

## 1966-1967 Season Review

LITTLE GIANTS OPEN FRIDAY WITH MANSFIELD

# Ross Fills Underdog Role In Buckeye Conference Picture

Last year's second highest scorer with a 6-6 sidekick who was number four scorer, a 6-8 center, a guard listed in one national magazine as a poten-

tial high school All-American, five boys taller than last year's varsity graduating from reserves as a unit, five lettermen including a 21-point a game

scorer, a standout center and a squad with only two boys under six feet tall — Are these ingredients of a championship team? For some member of the

Buckeye Conference at least one of these will be enough to win a championship.

Listed are the main credentials for the six chief con-

tenders to the Buckeye Conference championship this year. At least these six schools are expected to be in the race with only Fremont Ross and Lorain

doubtful as contenders.

Despite this general appraisal, coach of Marion Harding, warns "Fremont and Lorain Senior are nobody's lunch meat."

Baker is a man who ought to know about basketball potential. He has led three teams to the state tourney and is the only coach in history to win trophies in both Class AA and Class A state finals. He has been runner-up for the Coach of the Year twice.

The Marion coach is one of several who consider all eight teams as factors in the title race. The underdogs may not be in contention, but they all have potential of the big upset that will decide a title.

### Ross Loses Heavy

Ross was the heaviest hit by graduation, but Coach Richard Norman has come up with a hustling team of fair size. Bear-

ing the trademark of a Norman-coached team, the Little Giants have shown in pre-season scrimmages a scrambling defense which will be tough to penetrate.

All 10 who dressed regularly for varsity a year ago, led by All - Buckeye Conference Tim Thomas and Co-Captains Terry Bork and Ted Wolfe, are gone.

Gone also is the height which had Fred Tolhurst, 6-5; Wally Pankratz, 6-4; Fred Swaisgood, 6-3, and a total of six players 6-1 or over.

Coach Norman has come up with fair height, despite lack of the one real big man. Eight boys working with the varsity in pre-season drills will be over six feet tall. In these early workouts and in scrimmages with Bowling Green, Toledo Libbey, Defiance and Fremont St. Joseph Norman has made maximum use of all varsity players. He has experimented with various combinations in seeking the right formula. In so doing, the veteran coach may have insured a balance brought by a bunch nearly equal to the starters.

Norman has plaudits for his young team when he states, "These boys will fight and hustle more than any team that I have had — we may surprise

some of the teams this year."

**Ross Varsity Roster**

Size and outside shooting, along with inexperience, are listed as the main problems by Norman. Battling for regular status are guard Steve Parker, 5-10, junior; Bill Fahle, center or forward, 6-3, senior; Dick Ritzman, center or forward, 6-2, senior; Steve Fausey, forward, 6-2, junior; Steve Raines, guard, 5-10, senior; Bob Grayson, guard, 5-7, senior; Krik Perry, forward - center, 6-0, senior; Gary Driftmyer, guard, 5-7, Gary Gavitt, forward, 6-2, senior; Tom Perkins, forward, 6-2, junior; Wes Fahrbach, center, 6-4.

Ross a year ago had a mark of 12-8 overall, advancing to the second game of the sectional before losing to Tiffin Columbian, 64-60. They were fourth in the Buckeye with a 7-7 league mark.

In pre-season questionnaires all Buckeye coaches listed Admiral King as the team to beat. They well should be favored with five returning lettermen, including two of the top five Buckeye scorers, from a team which finished third in the conference.

Respect was noted in these same questionnaires for defending champion Elyria, Mansfield and Sandusky.

**Elyria Defends Title**

Elyria is defending champion after a 12-2 conference season. Findlay and Sandusky were runner-up at 10-4 and Fremont fourth with 7-7. Admiral King, the favorite this year, finished fifth at 6-8 last season.

Back in action are two first team, two second team and one third team players from the All-Buckeye Conference team. They are first teamers Tom Dinger, Mansfield, and Jim Harris, Admiral King; second teamers, Ken Halbert, Marion, and Pat Biber, Admiral King; third team selection Jim Grieser, Lorain.

Four of the top seven scorers from a year ago return to competition. They are Harris, 24.6; Dinger, 22.5; Biber, 18.9, and Halbert 18.0. Missing will be the number one score, Ohio player of the year Dave Sorenson of Findlay.



POSSIBLE ROSS STARTERS talk over game plays for Mansfield with Coach Richard Norman. Kneeling with Norman is Steve Parker. Others among the six men most likely to

fill the five starting posts standing are Bill Fahle, Dick Ritzman, Steve Raines, Tom Perkins and Steve Fausey. (News-Messenger Photo)

## BASEBALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

### Orioles Toy With Another Super Trade

By MURRAY CHASS

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Relievers

mary need — an experienced starting pitcher. As soon as personnel director

they were seeking an accomplished outfielder then. They were having trouble securing

Schedules of the main area wrestling schools are as follows:

#### FREMONT BOSS

December 8, Bowling Green; December 12, Oregon Clay; December 16, at Mansfield; December 20, Bellevue; December 28, Elyria tournament.

January 3, Sandusky; January 6, at Huron; January 10, at Vermilion; January 14, Findlay; January 17, at Port Clinton; January 21, Buckeye Conference at Sandusky.

#### BLOOMVILLE

December 8, Ontario; December 15, at Tiffin Calvert; December 20, at Carey; January 11, Hopewell-Loudon; January 18, Mohawk; January 21, Ontario Invitational.

## Little Giants Fall To Third Defeat, Second In Buckeye, 67-33

Futility set in for the second time this season at Ross high gymnasium Friday night. The Little Giants, faced with one of the types of coaches dread, were stunned by a precision-attacking Marion Harding, 67-33. The two teams were complete opposites as Harding showed poise and a regimented attack. It was Ross' third loss as many games, second in Buckeye play.

Ross was plagued with the nervousness which goes with in-

experience. In the opening game of the season Mansfield jumped to a 13-0 lead before Ross scored a field goal. It was a near repeat Friday night when Marion had mounted a 13-1 advantage before Steve Fausey from the key with the first Little Giant field goal. The two teams were complete opposites and 33 seconds had elapsed before Ross had a goal.

In contrast the Presidents set screens and drove the lane hitting its first five attempts. Marion did not miss until 3:53

had elapsed on the clock. Contrast in shooting ability continued. Ross hit only 10 of 39 field goal attempts, 25.6 per cent, from the field and 16 of 30, 53.3 per cent from the foul line. Ross switched from its normal man-for-man defense into a 1-3-1 zone the second half with Marion Coach Dan Banting calling the plays and moves the Presidents were momentarily held at bay. They made only four of 15 shots in that quarter but still hit nearly 51

per cent, 30 of 59 from the field.

Harding put the game beyond any doubt, tallying 25 points in the first period to three for the home team. The Presidents connected on 11 of 16 shots in the opening stanza. Seven of these field goals were layups set up by Ross' press defense attack.

One Evanson was the marksmen of marksmen scoring on all nine field goal attempts. Kenean Halbert was second to Evanson with 19 points with 16 points from inside 15 feet.

Dick Ritzman, leading scorer for Ross after the first two games, got only six shots all from outside. He managed seven of the Ross rebounds and Phil Garry, sophomore who started at center, had five rebounds. Garry was the only Ross scorer with more than one point.

In reality, Ross faded in the second half and fell 35-44. The Little Giants trailed only 25-23 at halftime. Wes Fahrbach took only 20 shots at the basket and only 13 of these were from inside 15 feet.

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MARION—Williams 1 1 6; Holler 1 1 6; Garry 3 1 7; Barnes 3 0 2; Leedum 1 0 2; Cross 3 1 7; Banting 1 1 6; Cook 3 0 2; Perkins 1 2 4; Garry 3 3 9; Raines 0 2 2; Faussey 1 2 4; Ritzman 2 3 4; Schreuder 1 0 2; Faussey 1 2 4; TOTAL 10 16 36. ROSS—Ritzman 1 1 6; Garry 3 1 7; Banting 1 1 6; Cook 3 0 2; Perkins 1 2 4; Raines 0 2 2; Faussey 1 2 4; TOTAL 10 16 36. ROSS JV—Ritzman 1 1 6; Garry 3 1 7; Banting 1 1 6; Cook 3 0 2; Perkins 1 2 4; Raines 0 2 2; Faussey 1 2 4; TOTAL 10 16 36. ROSS JV

## Port Clinton Hot Shooting Burns Stritch

PORt CLINTON—Sixty per cent of its shots from the field went through the hoop Friday as Port Clinton trounced Cardinal Stritch, 74-63. Stritch had a strong shooting night in its own right with 48 per cent, but couldn't keep pace with the hot-handled Redskins.

