunny to give the visitors a 37-35 margin. Weinhardt then deadlocked the count and a free throw by Bob Beck sent the Rossmen to the fore again. But Miller again tied the game on a free throw.

With a minute remaining, Grubs dropped in a bat-in shot and Sims followed with a foul toss and then added a bucket to close out the Ross scoring. Company's last-second

fielder narrowed the gap to three points.

Weinhardt topped the Ross point making with 11 tallies.

In an abbreviated overtime, the Little Giant reserves scuttled Tiffin's second-stringers, 23-21 as Bill Titsworth's field goal in the last 20 seconds proved to be the winning margin.

The lineups:

	Fremont	Ross	G	F	M	P	T
Baron, f	...	4	0	2	1	8	
Grubs, f	...	4	1	1	2	9	
Becker, f	...	2	0	0	1	4	
Frey, g	...	2	4	0	0	8	
Weinhardt, g	...	1	0	0	2	2	
Beck, g	...	4	3	2	2	11	
Totals	...	17	9	5	16	43	
Tiffin			G	F	M	P	T
Spidle, f	...	1	0	2	2	2	
Company, f	...	3	3	0	4	9	
Bare, c	...	5	0	0	0	5	
Bero, c	...	0	0	0	0	0	
Harrison, g	...	3	6	1	2	12	
Miller, g	...	1	1	0	3	3	
Smith, g	...	1	2	1	1	4	
Totals	...	14	12	8	14	40	
Score by quarters:							
Tiffin	...	12	9	4	14	40	
Fremont	...	7	10	13	13	43	

Ross Res.	G	F	Tiffin Res.	G	F
Sherman, f	5	1	Harbor, f	4	1
Baker, f	0	0	Schmidutz, f	1	0
Titsworth, f	2	0	Bero, c	1	2
Jones, c	3	2	Turner, g	1	2
Glover, g	0	0	Van Camp, g	1	0
Lee, g	0	0	Berleka, p	0	0
Totals	10	3	Totals	8	5
Score by quarters:					
Tiffin	...	4	4	6	7
Fremont	...	6	1	9	3
				0	21
				2	23

STREAKS TAKE 2 CAGE WINS

Late rallies in both games enabled the St. Joseph's eighth-graders to post victories over Gibsonburg's underclassmen Friday afternoon.

In the former clash, the Crimson Streaks led 10-9 at the intermission and then spurted for a 24-13 triumph. Bill Brown and Charles McGuire of Gibsonburg bagged four points each while Steve Link of the Streaks dropped seven points through the hoops. The balance of the St. Joe scoring: Segar, 2; Bell, 5; Rectenwald, 2; Wasserman, 3; Kimmel, 2; Tremper, 1; Collier, 2.

Trailing 13-5 at the half, the St. Joe frosh came through with an 18-point last half uprising for a 23-21 win as Don Rodenhausen collected 10 points. Jim Schlea and Tom Krotzer topped the Golden Bears with eight points each. Also scoring for St. Joe were: Binta, 2; Freeh, 1; Lehmann, 1; Courtney, 7; Lochotski, 2.

JACKSON DEFEATS TOWNSEND CREW

Connecting for 17 of 22 free throws, Jackson's cagers romped to a 55-47 victory over Townsend Friday night on the losers' hardwood.

FINDLAY'S POWERFUL TROJANS TO INVADE ROSS GYM FRIDAY

District's Top Quintet Unbeaten; St. Joseph's Schedules Two Games

If hard work means anything, Ross high's Little Giant cagers will give Findlay's Trojans, district and Buckeye league titlists and undefeated so far this year in all types of competition, a tough battle Friday night when the Bachman-coached lads invade the Ross high gym.

Findlay's team is rated among the top quintets in Ohio this year, just as it was last season. During the Christmas week-end it knocked off an invitational tournament at Barberton in easy style.

To date no team has even tested the Hancock county lads.

But Coach Al Ziemke and his Rossmen will be putting up an all-out effort to provide the upset of the season. The Little Giants cannot match Findlay in size, experience or speed, but are striving to make up for these shortcomings by playing a hard driving game all the way.

Coach Ziemke will probably stick with his combination of seven, using Baron, Grubbs and Beeker at forwards, Sam Sims at center and Weinhardt, Frey and Back at the guards. Which of the five will start is not yet known.

The Findlay visit will be opened

with a preliminary at 7 o'clock.

Findlay boasts five veterans in its starting lineup, including Bob Moore and Jack Dunlay at forwards, Dick Barrett at center, and Al Steegman and Joe Fassett at the guards. Barrett, Steegman and Fassett all top the six-foot, two-inch mark, according to Ziemke's data. A sixth letterman, Bill Wisner, a six-foot, four-inch lad, is also around for various assignments.

Coach Ziemke pointed out that a block of reserved seats will be available in the middle of the auditorium. These have been reserved all year, with not too many takers, but school officials are hoping to fill the section for the Findlay encounter. Reserved ducats may be obtained at the door.

The Findlay game is the first in a series of three to be played in the next week by the Little Giants. Elyria with Vic Janowicz coming here Tuesday and the brilliant Norwalk outfit coming in the following Friday.

St. Joseph's boys are taking on a week-end double bill that promises to be of much interest. The boys coached by Bob Smith will be hosts to Benny Benson's Green Springs crew Saturday night at Ross gym and on Sunday the upper Croghan street youngsters will invade Toledo Central Catholic for what should be a thriller.

LITTLE GIANTS BEATEN 58-27 BY HOT CREW

Ziemke's Boys Put Up Hard Fight Early In Tilt; Reserves Fall

At Ziemke's Ross high cagers made a battle of their important Buckeye league game last night with Findlay's Trojans for only one quarter, falling by a 58-27 count after holding the highly-rated defending titlists to a 10-11 first period count.

The Little Giants, leading the Buckeyes 10-9 at half-time after winning over Tiffin and Frostoria, played the Trojans to a standstill during the first eight minutes, a few seconds after the second frame started even holding a 12-11 edge over Carl Bachman's boys.

But the Little Giant offense bogged down at this point and the defense went along with it. Only one more point was added by the hosts in the remainder of the period, while Findlay—already winner of eight in a row—went along to a 28 total at the halftime.

The surprised found the Little Giants still slipping farther behind and the three-quarter pole saw the score, Findlay 38, Ross 19, the ultimate victors getting 14 against six points in that session.

Two Go to Bench

Findlay added 20 against eight in the fourth quarter. Ross lost Bob Beck and Bob Becken in the final period, while Walt Weinhardt and Lloyd Bischoff needed only one more infraction to draw the thumb toward the bench.

The Trojans, Dick Barrett, high point man for the evening, caged the first bucket from close in, but Dick Barrett then up with a free throw and a basket and the score was almost over; the local team's offensive threat being well covered by the sharp Findlay defense. Ross went ahead 3-2 on Beck's charity toes, but Findlay ran the score to 9-4 as Al Steegman came through with a bucket and three free throws. Bob Moore, a pair of free throws, a basket and two fouls by Sissis and a bucket and free toss by Weinhardt completed the Little Giants' first period scoring at 10 with Barrett clicking again to make it 11 for Findlay.

Ahead Just Once

A basket by Sims put Ross ahead 12-11 just after the second period started, but that was all so far as Ross' having a chance for victory was concerned. The invaders ran the score to 22 before Ross hit another free throw.

Findlay, after it got clicking, showed the finesse and accuracy which gave it the Buckeye title last year and sent it through district and regional tournaments to the state finals. Carl Bachman's boys dropped a decision to East Liverpool there, Middletown winning the state gonfalon.

One of the secrets of the Findlay success is the versatility of all its first five. A check of the team's score book will show that it is unusual for the same boy to be the point man among two consecutive games. Last night Dick Barrett was high with 13 points, Al Steegman, workhorse guard, getting 11 and Joe Fassett, Steegman's running mate, pumping in 10, same number Dunlap counted. Moore, the other starter, hit for seven.