The Redskins moved to a commanding 31-17 lead in the relatively slow first half. Both teams picked up the pace in the final half and had two 20-point plus quarters each. Stritch managed to top three points off the Port Clinton advantage with a 46-point second half.

Steve Konczal of Cardinal Stritch and Mike Leon, Port Clinton, tied for the scoring lead at 21 points.

CARDINAL STRITCH—Ordway 4 3 11; Odoi 1 0 2; Kenean 9 3 21; Tschirhart 2 0 2; Garry 3 1 7; Barnes 3 0 2; Devonport 1 0 2; Holler 2 2 6; Schreuder 1 1 6; Cook 3 0 2; Faussey 1 2 4; Raines 3 1 7; Banting 1 0 2; Perkins 1 2 4; Garry 3 3 9; Raines 0 2 2; Faussey 1 2 4; TOTAL 10 16 36. PORT CLINTON—Hart 1 4 6; Lemon 6 9 21; Banting 1 1 6; Cook 3 0 2; Faussey 2 0 4; Raines 3 1 7; Banting 1 0 2; Perkins 1 2 4; Raines 0 2 2; Faussey 1 2 4; TOTAL 10 16 36. CARDINAL STRITCH 74 63. PORT CLINTON 17 14 22 25-74

Alcindor Turns Feeder, Scores Only 18 Points

Wow! UCLA 88 Duke 54 And



DICK RITZMAN comes down with one of his seven rebounds for Fremont Ross against Marion Harding. Dave Merchant (33) is braced to contest Ritzman for the ball in the background. Ross gathered in 18 rebounds in the game. (News-Messenger Photo)

## SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE OPENER

## St. Joseph Big Bombs Find Target

The big bombs began to explode on target Friday night and the St. Joseph Crimson Streaks reversed their form and surprised the visiting Oak Harbor Rockets 59-52. The Streaks, whose shooters up to now had ripped the nets in practice but failed to connect in game competition, dumped in 46 per cent of their field goal attempts, many from long range.

Paced by Jim Hoffman and Dan Benten, the Streaks built up a 17 point lead and rode home to a victory in their first league game of the season.

The visiting Rockets were paced by senior guard Bob Ritzman, led throughout the first period and held a 16-15 lead at the initial break. The Streaks, however, wasted little time in taking over. With about one half minute gone in the second quarter Hoffman stole the ball and raced in for a layup. The two points put St. Joe's ahead to stay as the switch from a man-to-man to a zone defense slowed the Oak Harbor offense.

Benton and Hoffman showed the way as the Streaks moved from that one point deficit to a 34-25 halftime margin. After Hoffman rippled the net from the corner to give the Streaks

each member of the Ritchie-Benton-Hoffman trio. Hoffman's 25 points came on 12 field goals and one free throw; Ritchie had five field goals and three free throws for 13 and Benten had six field goals for 12.

Statistics showed Don Hotz

leading the St. Joe rebounders with ten.

The victory was the first of the season after two losses for the Streaks and it launched the conference campaign on a highly successful note. The loss was the first for the Rockets after three straight victories.

Several things can be listed

as having played important roles in the victory. A switch

from man-to-man to zone slowed down the rocket's scoring punch. The game also found Dan Benton playing the high post for the first time in actual competition. Benton provided mobility to the spot and putting him at the top of the key placed the bigger, stronger, but less mobile Don Hotz in tight under the boards where he could use his size to advantage.

The Streaks also connected with the consistency from the floor under game conditions that they have often displayed in practice. Final ingredient in the victory formula was bustle, a commodity which has been known to breed success.

In the reserve contest, the St. Joe squad went ice cold in the second half, connecting on only three of 26 field goal attempts, scored only three points in the third quarter and eight in the final period after leading 28-24 at the half.

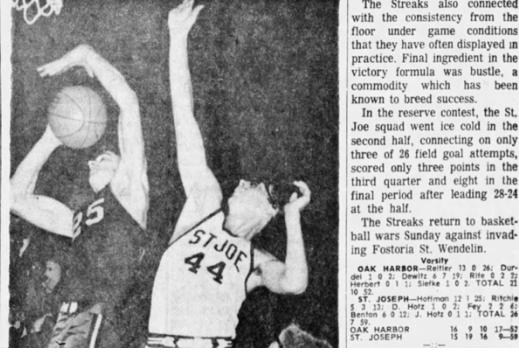
The Streaks return to basketball wars Sunday against invading Fostoria St. Wendelin.

OAK HARBOR—Verity 1 2 4; Duncanson 1 0 2; Dewitt 4 7 17; Rice 0 2 2; Herbert 0 1 1; Starks 1 0 2. TOTAL 21.

ST. JOSEPH—Hoffman 12 0 20; Ritchie 3 1 7; Benten 6 0 12; J. Hoff 0 1 1. TOTAL 28.

OAK HARBOR—16 9 18 16 52.

ST. JOSEPH—15 19 16 17 39.



## Offenseless Ross Topples At Lorain, 57-34

LORAIN—Ross Little Giants represented a lowly 23 per cent shooting percentage.

In contrast Lorain was making 22 of 50 attempts from the floor, 44 per cent. Lorain had no great height advantage but pulled down 37 rebounds to 28 for Ross.

Steve Parker had his best night of the year, scoring 19 of the Ross 34 points. Parker accounted for six of the Little Giant field goals and exactly half of the foul points.

Only other field goals for the visitors were by Steve Fausey and Phil Garry.

Joe Charlton and Dan Breen led the Steelers with 16 and 14 points respectively.

One bright spot was the fact the Little Giants were not out of contention before the first period ended. In losses to Mansfield and Marion Ross trailed 13-0 and 13-1 respectively before getting their first field goal. At the end of eight minutes Ross trailed only 10-7.

Adding to the Ross woes were 22 turnovers. Lorain also had 19 turnovers in the contest.

Ross now has a 0-4 record overall, and 0-3 in the Buckeye Conference. They will try again tonight to gain victory number one. Findlay, 1-2 in league play and defending Buckeye Conference champion, will be the visitor at Ross gymnasium. Reserve action will start at 6:45 p.m., followed by the varsity game. In reserve Lorain won 70-33, pick up six point

ROSS—Fausey 1 2 4; Ritzman 0 2 3; Garry 1 1 3; Driffler 0 2 2; Fehle 0 1 1; Grayson 0 2 2; Parker 0 1 1. TOTAL 6 22 34.

LORAIN—Greisser 2 2 4; Hopkins 4 0 8; Charlton 7 2 16; Breen 6 0 12; Duncanson 3 0 2; Cook 0 3 3; Penick 3 0 6; Stevenson 1 0 2. TOTAL 22 13 57.

ROSS—Ritzman 7 6 9 12 34.

LORAIN—10 19 17 11 37.

Reserves

ROSS JV—Schwartz 3 2 8; Fausey 4 1; Hohn 3 1 3; Weisz 3 1 2; Whatley 0 2 2. TOTAL 13 7 33.

LORAIN JV—Luna 4 2 10; Suboda 4 1; Schreuder 1 3 5; Parker 6 0 13; Simpson 0 0 2; Cross 4 1; Lumbard 1 0 2; Sander 1 0 2; Clegg 1 0 2; Craig 1 0 2; Thomas 1 0 2; Wilmington 1 4 6; Owens 1 0 2. TOTAL 28 14 70.

ROSS JV—16 7 5 5 33.

LORAIN JV—17 16 19 18 70.

LITTLE GIANTS COLD, STREAKS HOT

## Sandusky Overwhelms Ross Cagers, 92-41

**SANDUSKY** — Cold shooting hand, foul trouble and Sandusky physical talent combined to put Fremont Ross basketball team in a familiar position of the loser Thursday night. The Little Giants went down to defeat number six overall and number five in the Buckeye Conference, 92-41.

Not in contention but on the verge of avoiding complete humiliation the Little Giants hit an unbelievable cold streak in the late third and early fourth quarter. The Ross team was trailing 45-28 before it went six minutes and 20 seconds when it was outscored 31 to 2. At the end of this frigid zone Sandusky

had rocketed to a 76-30 lead. A similar cold spell put Ross in trouble at the start of the game. Steve Fauley hit the only Little Giant goal in the first eight minutes. Ross had one of 13 shots in the first quarter and missed the last 10 of the stanza.

Shooting percentages alone were enough to explain the final score. Ross made only 12 of 47 shots from the field, slightly over 25 per cent. Sandusky hit 47 per cent of its field goal attempts, 35 of 74.

Sandusky also completely dominated the boards. Dave Bloomquist, 6-7, took down only three rebounds for the Blue Streaks but 5-9 Goldstein Caffey

tore the ball off the boards 13 times as Sandusky had 47 rebounds. Ross managed only 24 retrieves from the boards. Ten of Ross' rebounds were by sophomore Phil Garry.