Sam Sims paced the Little Giants with 10 points, doubling the total of Walt Weinhardt who was second in the scoring column.

Findlay scored on 20 free attempts out of 28, for a splendid percentage, while Ross fell one score short of a 50 percent figure, getting 11 out of 23.

There were 42 fouls called, 24 on Ross and 18 on Findlay, the latter team being the more of its athletes although Dunlap and Steegman each had four infractions called against them.

Findlay's reserve team, paced by Bill Barnes, a tall colored lad who looked good enough for the varsity, won handily, 43-29 from the Ross seconds. Jim Jones and Dick Sims were high for the losers, getting eight and seven points, respectively.

Ross is booked for two encounters next week, both on the home floor.

Vic Janowicz, rated last fall as the best high school football player in Ohio, brings his sharpshooting Elyria Pioneers here Tuesday evening, and Friday finds Grant Walls

TIE IS POSSIBLE IN CAGE LEAGUE

Possibility of a three-way tie for the first half title in the Fremont Basketball league exists with Milton's Jewelers cast in the role of giant-killers. Milton takes on the Howard Zink contingent Sunday afternoon and a win for the former team would deadlock the race.

Milton's have won five and lost one game, Zink's are unbeaten, and Consolite has finished its first round schedule with six victories against one loss. A jewelry store victory would tie it all up at 6 and 1.

The first game Sunday at the Armory pits Weller-Wonderly against the Rubberman at 1:30, the Milton-Zink tilt following.

Second round in the league begins Monday evening.

STREAKS BACK INTO ACTION

St. Joseph's To Meet Green Springs Crew At Ross High Tonight

In the last warm-up prior to a series of five successive tests, the Crimson Streaks of St. Joseph's host an inexperienced Green Springs quintet tonight on the Ross hardwood.

For Bob Smith's parochials, it will represent an effort to keep alive the prospects for a banner season that glowed most brilliantly in 1946 when the Streaks walked off with the Oak Harbor cage carnival and the first trophy that a St. Joe athletic team had acquired in the last 11 years.

The Streaks enter tonight's clash with a record of five victories in six outings and an offense that has averaged 49 points per game. The lineup will be Glenn Saller and Tom Yeager at the forwards, Tom Ackerman at center, and Vince Swint and Joe Young at the guards.

Win Two in Eight
Green Springs, boasting a totally inexperienced crew after gradually riddling the starting 1946-47 lineup, has copped but two of eight outings and is the third lowest ranked opponent, the Bobcats rate a decided underdog, having beaten Townsend 41-20 while the Streaks were romping to a 77-32 triumph.

Sunday afternoon the Croghan street parochials journey to Toledo for a clash with Central Catholic's rugged crew—victor in six of seven starts.

Paced by lanky Jerry McClosky, the Toledo Irish were unbeaten until last week when Hamilton Catholic gained a 59-35 decision. Previously the Toledos had bested Gibsonburg, Lima St. Rose, Delphos St. John's, Ottoville, Toledo Lubey and Canton Central Catholic.

and his fast Norwalk team coming here to do battle.

Lineups:

		G	F	M	P	T
Findlay	28	3	1	2	3	7
Moore, f		4	2	1	4	10
Dunlap, f		4	2	1	4	10
Fassett, g		3	4	3	3	10
Steegman, g		3	5	1	3	11
Barrett, f		0	1	0	0	1
File, g		1	1	0	0	3
Wise, f		0	0	0	1	0
Gaines, f		0	0	0	0	0
Totalis		19	20	8	15	58
St. Joseph	27	4	1	0	1	6
Baron, f		2	1	1	2	5
Grubis, f		0	1	2	3	6
File, g		2	2	1	2	7
Beck, g		2	1	2	4	5
Weinhardt, g		0	0	1	1	1
Baker, f		0	0	2	5	7
Auxter, g		0	0	0	0	0
Nighawander, g		0	0	0	0	0
Bischoff, g		0	1	1	4	1
Totalis		8	11	12	24	71
Score by quarters						
Findlay		11	24	38	58	
Fremont		10	13	19	27	

		G	F	T
Findlay Res.	43	4	0	5
Huffman, f		4	0	5
File, f		2	2	6
Fassett, f		2	2	5
Gaines, g		0	0	0
Miller, c		0	0	0
Moore, g		3	0	6
Wise, f		4	0	8
Gaines, g		0	0	0
Koehler, g		0	0	0
Totalis		12	2	14
Ross Res.	29	4	0	4
Tilsworth, f		2	0	4
Baker, f		1	0	1
Haskins, f		0	0	0
Glover, g		3	2	8
Allen, g		1	1	3
Lees, g		2	0	2
Totalis		11	3	12

Officials: Bender (Ashland); Kiser (Toledo U.).

There are about 875 species of iris in the world.

ZIEMKE CREW UNDERDOG IN TOUGH CLASH

Ashland-Mansfield In Preview Of District Tournament

Boasting one of northern Ohio's strongest combines, Elyria's Pioneers invade the Ross hardwood at 8 p. m. Tuesday for a clash with the Little Giant basketballers.

The Elyrians, featuring height and a high scoring offensive, come to town with a record of five victories in eight outings—much similar to the Rossmen's mark of five wins in seven starts.

One of the pre-season favorites for Lake Shore League and northeastern Ohio district honors, the Pioneers have bumped Amherst (51-31); Akron East (44-24); Cleveland Heights (55-41); Sandusky (46-32) and Cleveland East Tech (50-40) while bowing to Mansfield's powerhouse (59-52), Lakewood (34-30) and the Alumni (45-33).

Pacing the Elyria offense will be Johnny Krusz, a 6' 3" forward and the lone junior in the starting line-up, who has hit the nets for 99 points thus far. Trailing 10 points to the rear in the individual scoring race is Vic Janowicz with 89 points from his guard berth. Paired with the former in the front court will be John Vanco with Bob Hengartner, 6' 3" football end, at center, and Bill Bock at the other guard. Alternating with this aggregation are Ollie Glass, a 1946-47 first-stringer, Ralph Moyer and Allen Struck.

Same Crew

Against this combine, Al Ziemke is expected to resort to his normal starting quintet of Dick Baron and Ralph Grubs at the forwards, Sam Sims at center, and Walter Weinhardt and Tex Frey at the guards.

A preliminary between reserve teams of the two schools will precede the varsity clash at 7 p. m. The Rossmen host Norwalk in another rugged test Friday night.

Meanwhile, over at Ashland, C. E. Taylor's unbeaten Taylor-Tots, defending district champions, collide with an unbeaten Mansfield quintet, 1946-47 district runners-up, in what is expected to be a preview of the coming tournament. The A's have copped six straight outings, one less than the Tygers.

LITTLE GIANTS AGAIN FIGURED AS UNDERDOGS

**Visitors Impressive
Against Bellevue,
Ashland**

Confronted with their third successive "test," the Little Giants of Fremont Ross meet a rugged Norwalk quintet on the Croghan street hardwood Friday night.

The Rossmen, a surprise 54-50 winner over Elyria Tuesday, will be seeking their seventh triumph in nine outings against Grant Walls' tough Norwalk five which battled Bellevue to a standstill before losing, 42-40, after previously dropping a five-point decision to Ashland's unbeaten outfit.

It will be the final clash for Al Ziemke's surprising crew, currently holding down second place in the Buckeye league, prior to meeting Bowling Green's hapless contingent a week hence.

LITTLE GIANTS HIT COMEBACK FOR DECISION

Sims, Baron Connect
To Pace Purple's
Late Attack

In another of those rousing last-minute rallies that are rapidly becoming synonymous with Ross high school's basketball efforts, the Little Giants out-pointed a stout Norwalk crew Friday night by a 49-49 margin before some 1,000 fans.

It was the seventh victory in nine outings for Al Ziemke's white-clad Fremonters and their third by a one-point margin. In only two instances have the Rossmen copped a decision by more than four points.