Coach Richard Norman had nothing but praise for Caffey, who can jump like a kangaroo. "This boy," stated Norman, "can do some things which are hard to believe." Caffey tallied 20 points and wasn't used the entire ball game by Coach Bob Beachy.

Leading season scorer Ron Ritzman of Ross sat out most of the game with foul trouble. He had four quick ones called

on him in the first quarter and was pulled out by Coach Norman. Ritzman returned to action in the third quarter, made the field goal attempt he had in that period and then fouled out. Steve Fauley also fouled out in the fourth quarter.

Caffey and Hilman Lindsey, who was second high for Sandusky, were big reasons for the hot shooting percentage. Caffey hit six of 10 field goal tries and was eight for 10 with free throws. Lindsey was six of nine from the field and five for five at the line.

Ross didn't have a scorer in double figures. Steve Parker's

nine points were high.

In the reserve game Sandusky posted a 68-55 victory.

In other Buckeye Conference action Marion kept its hopes alive by adding to the Elyria frustration, 49-34. Elyria, defending Buckeye champion, hit only 11 of 48 field goal tries. Two more Buckeye games are on tap tonight with league-leading Admiral King at Findlay and Lorain at Mansfield.

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<b>ROSS</b>	—Fauley 1 2 4; Ritzman 1 1 3;
Gerry 3 0 4; Perkins 0 3 3; Raines 1 3 5;	
Foley 3 0 6; Parker 2 5 9; Gevitt 1 0 2;	
Perkins 1 0 3; TOTAL 41.	
<b>SANDUSKY</b>	Lindsey 4 5 12; Caffey 6
Bloomquist 4 4 9; Darden 3 2 8;	
Deming 3 1 7; Willems 4 2 10; Venerucci 1 2;	
Schirg 5 0 10; Ohlemacher 1 2;	
Richardson 1 0 2; TOTAL 32 92.	
<b>ROSS</b>	4 9 11
<b>SANDUSKY</b>	22 14 27 29—92

# Ross Scores Only Eight Points In First Half, Falls To Elyria By 72-32 Count

ELYRIA — When a high school team in this age of run-shoot-score tallies only eight points there is little need to itemize the final score. Fremont Ross added another to the growing list of frustrations Tuesday night with an eight-point first half on the way to a 72-32 setback by Elyria.

## Sandusky Fails In Bid To Burst King's Bubble

Number Sandusky as the latest team to try and break Admiral King's Bubble and fail. Jim (Bubbles) Harris again floated to the point stratosphere Tuesday night, leading King to a 96-77 victory over the Blue Streaks.

Harris, who is averaging over 34 points a game and has had a 51-point game high, tallied 36 points Tuesday. He was only part of the problem for the Sandusky defense as Pat Biber and Ron Smith had 23 and 24 points respectively.

Hilman Lindsey was high for the losers with 22 points.

It was victory number six in the Buckeye Conference without a loss for the league leaders. In other action Marion stayed within shooting distance of the leaders with a 60-53 victory over Lorain, Findlay nipped Mansfield, 84-82, and Elyria was the latest to humiliate Ross, 72-32.

Dan Arnett had 24 and Tom Dinger 22 points for Mansfield, but it wasn't enough. Scott Carlin with 25 points led the Findlay attack which had four players in double figures.

Technical fouls were the dif-

For the Little Giants it was the sixth defeat in the league and none have been close. Ross is 0-7 overall with its only close game a 54-52 loss to Fostoria in independent action.

As if the Little Giants don't have enough troubles they were forced to play at Elyria without Dick Ritzman, leading scorer on the team. Ritzman is injured and temporarily out of action.

Ross could manage only 37 shots from the field in the game, making 11, 30 per cent. From the foul line the losers hit 10 of 23, less than 50 per cent.

Elyria had a relatively good shooting night from the field with 34 goals in 57 shots, just a shade under 60 per cent. At the foul line the Pioneers took only eight shots, making four.

Harold Day with 18, Tim Montague at 15 and Jim Robinson with 12 led the Elyria attack. Steve Parker at 10 and Steve Fausey with 11 were in double figures for Ross.

On the boards Elyria pulled down 29 rebounds to only 14 for Ross. Nine Pioneers figured in the scoring.

The Ross reserves could do little more than their upperclass mates, losing 46-20.

**ROSS** — Schwartz 2-1-5, Garry 1-1-3, Parker 3-4-10, Fausey 4-3-11, Fahie 0-0-0, Roines 0-0-0. Fahrbach 1-1-3. TOTALS 11-10-32.

**ELYRIA** — Roberson 5-2-12, Day 9-0-18, Montague 7-1-15, Obbitts 6-0-12, Matthews 2-1-5, Gaskalla 2-0-4, Ballas 1-0-2, Hill 1-0-2, Drummer 1-0-2. TOTALS 34-4-72.

**ROSS** — 4 4 14 10-32

**ELYRIA** — 16 17 18 21-72

### RESERVE

**ROSS** — Hohn 2-0-4, Whately 0-1-1, Fausey 2-0-4, W. Fahrbach 1-1-3, J. Fahrbach 1-2-4, Williamson 0-1-1, Boskovitch 1-1-3. TOTALS 7-6-20.

**ELYRIA** — Kheler 2-0-4, Hill 3-3-9, Bollosky 3-3-9, Drummer 2-0-4, Sheldon 3-1-7, Thrush 4-0-8, Bass 2-0-4, Janosik 0-1-1. TOTALS 19-8-46.

**ROSS** — 9 4 5 2-20

**ELYRIA** — 14 17 10 5-46

## YOUTH MOVEMENT LAUNCHED

# Admiral King, Harris Roll Past Ross Easily, 101-45

You can't be happy about losing, especially when the loss is 101-47, but Coach Richard Norman of Ross managed a smile following Friday's meeting with Lorain Admiral King. The advance information said King was a high-scoring unit that liked to toss the ball at the hoop.

The warnings also had been to look out for Jim 'Bubbles' Harris, he might be the best scorer in the state. All the pre-game threats were present and both King and Harris proved that Ross was not their match.

If you are having trouble winning, you might as well build for the future. That was the course Coach Norman selected for Friday night and the results allowed a little light to shine in the gloom of defeat. Norman put three juniors and two sophomores on the floor to meet the awesome Admirals.

## To Continue Plan

The coach said this is the tact he will use the rest of the season, using his seniors only to spell the younger boys. The one

exception will be Dick Fitzman, senior center-forward who sat out a second game with a thigh injury. When the game quickly proved to be no contest Norman saw no reason to force Ritzman to operate on the sore leg and endanger more injury. When Ritzman recuperates, he will be the one senior to break the main unit of Little Giants.

Overall the showing was dismal, but there were bright moments which showed a promise for the younger boys. Drawing first starting assignments were junior Wes Fahrbach and sophomore Jon Schwartz. Joining them on the starting five were Phil Garry, sophomore who has started since the third game of the season, and juniors Steve Parker and Steve Fausey.

## Pleased With Sophomores

"The sophomores I am very pleased with," stated Norman. But before he could sound prematurely optimistic, he repeated an old axiom this season, "We still don't see the open man." This was true but there

were moments when Schwartz, Garry and another sophomore, Kevin Hahn, let loose with the sharp pass which threaded through the defense to the open man near the basket.

Whatever hopes were seen in the young performers, they were for the future and not likely to salvage this year. All the boys who will be called upon to carry the load the remainder of the season are inexperienced. Even Senior Ritzman is playing his first year of varsity basketball.

King made the game a runaway with disgusting ease, tallying 101 points although using reserves for 9:28 of the game. Coach Al McConahe even apologized to Norman for using Harris in the third quarter, but reserve game time had limited the number of quarters he could use some of the reserves.

Harris didn't quite hit his average pace of better than 35 points a game, but his 31 came in only 22 minutes and 32 seconds. The 5-11 sharpshooter hit from both far and near with 13 of 28 shots.

As a team Admiral King hit nearly 50 per cent from the field with 42 goals in 88 shots. At the foul line they were 17 of 24. King completely dominated the backboards, pulling down 49 rebounds to 20 for the Little Giants.

Ross suffered through another cold night, hitting 18 goals in 61 attempts, less than 30 per cent. At the foul line the Little Giants made 11 of 23 charity tosses.

Scoring balance was the key to the attack of both teams. Bloomville had five players in double figures and three over 20. Crestline had four scorers with 19 points or better, led by the 21 of Chuck Dietz. Over the 20 mark for Bloomville were Dan Price, 22; Curt Tusing, 24, and Miller with 21.

The two teams were near equals from the field. Bloomville hit 49 per cent of its shots, 44 of 89, and Crestline scored on 35 of 73 shots, 48 per cent. Despite the Thallman foul trouble Bloomville dominated the boards, 51 rebounds to 37.

The reserve game was even less contest than the varsity as the Ross team had to struggle to break 20 points. Admiral King captured the reserve game by a 62-21 count.

## VARSITY

ADMIRAL KING—Harris 13-5-21, Jones 5-7, Biber 9-2-20; Smith 1-0-2; Guerreri 5-2-12, Hitchens 1-0-2, Brown 2-2-6, Taylor 6-5-5, Solomon 6-0-12, Anderson 2-0-4. TOTAL 10-2-22.

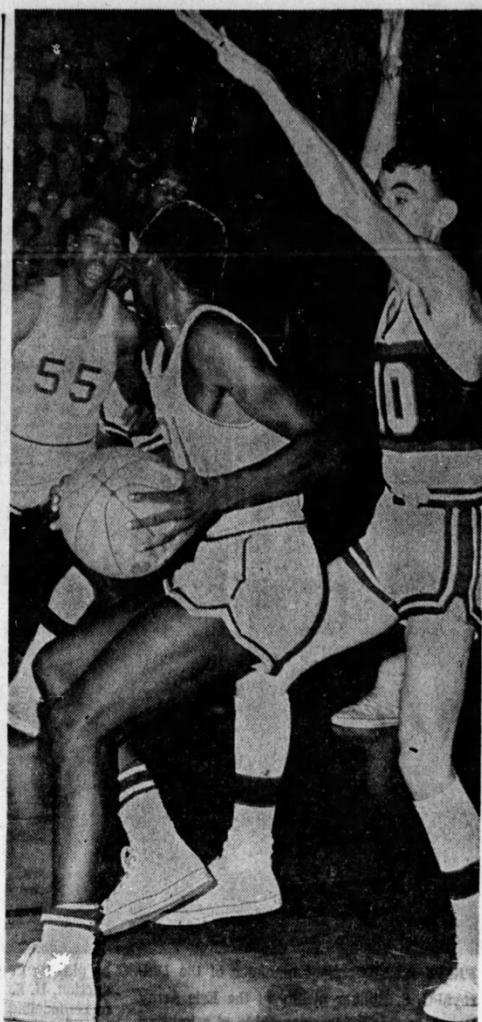
ROSS—Fausey 2-9-6, Garry 5-2-12, Parker 5-1-11, Drittmeyer 6-2-2; Fahrbach 3-3-9, Schwartz 2-3-5, Hahn 1-0-2. TOTAL 18-11-47.

BLOOMVILLE—Glover 1-1-3, Dietz 9-6-24, Thomas 8-3-3, 19, Almanson 8-5-21, Specht 8-1-19. TOTAL 35-16-86.

CRESTLINE—Long 3-2-8, DeVaul 8-3-19; Ritter 6-2-14; Greene 0-2-2; Combs 2-0-4. TOTAL 23-10-56.

ADMIRAL KING 6 24 23 29 25-101

ROSS 3 13 20 11-47



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KING'S HARRIS STARTS DRIVE TO BASKET  
Little Giant Kevin Hahn Raises His Guard

## Bloomville Survives High-Scoring Crestline Challenge For 10th Win

CRESTLINE — Unbeaten Bloomville met a team which could match its brawn and was enjoying the hottest night of the year Friday night, but came up with a near-century performance to match the challenge. The Dragons notched victory number 10 by powering past Crestline, 99-86.

As late as 2:23 to go in the third quarter Bloomville trailed the host team by six points, 64-58. In the fourth quarter Paul Miller and Dan Thallman took charge with eight points each and Bloomville literally blew the challengers off the court. Less than nine minutes after they were six down the Dragons were 19 up, 95-76, with three minutes remaining in the game.

Fouls put Bloomville at a disadvantage early in the ball game. Dan Thallman, sophomore and tallest Dragon at 6-4, committed three fouls in the first five and one-half minutes of the game. He sat out the remainder of the first quarter and all the second period.

Still Bloomville managed to

gain a seven-point lead at one point in the second quarter. Don Thomas then got hot from the outside and led Crestline back to a point where they lead 48-45 at halftime. Crestline hit better than 50 per cent of its first half shots.

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BLOOMVILLE 22 23 27 27-99

CRESTLINE 26 28 18 22-86

## Hot-Shooting North Baltimore, Foul Line Are Lakota Downfall

NORTH BALTIMORE — Friday night Lakota and North Baltimore each had 23 field goals, but the four-point advantage came at the free throw line. Lakota took 13 charity tosses, making 10 for 74 per cent. North Baltimore had 28 chances and the line and converted half of them into points.

Lakota had a respectable 37 per cent shooting mark from the field, but couldn't cope with the North Baltimore accuracy. For the second game in the tournament it was the fouls which ruined Lakota. In dropping the first contest last Wednesday to Deshler, 60-54, Lakota was awarded only 16 foul shots, while its opponent took 52 charity tosses, scoring 38 points from the line.

LAKOTA — Gruber 8-4-22; Wise 3-1-5; Chaney 4-1-9; Ritter 6-2-14; Greene 0-2-2; Combs 2-0-4. TOTAL 23-10-56.

NORTH BALTIMORE—Heilman 4-2-10; Long 3-2-8; DeVaul 8-3-19; Rooth 6-5-17; Bishop 2-2-4. TOTAL 23-14-60.

LAKOTA 17 18 11 10-56

NORTH BALTIMORE 18 15 15 12-60

## SEEK OPENING GAME REVERSALS

# Ross, St. Joseph In Return Battles

It will be the second time around in weekend basketball games for Ross and St. Joseph, but the hopes are different for the two schools. Each will meet the team which handed it a loss in the season opener.

For Ross the second meeting with Mansfield will still be the quest for a first victory. St. Joseph wants a reversal to keep itself on top of the young Sandusky Bay Conference standings. This will mark the first major weekend of SBC action.

The Little Giants, who have come close in only one of eight losses, are against Mansfield Friday and Saturday night in a non-conference battle with Port Clinton.

Mansfield will be the host team in the Friday night Buckeye Conference battle. The Tigers have a 4-5 overall record and an offensive average of 67.8 points a game. Defensively they have allowed foes to 70.9. The Mansfield offense has been healthy the past two games with the return of Tom Dinger, one of the top five scorers in the Buckeye Conference a year ago. Dinger had to sit out several games with a leg injury.

In the first two meetings of the teams Mansfield hit the young local team with a full-court press. It rattled the Fremont quintet and resulted in Mansfield scoring 13 points before the Little Giants got on the scoreboard. Ross never did manage to solve the press but still managed its second highest offensive total of the season, 52.

For the first eight games Ross has managed to average only 44.6 points a game, while the opposition was hitting the nets at will, 75.4 points a game.

**Parker, Ritzman Lead**  
Steve Parker has scored the most points, 73, but Dick Ritzman has the best average, 11 a game. Ritzman has sat out the last two games with a thigh injury. He is still hobbling but could see action Friday or Saturday. Ritzman is the only Little Giant to have scored 20 points this year with 21 against Findlay. Parker, a d, Steve Fausey have each had 19-point nights.

Port Clinton will be the host Saturday with a 5-2 record on the line. The Redmen have lost only to Lake and Tiffin Columbian. Leading scorers have been Ron Lason, Marty Arft, Mike Lemon, all who average in double figures. Arft has had the best individual performance of the year, 25 in a 75-67 conquest of Bedford.

**SCB Fall State**  
As the Sandusky Bay schools jump into the meat of the schedule, St. Joseph will play two weekend league games. The two games will be against two of the strongest and unbeaten teams in the conference. Friday's foe is the surprising Gibsonburg, which has won seven games without a loss. Sunday on the local court it will be Sandusky St. Mary, the defending SBC champion and a team boasting a 9-0 record. The Panthers finished the regular season undefeated a year ago.

At this point in the season St. Joseph and Gibsonburg have each won a league game, while Oak Harbor, a pre-season favorite, has dropped one to each of the leaders. Lakota, St. Mary, Clyde, Margaretta will all play their first league games this weekend.

The opening 62-56 loss to Gibsonburg on the St. Joseph court did not count in the league standings. St. Joseph at the present time has won three, lost three.

Leading scorers in the St. Joseph attack have been Jim Hoffman, Dennis Ritchie and Dan Benton. Hoffman is averaging 17 points a game, Ritchie almost 15 and Benton 13. Ritchie and Hoffman have each had 20-point plus nights. As a team St. Joseph has scored 58.7 points

a game, while giving up 61 points a contest. Gibsonburg has averaged 64.5 points a game and been exceptionally strong on defense. Three of its opponents have failed to tally 43 points, one less than 40. The overall Gibsonburg defensive average has

been 51 points a game.