The Little Giants started slowly and were on the brink of defeat constantly through a lackadaisical style of play that included their poorest passing efforts of the year; a ragged defensive performance, and at times, an absolute void on rebounds.

Meanwhile, Norwalk, through the mettle of its captain, Bill Shew, who paced the individual scorers with 16 points, and an unerring accuracy from the free throw line where they converted 13 of 16 charity tosses, threatened throughout to lock up the tilt.

Late Rally Wins

It was not until the final five minutes of play that the Rossmen rallied to put the game out of the doubt and the outcome remained in doubt until the final horn which saw a last-ditch Norwalk effort fall far short of its mark from midfloor.

The visitors raced into an 8-2 first period margin as the Little Giants continually threw the ball away on attempted fast breaks. During the stretch, Ziemke's crew fired but nine times at the basket—and never once retrieved the rebound for a follow-up shot.

Tex Frey entered the tilt in the second period and appeared to instill new life in the sagging Rossmen with three successive field goals and a free throw that sent the Fremonters to the top 15-13 for the first time in the game. For the balance of the quarter it was a ding-dong affair with Shew's foul shot in the last 10 seconds enabling Norwalk to leave the floor with a 21-20 advantage.

Henry Chandler connected for three long goals near the end of the third stanza to increase the Norwalk lead to 32-33 but a comeback rally, sparked by Sam Sims and Dick Baron, proved too hot for the visiting quintet.

After three minutes of play in the fourth period, Norwalk had assumed a 45-40 command. But Frey connected on a brace of free throws, Baron added one, Bob Becker added basket while Chandler was converting a bunny try to make it 47-46. Sims connected on a bat-in try and then was flagged from the game 10 seconds later via the five-foul route. Shew deadlocked the score with the free throw.

Ralph Gruba and Walter Weinhardt each missed a charity toss in the last two minutes but Baron hit the cords from far out on the side for the eventual margin of victory and a 50-48 lead. Shew dropped another foul shot to close the gap but the Rossmen stalled through all but two of the last 35 seconds of play successfully. At that point Norwalk took the ball out of bounds, fired it in to Chandler, who had only enough time to clear his short try from the center of the floor as the horn sounded.

Sims and Baron topped the Ross firing with 15 and 14 points respectively. In the preliminary, the Ross reserves continued their last winning streak with a 33-25 decision. Dick Sherman converted 10 of 11 free throws for the margin victory.

The lineups:

Fremont	Ross	G	F	M	P	T
Baron, f		7	0	0	4	14
Gruba, c		6	0	2	3	11
Sims, c		6	3	5	5	15
Becker, g		1	0	1	0	2
Beck, g		0	0	0	2	0
Weinhardt, g		0	0	0	0	0
Frey, g		3	4	22	2	10
Total		21	13	12	50	
Norwalk	(49)	G	F	M	P	T
Chandler, f		4	3	0	2	11
McMullin, f		4	0	2	5	11
Nestor, c		1	0	2	5	8
McKinley, c		1	3	0	3	5
Sims, g		6	4	1	1	16
Wild, g		0	0	0	4	4
Borgia, g		0	0	0	0	0
Total		18	13	3	12	49
Score by quarters:		2	18	13	17-49	
Fremont		2	18	13	17-49	
Norwalk		2	13	12	12-49	
Officials:		Yost, Bourque (Carnegie Tech); Weis (Mt. Union).				

LITTLE GIANTS RATED CHOICE OVER BOBCATS

Crimson Streaks Play At Tiffin Calvert; Trojans In Test

Seeking a clear claim to second place honors in the Buckeye League race, Ross high's cage squad journeys to Bowling Green Friday night while defending champion Findlay, boasting a string of 11 successive victories and unbeaten in league play for two and a half years, is meeting one of its most severe tests at Fostoria.

The Rossmen will be in quest of their eighth win in 10 outings when they trek to the lair of the Bobcats where the latter, although victorious in only three of seven starts, are expected to turn in one of their top performances while still smarting from the sting of an inglorious 45-0 football defeat at the hands of the Fremonters last fall.

Al Ziemke's crew, clicking along at a 43-point per game pace, have copped three of their decisions by one-point margins. Off comparative scores, the Little Giants deserve the nod, having defeated Tiffin Columbian 43-40 while the Bobcats were dropping a 47-40 decision and edging Fostoria 41-40 while Bowling Green was losing 38-23.

The regular starting quintet of Ralph Grubs and Dick Baron in the front court, Sam Sims at center, and Bob Beck and Walter Weinhardt at the guards is expected to open for the Fremonters.

Against this array, Dick Van Allen will counter with Al Zimmerman and Jim Cranker at the forwards, Gene Mooney at center and Rex Simonds and Barney Firsdon at the guards.

SECOND HALF POWER TURNS BACK BOBCATS

Sam Sims Drops In 15 Points Last Half To Lead Both Quintets

Ross high cagers chalked up another Buckeye league victory Friday night, taking Bowling Green's Bobcats in stride, 57 to 35, on the Wood county seat court.

The boys mentored by Al Ziemke have dropped only one decision in the league so far this season, that to Findlay's power-house.

Bowling Green, seeking revenge for a lopsided football score at Harmon field, started out like a house afire to hold a 26-24 lead at the halftime intermission, but that was the end. The game might as well have ended at the close of the second quarter so far as Bowling Green was concerned.

Sims, Baron Hit

Sam Sims and Dick Baron started to hit the hoop in the third period and before the smoke had

Al Ziemke, Ross high cage coach, announced today that the Little Giants have booked an additional game, going to Defiance February 27.

cleared the Little Giants held an 18 point total for the quarter against five for Bowling Green.

Sims had only four points in the first half, but piled up 15 in the last two periods to compile a 19 total. Baron, held to six in the first half, came up with eight more in the last two periods.

Simons, a guard, and Mooney, center, led the Beegees crew with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

The game was unusually clean, only one lad Al Zimmerman, of Bowling Green, getting the thumb for too many rules infractions. Only 14 personal fouls were called on the Little Giants.

The Ross reserves took a 32-29 verdict, Ed Nighswander getting 10 points to top the scorers.

Ross goes to Mansfield Tuesday night to meet a mighty team, Friday night hosts Fostoria, a team it defeated earlier in the season.

Lineups:

Fremont Ross, 57	G	F	M	P	T
Grubs, f	4	1	1	1	9
Baron, f	6	2	5	2	14
Sims, c	8	3	2	1	19
Beck, g	1	1	2	4	3
Winnhardt, g	3	0	0	2	6
Auster, f	0	0	0	0	0
Bischoff, c	0	0	0	1	0
Frey, g	2	0	1	2	4
Beeker, f	1	0	0	1	2
Totals	25	7	11	14	57
Bowling Green, 38	G	F	M	P	T
Johns, f	1	0	3	2	2
Cranker, f	3	0	0	3	6
Mooney, c	5	0	2	1	10
Simonds, g	5	4	1	2	14
Zimmerman, g	0	0	0	1	1
Firrador, f	2	1	2	0	5
Sautter, g	0	0	0	0	0
Wittie, f	0	0	0	2	0
Adams, g	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	16	6	9	16	38
Score by quarters:					
Ross			9	24	43
Bowling Green			13	26	31

Ross Res., 32	Bowling Gr., 29
Nighsw., f	2
Titsworth, f	1
Jones, c	3
Glover, g	2
Lee, g	2
Stoner, f	0
Blair, g	0
White, g	1
Haskins, f	1
Suter, g	0
Totals	11 10
Officials: Kaiser, Toledo, U., and Dickhaut, Baldwin-Wallace.	Totals 10 9

LITTLE GIANTS SEEK 9TH WIN IN 11 OUTINGS

Tygers Paced By High Scoring Nick Gagich; Height Featured

Seeking their ninth victory in 11 outings and one of the most astounding upsets of the campaign, Al Ziemke's Ross high cagers invade Mansfield Tuesday for their annual clash with a powerful Tyger quintet.