Offensively Steve Taulker, Dave Fahle and Bill Dudley have been the leaders. Taulker and Dudley are a pair of high-scoring guards, averaging just over 14 points a game each. Fahle, a 6-2 junior, has averaged 12.4 a game.

## TOUGHEST TESTS TO DATE:

# Little Giant Swim Team In Two Meets

Most severe tests to date face Ross swimmers as they end a long holiday layoff with a double splash. The Little Giant tank men will be at home Friday afternoon against Western Reserve Academy of Cleveland and on the road to Findlay Saturday.

Western Reserve match will be contested Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the junior high school pool.

Western Reserve, which stopped Fremont 56-39 a year ago, has won its only meet of the season. The Academy swimmers sank Euclid 52-43. Ross to date boasts victories

over Mansfield Senior, Mansfield Malabar and Sandusky Perkins.

Reserve appears to have several outstanding boys and good depth in most events. Coach Jack Balsizer of Ross notes this meet will find the second and third place finishes extremely important.

Top Academy boys and their best times are: Dan Kobick, 100-yard freestyle, :57.3, and 200-yard individual medley, 2:12.5; Bob Viall, 100-yard breast stroke, 1:09.3; Steve Amer, 400-yard freestyle, 4:51; Bob Curphy, 400-yard freestyle, 4:53. The WRA 400-yard freestyle relay team has

recorded a top time of 3:39.4.

Findlay beat Ross two times a year ago and then benefited from a Ross disqualification to win the Buckeye Conference title. They finished third in the district tournament behind Ross.

Leading Findlay swimmers and their best times are: Steve Traucht, 50-yard freestyle, :24.5, and 100-yard freestyle, :55; Mike O'Brien, 400-yard freestyle, :56.8, and 100-yard freestyle, :54.5; Gary Cramer, 100-yard backstroke, 1:03.5; Mark Mathias, 100-yard butterfly, :59.7; John Hollington, 100-yard breast stroke, 1:12.5.



## Ohio College Basketball

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

(Thursday)  
Toledo 88, Bowling Green 94  
Miami (Ohio) 67, Kent State 49

Dayton 75, Xavier 72  
Otterbein 61, Central State 40  
Geneva 110, Walsh 83

## College Basketball

EAST

Holy Cross 74, Conn. 69, at Delaware 69, Drexel 62  
Seton Hall 89, LIU 88  
New Hampshire 98, Colby 73  
St. Francis, N.Y. 88, Hofstra 78

St. Bonaventure 72, Belmont  
Abbey 46

Rhode Is. 97, Boston U. 79  
Niagara 83, Buffalo St. 67

## SOUTH

St. John's, N.Y. 74, George e  
Washington 58

Fordham 65, No. Car. St. 63  
No. Carolina 76, Wake For. 74

Ky. Wesleyan 68, Evansville 66  
Tampa U. 78, Biscayne Col. 54  
Va. Tech 66, Wm. & Mary 69

## MIDWEST

Marquette 66, Wisconsin 60  
DePaul 64, Bellarmine 63

Omaha 66, Rockford 59

## SOUTHWEST

TCU 71, Texas Tech 65

## FAR WEST

Creighton 71, Nev. South. 70

## Baseball Scoring Instructions Change

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball players who bunt for a hit will no longer automatically escape being charged with a time at bat, even if base runners advance on the play.

Charley Segar, chairman of the Scoring Rules Committee said Wednesday, "It's been obvious that players have been bunting for a base hit when their teams are losing, say 8 or 9-1."

Instructions to official scorers have been changed to read, "do not score a sacrifice bunt when in the judgment of the scorer the batter is bunting for a base hit and not solely for the purpose of advancing a runner or runners. In that event, charge the batter with a time at bat."

# Dave Bing Leads Detroit Pistons

## In Twin-Overtime Win Over Bullets

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When he is hard-pressed to point out a Dave Bing weakness, Detroit Player-Coach Dave DeBusschere will say the brilliant Pistons' rookie needs a little work on his defense. But then Bing will come up with a performance like the one he turned in during the Pistons' 132-126 National Basketball Association double-overtime victory over Baltimore Wednesday

A tap-in by DeBusschere with 30 seconds left sent the game into overtime.

Jack Marin's 20-foot jumper in the final second of the first overtime gave the Bullets another chance, but only delayed their 10th straight defeat, a club record.

In other NBA games Wednesday, Philadelphia beat Chicago 136-115 in Philadelphia and the Lakers whipped St. Louis 123-104 in Los Angeles.

Philadelphia won its 11th game in a row with Bill Cunningham scoring 27 points and Wilt Chamberlain hauling in 25 rebounds, scoring 21 points and passing off for nine assists. Bob Boozer and Erwin Mueller led the Bulls with 20 points each.

The Lakers reeled off 17 straight points during a four-minute span in the final period that carried them to their victory over St. Louis. Jerry West topped Los Angeles with 35 points while Joe Caldwell was high for the Hawks with 30.

# Bridges, Sloan Named All-Stars

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Bridges, St. Louis forward, and Jerry Sloan, Chicago guard, were named to the West National Basketball Association all-star team today by the coaches of the division.

Previously eight players for the West had been picked by sports writers and broadcasters.

The 17th annual East-West game will be played in San Francisco next Tuesday. The game will be telecast nationally, starting at 11 p.m. EST.

## DRIFTMYER, RITZMAN, PARKER LEAD WAY

# Ross Wins First Game, 71-52

By B. JERRY CAMPBELL  
N-M Sports Editor

PORT CLINTON — Two 'old men' on a team destined to rely on the 'kiddie corps' — one a little guy in a big man's game and one hobbled on a bad leg — came to play basketball Saturday night. The Little Guy, Gary Driftmyer, and the gimp-legged Dick Ritzman turned in clutch performances as Fremont Ross won its first game of the season, 71-52.

Port Clinton, a team with a 6-4 record, was the victim as the two boys with handicaps combined with junior Steve Parker to lead an aggressive Little Giant display.

Coach Richard Norman has indicated his younger ball players and Ritzman would carry the brunt of the attack the remainder of the year. Ritzman and Driftmyer were the only seniors to see more than limited action in the last quarter after

the game was decided. Norman started a five of two juniors — Fahrbach and Parker, two sophomores — Phil Garry and Jon Schwartz, and one senior Little Giant display.

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### Driftmyer To Rescue

The little guard built a scoring fire of his own under the Little Giants. From there on it was the clutch field goals of Driftmyer and phenomenal foul shooting led by Ritzman, Driftmyer and Parker that put down Port Clinton.

Until the last half of the fourth quarter when substitutes were carrying the Ross colors, the Fremont foul shooting was just short of unbelievable. Like never before the Little Giants made the one-and-one situation their private property.

Sixteen times Ross shooters stepped to the line with the bonus shot possibility. Ten of these times they made both shots and only five times in the 16 did Ross fail to earn the bonus by missing the first shot. Three of these first shot misses came in the final 2:12 of the game. That means Ross converted its first 13 bonus shot opportunities into 21 points.

Ross entered the second quarter trailing 17-10 and went to the locker room with a 30-28 lead. If it hadn't been for Wes Fahrbach and Parker, who tallied nine points between them, Ross could have called it quits in the first quarter.

In the second quarter Driftmyer scored eight of his 12 points for the night on three field goals and two for two at the line. Ritzman was six for six at the line, all on one-and-one situations in this period.

### Ross Comeback

Port Clinton expanded its lead to nine points, 19-10, before Ross started the comeback. From the time Ross trailed 19-10 until three minutes and 46 seconds later when they tied it 24-24 the Little Giants converted five one-and-one foul shots into nine points.

Parker was fouled shooting and he made both free throws to pull Ross within two points, 24-22, with 3:50 to play in the half. Driftmyer then hit his second field goal to tie the game.

Port Clinton went back on top with a Marty Arft free throw, but Driftmyer's third field goal put Ross in front, 26-25, with 2:07 remaining in the first half. The score was again tied at 28-28, but Ross never again trailed after the Driftmyer field goal.

Before the second half started the Ross lead was pared by one point when officials called a technical on Coach Norman for protesting a call at halftime. Arft made the technical shot, but Driftmyer immediately came up with a three-point play and Ross was off to victory number one. Driftmyer

stole the ball, drove for a field goal and was fouled. He then made the foul shot and Ross was on top 35-29.

### Largest Ross Margin

Largest Ross margin of the game was 22 points, 62-40, with 3:40 to play. At this point Ritzman was taken out after making two free throws.

Ritzman and Parker led all scorers with 19 points each. Ritzman had four field goals, was 11 for 14 at the line, making nine points on five one-and-one chances. He also led Ross rebounding with 12 snags on the boards.