Paced by All-Ohio Nick Gagich, a three-year letterman, the Tygers have romped to nine victories in 11 starts thus far, bowing only to Ashland's unbeaten "Taylor-Tots," 1947 district tournament champions, and Springfield.

The A's ended a six-game Mansfield winning streak with a 41-31 conquest, while Springfield again upset the Tyger hopes Saturday night with a last-ditch 30-29 triumph that wrote another upset into the state's scholastic cage annals.

Gagich, who tallied 207 points in Mansfield's first 10 contests, needs only an eight-point average for the balance of the season to shatter the school's all-time scoring record.

Tough Proposition

Operating from a guard berth, Gagich has proven equally dangerous from all parts of the floor during the current campaign in averaging 20.7 points per game.

Height is the keynote in the Tygers' success with Burt Lindsey, 6' 3", 220-pound Negro giant at center, the bulwark on rebound work, aided in a double pivot offensive by forward Norb Shibinski, who tips the beams at 205 pounds on a 6' 2" frame. Teaming with the latter will be Paul Ferguson, the midget of the crew at 5' 7", while Shelley Swank, a 5' 11" letterman hold-over pairs with Gagich in the back court.

Against this combine, Ziemke is expected to utilize his "first-string six" composed of Dick Baron and Ralph Grubs at the forwards, Sam Sims at center, and Tex Frey, Bob Beck and Walter Weinhardt splitting the guard assignments.

The Rossmen will be seeking a report performance of their 1947 effort when Sims, Weinhardt, Baron and Beck teamed with Dick Poreczak, lone commencement "fatality," for an upset 37-31 victory over the Tygers here. Only Gagich returns from that Mansfield starting crew.

TYGERS LEAD THROUGHOUT FOR 10TH WIN

Numerous Fouls Mar
Tilt; Gagich
Bags 20

Back home from a long and sad road trip to Mansfield Al Ziemke's Ross high basketballers returned to lengthy practice grinds today in preparation for the defense of their Buckeye League runner-up laurels.

The Little Giants, who dropped a 60-43 foul-laden decision to Mansfield Tuesday night on the Tygers' hardwood, host Fostoria's dangerous Redmen Friday with a victory virtually clinching second place in the Buckeye circuit. First place is out of the question for the entire loop ensemble—Findlay's five-time champion Trojans once again appear to be an entire circuit in themselves.

Little can be added on the Mansfield affray. The Fremonters were "figured" to lose. And they did. Despite a terrific scrap and some of the best ball handling of the campaign, the Rossmen simply couldn't hit—they made only 19 percent of all field goal attempts.

Nick Gagich continued to live up to his advance billing, and the 20 points which the Tyger All-Ohio guard scored from all over the floor proved the big margin of difference along with a decided height advantage which enabled the Mansfield crew to completely control the rebounds.

Sam Sims paced the Little Giants with a 15 point barrage while Ralph Grubs, Dick Baron and Tex Frey each bagged seven points.

Mansfield romped into a 17-8 first quarter lead as Burt Lindsay connected for six points and Gagich added five. The latter came up with another half-dozen markers in the second stanza which ended 30-19 and then Norb Shibuski picked up the Tyger attack with a seven-point outburst in the third canto which saw the count moved to 43-26. Each quintet registered 17 points in the last period with Sims getting six and Gagich seven. The latter converted eight of 10 charity tosses and added six field goals.

In the preliminary, the Ross reserves dropped a bitterly-contested 31-30 count to the Tygers.

The lineups:

Fremont (43)	G	F	M	P	T
Grubs, f	3	1	1	1	7
Baron, f	3	1	0	2	6
Beeler, f	0	3	1	5	8
Sims, c	6	3	2	4	15
Beck, g	2	2	0	5	9
Weinhardt, g	0	1	0	1	1
Frey, g	2	3	1	3	9
Bischoff, g	0	1	1	1	3
Totals	14	15	9	22	43

Mansfield (60)	G	F	M	P	T
Shibuski, f	7	0	0	0	7
Ferguson, f	0	1	1	0	1
Russell, f	0	0	0	2	0
Lindsay, c	3	1	1	5	9
Weaver, c	0	2	0	0	2
Gagich, g	6	8	2	3	20
Sims, g	6	0	1	4	11
Carver, g	0	2	0	0	2
Dernyon, g	0	3	0	2	2
Totals	22	16	8	20	60

Score by quarters:					
Fremont	8	11	7	17	43
Mansfield	17	13	13	17	60
Officials:	Bender		Machley		

Fremont Res.	G	F	M	P	T
(30)	(31)				
Nighsider, f	1	3	Anderson, f	0	1
Titsworth, f	0	1	Cline, f	6	0
Sherman, f	4	6	Schmidt, f	1	2
Jones, c	1	2	Fowler, c	1	2
Glover, g	0	1	Thorn, g	1	1
Lee, g	1	1	Sazdanoff, g	2	1
Baker, g	1	0	Jenkins, g	1	1
Totals	8	14	Totals	12	7
Score by quarters:					
Fremont	4	9	9	8	30
Mansfield	5	9	7	10	31

SECOND PLACE AT STAKE FOR TILT TONIGHT

Auto Accident Hits St. Joe Reserve Strength

In what is rated as another of those bitterly contested, "dog-eat-dog" Fremont-Fostoria rivalries, Al Ziemke's Little Giant cagers place their runner-up honors in the Buckeye League race on the block tonight when they host a rangy, potentially powerful Redman crew at Ross high school. Game time is 8 p. m. with reserve teams of the two schools meeting an hour earlier.

Meanwhile, Bob Smith's St. Joseph's quintet treks to Carey where they will be operating without the services of Jimmy Notheis, first-line replacement, who was injured Thursday evening in an auto-train mishap at the Hayes avenue crossing of the New York Central railroad.

It marked the second time within two weeks that the Crimson Streaks had lost a key cog. Joe Young, hit with a touch of rheumatic fever, missed the parochials' last two games and is a possible loss for the balance of the campaign.

When Art Wilson's Fostorians move onto the Ross gym, it will mark the opening of another of those "anything can happen" games for which the Rossmen are rapidly becoming noted this year. Of their eight victories in 11 outings, three have been by one-point margins—including a 40-39 decision over the Redmen last month, one was by three points, and another by a four-point margin.

Tough Defense

The Redmen, who bowed to Findlay's rugged, state championship bound Trojans, 44-19, in their last outing, exhibited one of the stoutest defenses Carl Bachman's Buckeye League leaders have encountered thus far.

There is a possibility that Fostoria will shift to a tight zone defense against the Little Giants tonight in an effort to shake Carlos Jackson and Johnny Royer loose on fast-breaks. Ray Fostorius at center and Pug Lowmaster and Ed Cotter at the guards will complete Wilson's starting crew.

Against this will be a vastly improved white-clad Croghan street squad which will accent a double pivot with Sam Sims and Ralph Grubs attempting to counter from alternate sides of the "keyhole," and Dick Baron, Bob Beck and Walter Weinhardt doing the work from the floor.

LITTLE GIANTS PLAY LAGGARD BALL IN LOSS

Outcome Ties Up Race
For Runner-Up Post
In Buckeye Loop

Outclassed for the final 22 minutes of play by a rangy Fostoria quintet which took advantage of numerous poor passes and a lackadaisical performance on rebounds off both baskets, Ross high Little Giants bowed to the Redmen Friday night, 39-32, before one of the largest crowds of the local cage game.

Art Ziemke's Buckeyes started off as if to make short work of the invading Fostorians. During the first 10 minutes of play, the Croghan streeters romped into a long 10-4 lead—then the roof fell in.

What had been a deliberate, set offensive pattern up to that point suddenly revolted into a fire-horse brand of play which enabled the Redmen to deadlock the count in the next 75 seconds. Once in the van, Art Wilson's crew was never headed.

The tilt followed the same general outline of most Ross-Fostoria clashes, be they football or basketball. The game was extremely rough in spots and very slow in others. Both teams were not too exceptional for either quintet—in fact it was only the deadly accuracy of Jim Cotter from mid-floor that enabled the Fostorians to win despite the Little Giants' sluggishness.

Visitors Top Attack

Offensively, the Redmen were far superior last night. They tallied 15 field goals while the Rossites were connecting on only 12. At the same time, Ziemke's crew only fired 33 times at the basket—an average some 50 percent off the normal median.

On defense, the Redmen continuously shifted from a zone to a man-to-man and back to a zone again. The Fostorians encountered not too much difficulty in solving the zone pattern—but the man-to-man style in the second and fourth periods completely throttled their offensive efforts.

Ray Pastorious completely dominated the rebounds while Cotter and Dick Baron topped the point-making department. On defense, Dick Baron was particularly outstanding for the first three periods as he came up with his best performance of the year.

Beck opened the scoring in the first 10 seconds of the game on a bunny shot and, after Pastorious and Charlie Switzer had sent Fostoria in front, 4-2, Sam Sims connected on a pair of free throws in a two-minute period to again place Ross on top. The first period ended with the count at 8-4. Ralph Grubbs dumped in an overhead try at the outset of the second period—and then for the remaining 7 minutes and 35 seconds, the Little Giants' attack consisted of three free throws. Meanwhile, Cotter looked for two free throws, and he and Charles Jackson made it 10-10 with a short fielder. When Gerry Schumaker connected on a sleeper, the Redmen were in front to stay. At the intermission it was 19-13.

Fostoria moved out to a 25-17 lead in the third stanza and then Ross battled back on a free throw by Sims; two by Baron, one by Wilson, one by Cotter, and a Baron basket to make it 25-24. The Redmen halted the threat with a time-out and then Johnny Royer bagged four quick points to make it 29-24 at the end of the stanza.

The final period was a ding-dong affair until the final 3 1/2 minutes when the Redmen went on a six-point spree to ice the outcome. Cotter, who deserved the two teams for runner-up honors in the Buckeye League race, two full games behind Findlay.

In the reserve game, the Rossites staged a last-ditch uprising for a 25-24 verdict. Grade school teams from Atkinson and Hayes competed in an "added" attraction which proved to be much of a crowd puller although little attempt was made to keep score.

The Lineups:

	F	M	P	T
Fremont (32)	2	0	2	4
Grubbs, f	6	4	0	14
Baron, f	6	4	0	14
Beck, f	6	4	0	14
Sims, c	2	2	3	24
Wenckebach, g	1	0	0	2
Beck, g	0	0	0	0
Frey, g	0	0	0	2
T. Jackson, g	1	0	0	12
Fostoria (30)	5	1	0	11
Jackson, f	5	1	1	7
Royer, f	2	0	1	3
Pastorius, c	2	0	1	3
Cotter, g	6	0	5	12

Sports Scribes To Fete Yank Pilot Feb. 1

NEW YORK, Jan. 24—UP—Manager Bucky Harris of the New York Yankees, who took a dispirited and disgruntled bunch of bad players and led them to a world championship, was named today by New York baseball writers to receive their annual Bill Slocum award for long and meritorious service to the sport.

The 51-year-old Yankee pilot will be presented the award at the annual dinner of the New York writers on February 1, climaxing a long managerial career which started when he won two pennants in a row as the "boy wonder" of the Washington Senators in 1924 and 1925.

Harris was selected for the award for his accomplishment in restoring the Yankees the pre-war eminence that made them the most feared dynasty in baseball—and he had to battle almost overwhelming odds to get the job done.

The wrinkle-faced one-time coal mine employee from Pittston, Pa., didn't want to manage the Yankees, but he agreed to take over the job in 1947 when Larry MacPhail was unable to find another capable pilot available.

At the start of the campaign, the players grumbled over interference with operations of the team by MacPhail, who arranged for them to do all of their traveling by plane and who ordered them to make frequent banquet speeches and other public appearances.

Bucky's darkest day as Manager was on May 22 when the team was on the verge of open revolt. Four stars, Joe DiMaggio, Charley Keller, Aaron Robinson and Johnny Lindell had been fined for not posing for army photographers and two other players, both rookies, were fined for not attending a banquet.

War Vets Insert In Cage Game

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 24—UP—A red-shirted team that takes its basketball sitting down has elevated the cage game to a new sporting high.

And these war-wise Charioteers from the paraplegic ward at McGuire veterans hospital here are proving to the customers and opponents—that theirs is no armchair outfit.

A varsity spot on the McGuire five calls for a better-than-average athlete with an educated arm and an eye for the goal. Legs don't count for a thing.

Wheelchair basketball was introduced by a navy doctor, Commandant Gerald Gray, who made sure that every young athlete who failed to walk away from the war could still play the game. Birmingham general hospital at Van Nuys, Cal., started the ball rolling and the word soon got to energetic Bill Prickett at McGuire's.

Prickett is a 24-year-old ex-army P-45 who lost the use of his legs in a girdle crash at Dayton, O., during the war. He now blows the whistle and the vets roll up for instruction.

Undefeated, Too

The Charioteers, coached by Clair Kaltreider, a member of the hospital corrective therapy staff, play to win. Take a look at the record—two games played, two games won. They wallowed their more able-bodied colleagues at McGuire 30 to 8 and handed the same

Switzer, g 1 2 1 0 4
Schumaker, g 2 0 0 0 4
Totals 18 3 11 9 39

Score by quarters: 8 5 11 8-32

Fremont 4 15 10 16-39

Officials: Schaurman (Defiance); Koch (Lima).

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Reserves **Fosteria Res.** **G F**
(24) **Fosteria Res.** **G F**
Nighsider, f 1 1 Underw'd, f 1 0
Herman, f 5 1 Claude, f 2 0
Jones, c 1 4 Cook, g 1 1
Glover, g 0 0 Davis, g 2 0
Swartzl, g 0 0 Mitchell, g 0 0
Totals Totals 10 4

Score by quarters: 1 9 5 10-25

Fremont Reserves 5 8 7 4-24

Fosteria Reserves 5 8 7 4-24

LAST-MINUTE FREE THROW DECIDES TILT

Dick Baron Outpoints
Dean Todd In Wild
Basket Spree

Their luck still as good as ever in the "close ones," Ross high's Little Giant basketballers added the scalp of Bellevue's Redmen to their list. Tuesday night—and a few more gray hairs to the head of Coach Al Ziemke—when they came up with a 39-38 last-second victory, the fourth time this season that the Fremonters have hung up a one-point decision and it was their ninth victory in 13 starts. The Rossmen beat the Bellevueans, who threatened throughout the affray, posted their fifth loss in 12 starts.

Although it was a head-and-shoulders affair between Dick Baron, Ross forward, and Dean Todd, blonde Bellevue center, that attracted most attention, a lowly member of the Sims, Tex Frey and Bob Beck came up with outstanding efforts.

Baron Bags 23

Baron notched the individual scoring honors with 11 field goals and a free throw for 23 points. Both the figures were either behind their attempts. A tight zone defense, in which Baron "pulled" two men every time he entered the Ross paint, forced the Little Giant forward to fire from far out on the court at virtually every describable angle. And he connected with remarkable precision.

Meanwhile, the Rossmen's hopes were wrapped up in Todd. During the first half, Ralph Grube and Sims covered the Bellevue flash so effectively that it was largely ineffective. But in the last two cantos, Todd was feinting the defense out of position with remarkable speed and connection, and was laying up tries.

While the game was actually decided from the foul line where Ross converted 13 of 23 attempts while Bellevue was 11 of 21, it was the ability of Weinhardt to join Sims and Baron in the point-making department that proved a very important factor.

Scored 16 points, while Weinhardt connected for 11. For Bellevue, Todd checked in with 18 points and Ted Nyerges and Milt Bruckner each sent 14 through the hoops.

Ross broke in front as Baron and Weinhardt hit in quick succession. But the Redmen took over on an eight-point spree before Grube sent one through the hoops in the final 15 seconds to give Ross a 12-10 lead at the end of the first period.