Parker didn't know what the word miss meant at the foul line with nine of nine to go along with his five field goals. Driftmyer, four of four, as well as Steve Fausey and Kevin Hahn were perfect at the foul line.

As a team Ross hit 44 per cent of its shots from the field, 19 of 43, and 33 of 45 free throws. Port Clinton was a cold 14 of 68, 21 per cent, from the field. They turned 38 free throws into 24 points. Ross out-rebounded the home team, 41 to 37.

The initial victory came for Ross after nine losses.

In the reserve game Ross fell to Port Clinton, 57-47.

### VARSITY

ROSS	—Garry	Wes	Fahrbach	9-15	
Ritzman	4-11-19	Parker	5-2-10	Fausey	2-1
	4-2-2	Raines	0-3-3	Gavitt	2-4
		Dick		Arft	
				7-15	
				Rickel	1-1-3
				Kokinda	1-2-4
				Smith	
				Perry	3-3-5
ROSS				TOTAL	10 20 15 26 71
PORT CLINTON					17 11 5 19 59

ROSS	—VW	Wes	Arft	9-15	
Perkins	3-4-10	Fahrbach	4-7-9	Fausey	1-2
0-0-0		5-3-13		Wholley	0-2-2
		5-1-11		Wright	
		5-1-11			
				Port	
				Clinton	
ROSS					10 24 15 13 57
PORT CLINTON JV					10 24 15 13 57

### Non-Title Fight Slated

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Curtis Cokes, the world's welterweight boxing champion, will meet French champion Francois Pavilla in a Jan. 23 non-title fight in Paris.

### American Hockey League Eastern Division

W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA	
Hershey	22	11	4	48	154	110
Quebec	18	14	3	39	137	127
Baltimore	17	14	2	26	113	110
Springfield	13	18	3	29	121	137
Providence	6	22	7	29	102	154

W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA	
Rochester	22	12	2	46	162	109
Pittsburgh	21	9	4	46	129	107
Cleveland	17	14	3	37	138	118
Buffalo	5	27	6	16	102	186

### Saturday's Results

Baltimore	6	Cleveland	2
Hershey	3	Quebec	2
Buffalo	4	Pittsburgh	4
Rochester	3	Springfield	0

### Sunday's Games

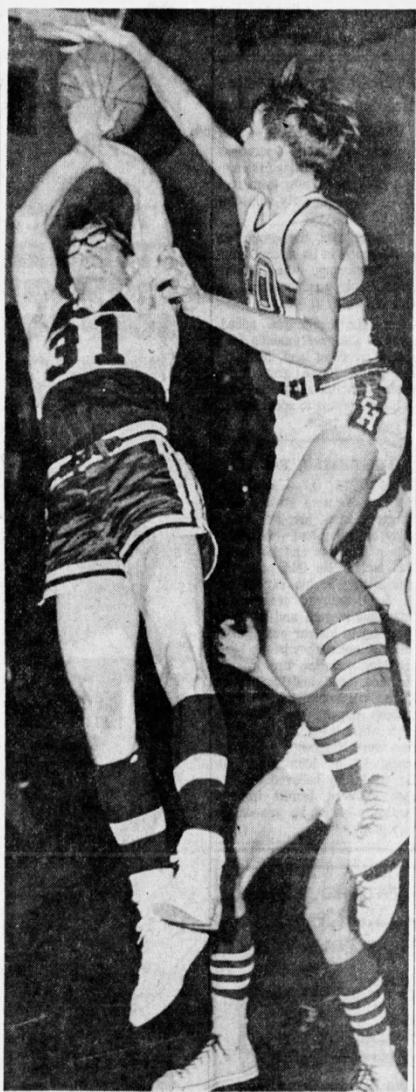
Cleveland	7	Buffalo	3
Providence	2	Pittsburgh	1
Rochester	7	Baltimore	2

### Today's Games

No games scheduled.	
Tuesday's Games	
Providence	at Baltimore

### Weekend Fights

TOKYO — Musashi Nakano, 145½, Japan, knocked out Apdej Sithiran, 143½, Thailand, 3. Nakano won Orient welterweight title.



PORT CLINTON'S MARTY ARFT BLOCKS SHOT  
Little Giant Steve Parker Has Effort Foiled

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# Little Giants To Face Two Defensively Strong Teams

The leading defensive teams in two different leagues will be the opponents this weekend for Fremont Ross. With the taste of a first victory fresh in their mouths the Little Giants will face the weekend with high hopes, but will find both foes far more difficult to handle than Port Clinton.

Last Saturday the Little Giants had by far their best offensive night, equalled their best single game defense and made Port Clinton first victim after nine losses.

Friday night Ross returns to Buckeye Conference play where they are winless in eight games against Marion. Marion is allowing opponents only 52.5 points a game, best defensive average in the Buckeye. The first time Ross and Marion met the Presidents limited the Little Giants to 36 points.

Defense is also the forte of Tiffin Columbian, the Saturday night Ross opponent. The Marion game will be on the road and Tiffin will travel to Ross gym for the Saturday game.

Columbian is the top defensive team in the neighboring Northern Ohio League. It has allowed opponents to score at a rate of only 52.2 points per game. The Tiffin team had rolled unbeaten through eight contests until stumbling over league rival Bellevue 58-55 last Friday.

Marion suffered its second loss last Friday to Sandusky, 60-58, in double overtime. The Presidents have won nine and last two overall and are tied for second in the Buckeye, sharing a 6-2 mark with Sandusky.

## Halbert Top Scorer

To go along with the tight defense Marion has managed to average 63.5 points a game in Buckeye Conference play. It is paced by the offensive work of Ken Halbert, who is averaging 22 points a game. The 6-4 heavyweight plays the pivot for Coach Dan Baker's quintet. Marion has three players averaging in double figures. In addition to Halbert there is the boy considered by most to be the best sophomore in the Buckeye, Dave Merchant (13.8) and guard Jon Williamson (11.9).

It was none of these but 5-9 guard Dave Everson, who broke the Little Giants backs in the first meeting of the two schools.

As Marion had little trouble in winning a 67-36 game, Everson hit from long range for nine field goals in nine attempts and a total of 19 points.

## Columbian Spoiler

Columbian with an 8-1 mark overall and 5-1 in the NOL has averaged 56.3 points a game on offense. Lloyd Lyon is the team's top scorer with a 13.5 average. Bob Ehrenfried has averaged 12.2 for Columbian.

Although none of the present varsity was involved, Ross will go into the Saturday game with a vivid memory. It was Tiffin Columbian which halted the Ross tournament bid last season in the Sectional finals. Columbian upset Ross 64-60 to deny the Little Giants of a repeat Sectional championship.

At Port Clinton Ross staged one of its few offensive displays this season. The 71 points is far above the Fremont average of 48 points a game. Defensively the 52 points allowed Port Clin-

ton is far better than the 10-game average of 73.9. Leading Ross individual scorers are Steve Parker 105 points in 10 games and Dick Ritzman, 95 points in eight games. Ritzman and Parker each had 19 against Port Clinton.

## FREMONT ROSS

Player	FG	FT	TP
Parker	31	43	105
Ritzman	28	39	95
Fausey	22	19	63
Garry	25	12	62
Driftmyer	10	15	35
Fahrbach	11	12	35
Schwartz	5	7	17
Perkins	5	7	17
Fahle	4	6	14
Raines	1	8	10
Hahn	2	4	8
Gavitt	4	0	8
Grayson	2	4	8
Perry	1	1	3

## Team Totals

	FG	FT	TP
ROSS	151	178	480
OPPONENTS	292	155	739



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## BUCKEYE CONFERENCE ROUNDUP

# Cold Shooting Spoils Ross Chances; Admirals Win

MARION — Any chance Fremont Ross might have had to notch a Buckeye Conference victory Friday was eliminated by a 18 per cent shooting mark from the field. Unable to find the basket and unable to contain Marion the Little Giants were clubbed by the Presidents, 74-37.

The Marion victory, combined with a Sandusky loss, restored the Presidents to an undisputed hold on second place in the Buckeye Conference.

**Sandusky Stumbles**  
Sandusky fell to Lorain, 70-60,

## UCLA Escapes Friday 13th Jinx

By TED MEIER  
Associated Press Sports Writer

The Friday the 13th jinx passed over the top-ranked UCLA Bruins in college basketball and struck instead the third-ranked New Mexico Lobos.

Boasting a six-game winning streak and beaten only once in 12 previous starts, the Lobos were upset by the Wyoming Cowboys 86-76. The home court triumph at Laramie snapped a five-game losing streak for Wyoming.

UCLA, No. 1 in The Associated Press poll, made it 11 in a row against no defeats by whipping California 96-78 at Los Angeles 96-78 as the Bruins' prized sophomore Lew Alcindor threw in 26 points.