Ziemke's crew ran this to 18-10 in the first three minutes of the second stanza but Kenny Sampson's red-letter visitors fought back to 20-18. Bruckner added from there on in it was a ball game. The intermission saw the count tied again at 21.

Weinhardt started a third-quarter rally which sent the Rossmen to the fore, 43-41—but the score was tied up on three more occasions prior to the home. In the final canto, Weinhardt bagged a basket and a brace of free throws to extend the Ross advantage to 47-41. At that, the visitors, while the Little Giants had a four-point lead. But Bruckner flipped in a pair of foul shots, as did Nyerges and Jim Gabel, adding to the score while Baron was retaliating for the Rossmen to make the count 53-52 with 55 second remaining.

Sampson, while attempting a pivot shot by Bruckner, when the Ross center converted the first attempt, he—acting as cut—slid to the floor, the ball out of bounds, a midcourt. The final 30 second saw Bellevue commit three more infractions, on which they lost Todd and Jim Lepley in an effort to break up the Little Giants stalling tactics.

In the preliminary, the Rossers prepared a 25-23 verdict to the Redmen.

The Redmen:

Team	G	F	M	P	T
Bellevue (58)	11	1	2	1	23
Baron, f	11	1	2	1	23
Bruckner, f	4	6	3	2	14
Todd, c	9	0	5	2	16
Frey, g	0	1	1	0	2
LaSalle, c	0	0	0	0	0
John, g	3	1	1	0	5
Lepley, g	3	1	1	0	5
Jack Gabel, g	0	0	0	1	0
Total	24	10	11	21	66

Score by quarters:

Team	1	2	3	4	T
Bellevue	12	12	15	16	59
Ross	11	11	12	12	46

Officials: Pete Spald (Findlay);

Joe Winters (Gardner).

Ross Res. (23) Bellevue Res. (25)

Team	F	G	M	P	T
Night'sider, f	1	0	1	0	2
Spald, f	1	0	1	0	2
Glover, f	1	0	1	0	2
John, g	0	1	1	0	2
Lee, g	0	0	1	0	1
Bruckner, g	0	0	1	0	1
Total	2	2	2	0	6

Score by quarters:

Team	1	2	3	4	T
Bellevue	2	5	2	6	15

Trojans Rated Top Spot For League Title

Seeking the season's most terrific upset, Al Ziemke's lightly regarded Ross high basketballers trek to Findlay Friday to do battle with Carl Bachman's undefeated combine which has now turned to the collegiate ranks in an effort to obtain "suitable competition."

Anything but an overwhelming victory for the Trojans could be classed as a moral victory. The only reasonable likeness between the two combines will be the fact that each will be allowed to play only five men at a time. From there on in, the odds all favor the Findlayites who will be in quest of their sixth successive Buckeye League diadem.

In a previous meeting between the two on the Ross hardwood the Little Giants received a 57-28 buffeting which about tells the tale of Bachman's success thus far. In posting 15 successive victories, the Trojans were extended only once—and that by an "in-and-out" Columbus Bexley quintet that has lost seven of 11 starts. The Trojans squeaked through that one, 20-27, but never since has their margin of victory been less than eight points.

Findlay has averaged 54 points over a long, rock-studded schedule that lists only two games after tomorrow night's encounter.

Tall Team

Against Bachman's starting lineup of six-footers which includes Bob Moore and Jack Dunlap at the forwards; Dick Barrett at the pivot and Al Steegman and Joe Fassett in the backcourt, the not so big Little Giants will open with Ralph Grubs and Dick Baron up front; Sam Sims in the slot, and Bob Beck and Walter Weinhardt at the guards.

Bob Beeker, who alternates with Grubs at a forward post, will be out of the Ross lineup with an eye infection.

While the Rossmen are away, St. Joe's aspiring Crimson Streaks will be seeking to return to the win column on the Little Giants' hardwood when they entertain Tiffin Calvert.

Bob Smith's crew, smarting from a 44-36 setback at the hands of a rangy Gibsonburg quintet Tuesday, will again be minus the services of first-string guard Joe Young. Replacing the latter will be Jack House who sparkled on defense against the Golden Bears, with Vince Swint forming the other half of the rear-court duo. Tom Ackerman will be at center and Glenn Saller and Tommy Yeager in the front court.

Jimmy Noethis, lost to the squad for several weeks due to an auto accident, is expected to rejoin the unit for the affray.

St. Joe will be seeking its 11th victory in 15 outings while Calvert has copped three of eight games.

TROJANS LEAD ENTIRE WAY IN POSTING NO. 16

Little Giants Unable To Connect From Field In Tilt

Carl Bachman and Co., the pride of Findlay, wrapped up their sixth successive Buckeye League championship today and started serious prep for the long, rough tournament schedule after blasting a game but outclassed Ross crew, 62-34, Friday night.

The win was No. 16 in the Findlay Trojans' 1947-48 victory parade and virtually assured them of an undefeated season as only Fostoria and Bowling Green remain on the regular season schedule. For Al Ziemke's Rossmen, it was the fifth setback in 15 outings and all but knocked the Little Giants out of any possible seeding consideration for the coming district Class A tourney to be held at Sandusky.

While the count was a little lopsided, it was the point-making ability of Joe Fassett, Bob Moore and Dick Barrett that actually spelled defeat for the Fremonters as the above trio bagged 16, 14, and 15 points respectively.

The Rossmen, unable to connect from the floor, were never in the ball game as Findlay overcame a 1-0 deficit in the first 90 seconds and went on to a 12-5 first quarter advantage. The intermission saw Bachman's rangy crew, which averages over six feet, in front, 34-14.

Third Quarter Even

Only in the third period, where Sam Sims connected for all of the Little Giants' eight points, were the Trojans held on even terms. Then, paced by Dunlap and Fassett, they unleashed a 20-point spurt in the final chapter to boost their scoring average for the campaign above the 55-point per game mark.

Sims was the lone Fremonter able to connect with any consistency, bagging 12 points on four field goals and as many free throws. It was in this latter department only that Ross outshone the host Trojans. The latter converted only eight of 24 attempts from the foul line while Ziemke's crew dropped half of their 20 charity tosses through the hoop.

Bob Beck was lost to the Rossmen via the five-foul route in the third stanza while Findlay's Al Steegman was waved to the bench early in the fourth quarter for the same cause.

The lineups:

Fremont Ross (34)	G	F	M	P	T
Gros, f	0	0	1	0	0
Becker, f	2	0	2	4	4
Baron, f	3	0	0	0	6
Auxter, f	2	0	3	3	4
Sims, c	4	4	2	2	12
Beck, g	1	3	0	5	5
Frey, g	0	3	2	4	3
Weinhardt, g	0	0	0	1	0
Bischoff, g	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	12	11	10	24	34
Findlay (62)	G	F	M	P	T
Moore, f	8	0	1	0	16
Dunlap, f	2	5	4	2	9
Wise, f	2	0	0	3	4
File, f	1	0	0	0	2
Barrett, c	7	1	2	0	15
Gaines, c	0	0	0	1	0
Fassett, g	7	2	6	2	16
Steegman, g	0	0	3	5	0
Wiesner, g	0	0	0	2	0
Gaines, g	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	8	16	17	62

Score by quarters:

Fremont Ross 5 9 8 12-34
Findlay 12 22 8 20-62
Officials: Soweecke (OSU); Longley (BG).

BLUE STREAKS LEAD THROUGH MOST OF TILT

Little Giants' Hopes Of Tourney 'Seed' Are Blasted

Another of those hot rivalries between Fremont Ross and Sandusky was renewed Friday night on the Blue Streaks' hardwood with Vic Malinovsky's host crew blowing "hot" to cap an "in-and-out" session with an upset 56-48 victory over the Little Giants.

The loss was a blow to the Fremonters' hopes of gaining one of the seeded posts in the Class A district tournament at the drawings to be conducted today at the Sandusky junior high school. Mansfield, Ashland and Mansfield Madison have virtually clinched three of the coveted posts while Ross and Bellevue were the chief rivals for the fourth. However, Bellevue blasted Sandusky, 50-39, Tuesday night and this factor will no doubt be very influential when the coaches vote on the seeding.

For 18 minutes, the game was an exact replica of those many "dog-eat-dog" jousts between the schools in the past. Neither team could gain an advantage although the Blue Streaks succeeded in effecting a slender lead during most of the play.

But, with the count at 23-22 in favor of Sandusky, Malinovsky's crew took off on a five-point jaunt for their largest lead thus far and then proceeded to bang away at the hoops with a better than average percentage during the final 14 minutes for their seventh win in 13 starts. For the Rossmen, it was the sixth defeat in 16 outings.

Baron Held In Check

Don Barth was the big wheel in Sandusky's scoring cog as he looped nine field goals and five throws through the cords for 23 points to top the individual scorers. For the Rossmen, Dick Weinhardt held scoreless during the first half and flashed four baskets and a like number of charity tosses for 12 points during a second-half spurt for the pace-setting role while Sam Sims and Walter Weinhardt each found the nets for 10 points.

Ernie Nimmons paced the Blue Streaks in the opening canto in which Ross trailed 9-7, although deadlocking the issue on two occasions. Al Ziemke's crew took over for the first time when Sims dumped in a pivot shot for a 12-11 advantage in the first two minutes of the second canto but the Streaks rung up five quick counters to again take over. In the final two minutes, Weinhardt tied the issue at 19-19 but baskets by Nimmons and Barth gave the Sanduskians a 23-20 margin at the intermission.

Sims opened the third quarter with a two-pointer but another five-point flurry gave Sandusky 28-22 lead which Ross was never successful in whittling to less than four points.

In the reserve game, the Blue Streaks walked off with a 39-32 decision over the Little Giant second-stringers.

	F	M	P	T
Fremont, f	3	4	0	7
Barth, f	4	4	2	12
Beeker, f	1	2	1	4
Sims, c	4	2	0	10
Weinhardt, f	4	2	3	9
Beck, g	1	4	3	8
Frey, g	1	0	3	2
Total, f	18	12	12	48
Sandusky, f	1	4	1	7
Mularoni, f	9	5	1	23
Barth, f	0	0	1	0
Chapman, f	0	0	0	0
Kastor, f	0	0	0	0
Nimmons, c	6	1	0	13
Thomas, c	1	1	1	3
Hommel, g	1	2	1	4
Blough, g	0	1	0	1
Long, g	0	0	1	0
Total, f	20	16	7	56

Score by quarters:

	1	2	3	4
Fremont	7	13	13	15
Sandusky	9	14	18	15

	Fremont Res.	Sandusky Res.		
Titusworth, f	6	0		
Sherman, f	3	0		
McGhie, f	3	2		
Jones, c	2	2		
Baker, c	0	0		
Glover, g	2	2		
Houser, g	0	0		
Haskins, g	0	0		
Total, f	14	11		
Score by quarters:				
Fremont	9	2	6	15
Sandusky	9	6	14	10

ROSS TO HOST BEEGEE FIVE

The 1947-48 campaign all but over, excepting the long tournament road leading to the state championship, Al Ziemke's Ross high cagers host Bowling Green's quintet Friday in a twin bill that is slated to get under way at 7 p. m.

A second place deadlock with Fostoria in the Buckeye league chase will be the goal of the Little Giants who blasted the Bobcats, 57-38, in an earlier meeting. It will be the last home game of the season for the Rossmen who have copped 10 of 16 outings and need to triumph over Bowling Green and Defiance (there, February 27) to equal last year's won-lost record.

Ziemke's normal starting lineup, with Dick Baron and Ralph Brubs in the front court; Sam Sims at center, and Walter Weinhardt and Bob Beck at the guards, will undoubtedly open against Dick Van Allen's B. G. crew which has won only five of 14 starts.

The varsity clash is to start at 8 p. m., with reserve teams of the two schools colliding an hour earlier.

Listless Play Marks 7th Loss Of Campaign For Little Giants

Exhibiting one of their poorest games of the campaign, Ross high school's Little Giant basketballers succumbed to a red-hot Bowling Green aggregation, 39-27, in a slow, and oft-times listless, affair here Friday night before a poor crowd of some 500 hardy souls.

It was the seventh setback in 17 outings for Al Ziemke's Rossmen who trailed through all but the first three minutes of play. For Dick Van Allen's Bobcats, it was the second Buckeye League victory of the race and assured the BeeGees of no worse than a cellar tie with Tiffin Columbian.

In some circles the tilt could be rated as perhaps the circuit's most startling reversal of the season, too, since the Little Giants had humbled Bowling Green, 57-38, in a previous outing.

But to the few faithful who witnessed the clash, there was never any question as to the final outcome. For the Rossmen exhibited their poorest all-around play of the year. Passes were poorly timed. Dribbling was sloppy. Shots were haphazard. Ditto for rebound work. And the defense didn't click.

Add to this the fact that only on 10 of 66 occasions did a try from the field penetrate the nets and you have a good summation of the defeat.

On the other hand, the Bobcats were hotter than the proverbial firecracker from the floor and their pressing defense appeared to completely befuddle the Little Giants' offensive gestures.

At only one stage—midway through the third stanza—did it appear as though the locals might make a stand of it. But they then shifted from a pressing defense they had employed for some 150 seconds back into a sedate zone and the ball game was over.

Dave Witte, a recent newcomer to the Bobcats' starting lineup, topped the individual scorers with 12 points while Sam Sims and Barney Firsdon came in with 11 apiece.

After a torrid 21-point first quarter, in which Van Allen's crew connected on virtually every thing they threw at the hoops, the tilt gradually slowed in stature until the third period when the total of

fense of both squads was nine points.

In the preliminary clash, the Ross reserves bowed to a last-minute onslaught by the Bobcats, 35-32, as Ed Nighswander took the scoring honors with nine counters.

It was the final home appearance of the year for the Little Giants.

The lineups:

Fremont (27)	G	F	M	P	T
Baron, f	2	0	0	1	4
Grubs, f	2	0	0	1	4
Beeker, f	0	0	1	1	0
Sims, c	3	5	6	3	11
Beck, g	1	1	3	5	2
Weinhardt, g	1	0	0	1	2
Bischoff, g	1	1	1	1	3
Auxter, g	0	0	0	0	0
Frey, g	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	10	7	12	13	27

Bowling Green (39)	G	F	M	P	T
Mooney, f	0	2	5	2	2
Cranker, f	4	0	0	2	8
Sautter, f	0	0	0	1	0
Witte, c	6	0	0	4	12
Simonds, c	0	2	0	1	2
Zimmerman, g	1	2	2	0	4
Firsdon, g	5	1	1	2	11
Johns, g	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	16	7	8	15	39

Score by quarters:	Fremont	Bowling Green
1	9	15
2	15	21
3	21	27
4	27	39

Officials: Tom Bender; Ike Trubey.

Ross Res. (32)	B. G. Res. (35)
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G	F	G	F		
Sherman, f	1	4	Ketner, f	2	1
Nighs'er, f	4	1	Loomis, f	1	0
Jones, c	0	2	Pearson, c	2	4
Boucher, c	1	0	Muellich, c	1	1
Lee, g	1	0	Richards, c	0	2
Glover, g	2	1	Sautter, g	1	3
Titsw'th, g	0	2	Johnston, g	2	1
Baker, g	2	0	Carr, g	2	1
Totals	11	10	Totals	11	13

Score by quarters:	Fremont	Bowling Green
1	9	13
2	13	23
3	23	32
4	32	35

Little Giants Close Season With Defiance

Tragedy struck the Ross high school cagers Wednesday as Al Ziemke's crew was going through final preps for the season's finale, scheduled for Defiance Friday.