Princeton, seventh-ranked nationally, breezed to its 12th victory in 13 starts by routing Harvard 90-46 at Cambridge, Mass.

Utah downed Arizona State 84-71, Brigham Young took Arizona

in the surprise of the night at Lorain. Admiral King won as expected, 98-75, over Mansfield to hold first place in the league standings. In the fourth game Friday nipped Elyria, 67-64.

Ross managed only eight field goals in 44 shots from the field. This compared unfavorably to a warm 47 per cent, 34 of 74, for Marion. At the foul line Ross made 21 of 34 opportunities, 62 per cent, while Marion was given only 12 charity tosses, making half them.

Adding to Fremont misery was the fact Marion dominated the boards, pulling down 43 rebounds to 29 for Ross.

No one from the Ross team was in double figures with Gary Driftmyer and Dick Ritzman high at nine each. Both teams substituted freely, Ross trying to find a combination that would click and Marion trying to get some varsity experience for its younger boys.

### Creasap Leads

Marion had 10 players figure in the scoring, led by Rudy Creasap's 19. Marion improved on its defensive average, which already leads the league. Marion had allowed an average of 52.5 points per game until it met Ross.

In the Admiral King victory the only surprise was that Jim 'Bubbles' Harris, leading Buckeye Conference scorer with a 34 - point average, was not the point leader. His teammate Pat Biber stole the honors with 41 tallies. Tom Dinger led Mansfield with 31.

Sandusky was led by Ed Williams with 22 and Jim Greisser had 18 for Lorain in that game.

### Can't Shoot Ball

Coach Richard Norman of Ross after the game repeated the lament, "We just can't shoot

the ball in the hoop" The Little Giants included in their misses five or six layups.

Offensively Ross had one good spurt to start the third quarter when they scored 12 points in five minutes. As quickly as the Little Giants arose they fell back to sleep ending the quarter with 14 points.

Norman had praise for Senior Driftmyer and Sophomore Kevin Hahn. Driftmyer got the ball up the floor against the Marion defense and was credited by the coach with "more skills displayed than any kid on the team." Hahn didn't have a field goal but defensively held Marion's sophomore hot-shot Dave Merchant to four points. Hahn also had six rebounds.

Creasap was particularly hot in the first half, hitting eight of nine field goal attempts.

In the reserve game Ross fell 37-22 to an unbeaten Marion team.

### BUCKEYE STANDINGS

	W	L
Admiral King	9	0
Marion	7	2
Sandusky	6	3
Lorain	5	4
Findlay	4	5
Mansfield	3	6
Elyria	2	7
Fremont Ross	0	9

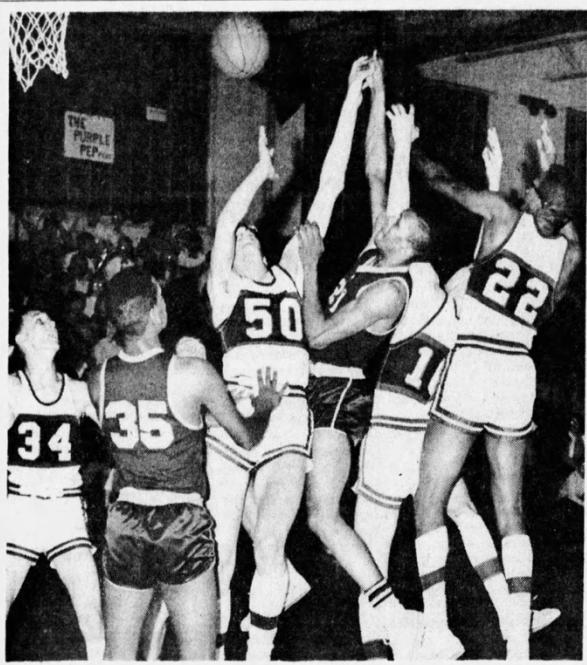
**Varsity**  
ROSS—Ritzman 2-5-9, Grayson 0-1-1, Parker 2-2-6, Driftmyer 2-5-9, Fahrbach 0-3-3, Garry 1-1-3, Hahn 0-2-2, Raines 1-1-3, Gavitt 0-1-1. TOTAL 8-21-37.  
MARION—Williamson 5-2-12, Halbert 8-0-6, Everson 2-0-4, Merchant 2-0-4, Feltner 1-0-2, Creasap 8-3-19, King 2-1-5, Jones 1-0-2, Trucker 1-0-2, Boyd 4-0-6. TOTAL 34-6-74.

**ROSS** 5 12 12 8-37  
**MARION** 20 22 17 15-74

**Reserve**  
ROSS JV—B. Fausey 2-2-6, Boskovich 1-3-5, Weisz 0-2-2, Fahrbach 1-1-3, Perkins 0-2-2, Zemke 1-2-1. TOTAL 5-12-22.  
MARION JV—Fry 2-5-9, Crosswell 4-4-12, B. Conley 4-4-12, Cochran 0-2-2, Garver 1-0-2. TOTAL 11-15-37.

**ROSS JV** 8 5 5 4-22  
**MARION JV** 7 8 11 11-37





UP IN THE AIR in a scramble for a rebound under the Lorain basket are seven of the 10 players in action at Ross Gym. Central characters in the scramble are Wes Fahrback

(10) of Ross and Harold Jackson (21), Lorain. Other identifiable are Steve Fausey (34), Kevin Hahn (10) and Phil Garry (22), all of Ross; and Lorain's Bruce Hagins (35). (News-Messenger Photo)

## Defensive Leaks Spoil Creditable Ross Outing

By B. JERRY CAMPBELL  
N-M Sports Editor

Some defensive leaks in the second half deprived Fremont Ross of victory in what was its best Buckeye Conference showing to date. After the game was tied 26-26 at halftime, Lorain capitalized on a Ross defensive letdown to notch a 68-54 victory.

The final count was far from indicative of the game's closeness. With four minutes and fifty-one seconds to play Lorain held a slim three-point margin, 51-48. The Steelmen then pulled away, tallying 11 points to Ross' two in the next two and one-half minutes.

The score was tied seven times in the second and third quarters. Little Giants took brief leads of two points on four different occasions. Last time Ross led resulted in two field goals from the outside by Gary Driftmyer. Driftmyer hit first to tie the score 34-34 and then hit next time down the floor to make it 36-34 with 4:42 to play in the third period.

Bruce Hagins broke underneath the basket made a field goal and the score was deadlocked for the seventh and last time, 36-36, with 4:29 left in the third. With 3:12 remaining in the period Ray Duzik hit his only field goal in seven tries to put Lorain in the lead to stay,

38-36.

Breaking the back of the Ross effort was a weak spot in the defense which gave up five third period field goals to Lorain on bunny shot layups. Lorain spotted failure of one defender to adjust in the 1-3-1 zone and threaded passes to a loose man underneath.

Coach Richard Norman switched his Little Giants to the 1-3-1 at the start of the second quarter after a 2-1-2 was giving up good shots at the head of the key. For the second period the defensive change befuddled Lorain and paid dividends.

Offensively, Ross did as good a job as it has all year running patterns, stated Coach Norman after the game. It resulted in the scoring load being well divided. Steve Parker led the way with 17 points. Phil Garry added 13 and Dick Ritzman 11.

Garry and Parker accounted for 20 of Ross' 26 points in the first half, each scoring 10. Ritzman, who tallied only one field goal in the first half, came to life in the second half.

Hitting seven of nine free throws he tallied nine points in the second half to make his 11 total.

Garry was the leading Ross rebounder with nine, seven in the second half when his scoring has slowed down. Parker,

Ritzman and Steve Fausey all had six rebounds at Ross outrebounded Lorain, 35-29. Driftmyer ended with six points on three field goals in four shots.

### Week At Foul Line

As a team Ross scored on 19 of 52 shots from the field, 36.5 per cent. The Little Giants had a bad night at the foul line, making only 16 of 29 free throws, 55.1 per cent. In the two minutes after the score was tied 36-36 Ross made only one of five free throws, producing a turning point in the game.

Ross had nine one-and-one bonus possibilities and made two points only twice. Little Giants missed the first shot on these opportunities four times.

Lorain, led by the jump-shooting of Jim Greisser who ended with 17 points and the underneath work of Hagins and his 15 points, made 27 of 63 field goal attempts, 42.8 per cent. At the foul line the Steelmen were 14 of 21, 66.7 per cent.

In the reserve game Ross was again very much in contention until the final minutes. Two steals which led to quick Lorain buckets turned the tide with five minutes to play. Finally was 53-44 for Lorain Jayvees.