In a scrimmage with the reserve team, Ralph Grubs, first string forward completing his first year of varsity competition, sustained a broken foot when he twisted the member after taking a rebound from the backboard.

A senior and All-Buckeye league football tackle, Grubs will be sidelined for the first time this year when the Little Giants tackle Defiance and then move into district tournament play.

Replacing the 6' 2" mainstay will be Bob Beeker who will team with Dick Baron in the front court. Sam Sims will be back at center with Bob Beck and Walter Weinhardt at the guards.

Ross Rated

Off comparative scores, the Rossmen rate a decided choice over Defiance—but their play in the last two outings against Sandusky and Bowling Green has been anything but promising.

The Bobcats blasted Defiance, 69-43, while the Little Giants trounced the Bee Gees, 57-38, before losing by a 39-27 count here last Friday.

Meanwhile, Faculty Manager John Titsworth announced that tickets for the district tournament, which opens at Sandusky Wednesday night, were placed on sale at the Ross high school principal's office at noon today.

Ross has been allotted a combination of 500 adult-student du-cats and purchases will be re-stricted to four per sale.

(The Little Giants meet Norwalk in the first round of the tourney, Wednesday, at 8:30 p. m. Ashland and Tiffin Columbian open the carnival 90 minutes earlier.)

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The tilt got rough in the last half during which the Rossmen were awarded 18 charity attempts, 11 of which went to Beck. The percentage from the free throw line, however, did not greatly affect the outcome for Ziemke's eagles succeeded in converting only 12 of 32 attempts.

It was a deficiency in the same department that led to the 27-24 defeat of the Ross reserves in the opener. Here the Little Giants bagged only four of 16 tries as Bill Sherman stole the point-making role with a 16-point effort.

The lineups:

AD LITTLE GIANTS		HS	
		G	F
Baron, f	.....	0	1
Becker, f	.....	0	0
Hulka, f	.....	0	0
Sims, c	.....	5	1
Weinhardt, g	.....	6	0
Birnhofer, g	.....	0	1
Frey, g	.....	2	8
Beck, g	.....	7	5
Auxter, g	.....	1	2
Totals	.....	26	12
Defiance	(35)	G	F
Wrigley, f	.....	0	1
Sterrett, f	.....	0	1
Duerck, f	.....	1	2
Osborn, f	.....	2	2
Speiser, c	.....	4	2
Lehman, c	.....	1	0
Bridenbaugh, g	.....	1	0
Warnament, g	.....	0	3
Zeschke, g	.....	1	0
Squire, g	.....	1	0
Roff, g	.....	0	2
Totals	.....	11	13

Officials: Dave McMurray (Mich St.); Art Morse (Toledo).

Ross Reserves		Defiance Res.			
(24)	G	F	(27)	G	F
Nighsler, f	1	1	Squire, f	2	1
Titsworth, f	0	0	Warnamt, f	2	1
Shemman, f	2	0	Lehman, g	0	0
Jones, c	1	0	Behringer, g	3	0
Nesbit, c	0	0			
Lee, g	0	0			
Glover, g	1	1			
Totals	10	4	Totals	10	7

Findlay Dominates All-Buckeye League Quintet; Baron Named

Despite the fact that they finished in third place, two full games ahead of Bowling Green and three games in front of the cellar-dwelling Tiffin Columbians, the Little Giants of Fremont Ross were almost totally overlooked in the annual balloting of the circuit's coaches for the all-star selections.

As expected, Findlay's championship and undefeated Trojans dominated the poll, taken for the first time as an official league action following a recommendation to that effect made several months ago by the The News-Messenger.

Of Carl Bachman's starting quintet, only Jackie Dunlap missed the first team—and he wound up pacing the second squad. Bulwarking the varsity were Bob Moore of Findlay and Carlos Jackson of Fostoria in the front court; Dick Barrett of Findlay at center, and Al Steegeman and Joe Fassett, also of the Trojans, at the guard posts.

Dick Baron, the circuit's high individual scorer in the 1945-46 campaign, was named to represent Ross on the second team, pairing with Dunlap at the forwards. Ray Pastorious, lanky Fostoria pivot man, was placed at center, and Jimmy Cranker of Bowling Green and Paul Harrison of Columbian received the nod at the guard posts.

Honorable mention went to Sam Sims of Ross; Jim Cotter, Fostoria; Tom Company and Glen Bare, Tiffin, and Al Zimmerman and Norm Mooney, both of Bowling Green.

Of the first team, all but Jackson are seniors while Pastorious and Cranker are both under class members of the "reserves." Jackson, Moore and Steegeman were deadlocked in the individual balloting with Fassett and Barrett only a shade to the rear.

Pro Ring Debut Ends In Death; Second Fatality In Seven Days

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 28.—UP—Police and boxing authorities today investigated the death of Leroy DeCatur, 20-year-old boxer who dropped dead last night during his first professional fight.

DeCatur collapsed in the last round of his four-round fight with Frederico Herrera, 20, of Yuma, Ariz. He went down so suddenly that some of the fans in Legion Stadium booted him.

DeCatur had never been knocked out in his 40 amateur bouts. The young Negro lightweight, a track and football star at Jefferson high school, had a slight edge as his fight went into the fourth round. None of the blows exchanged had appeared exceptionally hard.

Then Herrera connected with a left hook to the body and followed with a right to the jaw.

DeCatur stood upright for about two seconds. He appeared stunned. Then he crumpled to the canvas. His head hit the ring floor hard. Ringsiders said he never moved after that.

DeCatur was carried from the ring on a stretcher and Dr. William F. Carver applied artificial respiration for 15 minutes in an attempt to revive him. The fighter's death was not announced to the near-capacity crowd.

Carver said he believed DeCatur died instantly in the ring. He said he could not give the cause of death until he had examined the body more thoroughly.

Herrera said DeCatur was winning when he died.

"I honestly thought I was losing the fight," Herrera said. "DeCatur never showed any signs of being hurt from any of my punches. When I hit him the last time I stepped back because I thought he was going to come out fighting."

DeCatur's manager, Joe Rhodes, said his fighter always was in the best of condition and was very conscientious about his training.

His death followed by a week that of Negro boxer Sam Baroudi, Akron, O., who was killed in a bout with Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, at Chicago.

BIG 9 AGREES ON NEW CODE

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Sterrett, f	0	1	1
Duerk, f	2	1	5
Caron, f	4	2	2
Speier, c	4	2	4
Lehman, c	1	0	0
Bridenbaugh, g	1	0	2
Urbanc, g	1	3	2
Zaschke, g	1	3	0
Squire, g	1	0	1
Roff, g	0	0	2
Totals	11	13	24
Officials: Dave McMurray (Mich. St.); Art Morse (Toledo).			
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(24)	G F	(27)	G F
Nash, f	1	0	1
Tilsworth, f	0	0	1
Sherman, f	7	2	0
Jones, c	1	0	0
Nesbit, c	0	0	0
Lehman, g	0	0	0
Behringer, g	3	0	0
Glover, g	1	0	0
Totals	10	4	7

Simms Given Cup At Ross Cage Dinner

Sam Simms today was the holder of the David Brocksiecker Memorial Trophy annually presented to the Ross High basketball player with the highest foul shooting average through the regular cage season.

The award was made last night by Coach Al Ziemke at a banquet at Charles Tea Room honoring the basketball team. Simms had a 65 per cent average which just topped the efforts of Dick Baron.

Simms, captain of the team, made the best speech of the night. It was short and sweet.

The guest speaker of the evening was Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach E. M. "Mose" Hole of Wooster College. Hole, for near 25 years coach of the Wooster cage squad, Ohio Conference champs, had the entire crowd laughing at a variety of stories and jokes picked up through his tours of the banquet circuit. He also gave the boys some good advice on the game.

Besides Simms, and Baron, varsity letters were presented in the afternoon at the school to eight other lettermen: Bo Weinhardt, Ralph Grubbs, Tex Frey, Don Hulka, Lloyd Bischoff, John Auxter, Bob Beeker, and Bob Beck.