### Varsity

Sports and Ross

**LORAIN**—Greisser 8-17, Hopkins 4-7-1/2, Charlton 4-5-9, Bresser 4-11, Duzik 1-3-9, Jackson 1-1-3, Parker 7-3-11, Driftmyer 2-6, W. Fohr 0-2, TOTAL 27-14-4.

**ROSS**—Parker 7-3-11, Driftmyer 2-6, W. Fohr 1-1-3, Garry 5-3-12, Hahn 0-0-0, Ritzman 0-0-0, Swoboda 0-0-0, Fohr 1-0-0, Fohle 0-0-0, Schwartz 0-0-0, TOTAL 19-11-12.

**LORAIN**—15 11 19 23—68

**ROSS**—13 13 14 14—52

**LORAIN JV**—Long 2-4-5, Swoboda 6-7,

Parker 4-6-11, Jackson 1-0-3, Sheets 1-0-2, Thomas 6-2-14, TOTAL 20-10-33.

**ROSS JV**—Fohr 2-1-3, Baskerville

1-0-0, Weisz 4-9-11, Fohr 1-0-0, Fohle 1-0-0, Schwartz 0-0-0, TOTAL 16-10-11.

**LORAIN JV**—13 11 13 16—53

**ROSS JV**—12 10 14 8—44

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## BUCKEYE CONFERENCE WRAPUP

# Ross Still Looking For First Win In League; Admirals Seek Clincher

Fremont Ross will take another crack at a first victory tonight in the Buckeye Conference. Opening a two-game weekend, one league and one independent contest, Ross will be host tonight to Sandusky. Saturday Springfield township from Akron will be in the Ross gymnasium.

Sandusky currently is in third place in the strong Buckeye Conference with an 8-3 record. The Blue Streaks have 103 overall record. In a first meeting this season at Sandusky the Blue Streaks manhandled Ross 92-24.

Saturday's foes has a 5-4 record in the tough Akron Metro-

politan league, which includes schools such as Kent Roosevelt. The Springfield team is 8-4 overall for the season.

Springfield will not bring a reserve team so the preliminary at 6:45 p.m. will be a Ross junior varsity intrasquad contest.

In the Buckeye Conference

Admiral King needs only

a win at home tonight over Findlay to clinch a title. With three games remaining King is 6-2 and the nearest rivals, Marion and Sandusky, have each lost three games.

Marion will be trying to stay alive at Elyria while the fourth conference game has Mansfield at Lorain.

Season statistics show a powerful offense has been the Admiral King secret. The Admirals have averaged 85 points per game in the first 11 contests. Mansfield is a distant second in offensive figures, averaging 62.2 points per game. Sandusky has a 68-point offensive average.

Defensively Marion is king, allowing the opposition to score at an average of only 33.2 per game.

Testifying to the strength of the Buckeye Conference this year is the record with non-conference schools. In games outside the conference Buckeye schools are 10-21 and lost three. The lone loss was by a mere two points when Fremont Ross fell to Fostoria on a foreign court.

In the individual point race Jim (Bubbles) Harris of Admiral King is all by himself at the top. He has averaged 31.3 points per game in league play. His teammate Paul Parker is the second highest conference scorer, 23 points a game.

Ross does not have a player in the top 10 conference scorers, although Dick Ritzman is averaging 10.9 with 108 points in nine games.

In the overall season picture Steve Parker is the leading Ross scorer with 137 points in 14 games. An average of a little over 10 a game, Parker, who has played two less games, has tallied 138 points for an 11.5 average. Phil Garry has moved into the third spot for Ross scorers with 100 points. The sophomore pivot man has been in double figures the last three games.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	G.B.
Admiral King	11	0	—
Marion	8	3	3
Sandusky	8	3	3
Lorain	6	5	5
Findlay	5	6	6
Mansfield	3	8	8
Elyria	3	8	8
Fremont Ross	0	11	11

### TEAM OFFENSE

Team	G	Pts.	Ave.
Admiral King	11	935	85.0
Mansfield	11	761	69.2
Sandusky	11	739	69.0
Findlay	11	795	72.4
Marion	11	703	64.1
Elyria	11	643	58.5
Lorain	11	683	62.1
Fremont Ross	11	509	46.3

### TEAM DEFENSE

Team	Opp.	G	Pts.	Ave.
Marion	11	585	53.2	
Lorain	11	660	60.0	
Elyria	11	660	60.0	
Sandusky	11	697	63.4	
Admiral King	1	728	66.2	
Findlay	11	779	70.8	
Mansfield	11	811	73.7	
Fremont Ross	11	977	79.7	

### TOP 10 SCORERS

Player	G	Pts.	Ave.
Harris (AK)	11	244	21.5
Biber (AK)	11	233	20.0
Carlin (FL)	11	244	22.2
Dinger (Mans.)	9	191	21.2
Halbert (Mar.)	11	214	19.5
Greissler (L)	11	160	14.5
Hagelin (FL)	11	146	13.3
Robinson (E)	10	123	12.3
Williamson (Mar.)	11	133	12.1

### ROSS OVERALL

Player	FG	FT	TP
Parker	44	54	142
Ritzman	42	54	138
Garry	39	22	100
Faussey	27	21	75
Driftmyer	22	25	65
Fahrbach	21	21	62
Schwartz	6	7	19
Perkins	5	8	18
Fahle	4	6	14
Raines	2	9	12
Rahn	2	7	11
Gavit	5	1	11
Grayson	2	7	11
Perry	1	1	3

## Mota Signing Tops Baseball Pre-Spring News

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Free-lancing Manny Mota, the No. 2 man in baseball's No. 1 player, is set for another assault against National League pitchers.

Mota, who hit .332 for Pittsburgh last season while sharing center field with NL batting king Matty Alou, returned his signed 1961 contract to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The 28-year-old Dominican appeared in 116 games, rapped five homers and drove in 46 runs in hitting for most of the season but did not compile enough at-bats to qualify for the title, won by Alou with a .342 mark.

Then, playing in the Dominican Winter League, Mota hit .369 but finished three points behind Alou in the batting race after leading the pack until the next-to-last week.

While Mota and pitcher Steve Blass signed with Pittsburgh, veteran first baseman Norm Cash joined the Detroit Tigers' fold for a reported \$43,000 and 20-year-old Jim (Catfish) Hunter, one of Kansas City's pitching prodigies, agreed to terms and received a \$10,000 raise.

Cash, 32, has 300 career homers and knocked in 93 runs while batting .379 for the Tigers last year. His best output since he won the American League batting championship with a .361 average in 1961 earned Cash an estimated \$11,000 pay hike. Only outfielder Al Kaline, reportedly earning \$55,000, is better paid at Detroit.

"When you look around the league, who's better than Cash?" said a Tigers' spokesman. "He hits and he fields his position as well as anybody."

Hunter, a \$75,000 bonus baby three years ago, had a 1961 record of 10-4 and a 4.02 earned run average in 30 appearances last season, despite being sidelined by an appendectomy for six weeks.

"Hunter is one of the best young right-handers in the major leagues right now and has made marked improvement," said A's Executive Vice President Ed Lopat.

American Hockey League

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eastern Division

W L T Pts. GF GA

Hockey 26 17 5 37 122 125

Baltimore 21 17 5 37 141 125

Quebec 20 19 4 44 162 158

Springfield 17 21 5 39 154 161

Providence 7 28 8 22 120 194

Western Division

Pittsburgh 28 9 5 61 176 121

Rochester 25 15 2 52 182 133

Cleveland 20 18 5 45 162 144

Buffalo 6 14 2 44 119 126

Thursday's Result

Springfield 2, Quebec 2, tie

Today's Games

Providence at Cleveland

Buffalo at Rochester

Saturday's Games

Rochester at Cleveland

Providence at Hershey

Quebec at Springfield

Baltimore at Springfield

Sunday's Games

Cleveland at Buffalo

Quebec at Providence

Pittsburgh at Rochester

Hershey at Springfield



NEW RECORD — Bob Seagren of the University of Southern California clears bar at 16 feet, 7 inches for a new meet record in the pole vault at the Millrose Games at New York's Madison Square Garden tonight. Old meet mark was 16-5 by John Penuel, set last year. Seagren holds world indoor record at 17 feet 3 1/4 inches. (AP Wirephoto)

## Ross Swimmers In Quest For Second Over Findlay

Fremont Ross swimmers will be out to beat Findlay for a second time this season Saturday at 2 p.m. in the junior high pool. The meet is a big one for the Little Giants since a victory would assure a winning season for the local natators.

Fremont swim team currently has a record of six wins, three losses. Ross beat Findlay January 7, 51-44, in the Findlay pool. The meet was close and not decided until the last event, a 200-yard freestyle relay teams from Ohio and Michigan in the Bowling Green relays.

Jack Balsizer of Ross warns, "Saturday's meet fig- BOSTON (AP) — Baseball Commissioner William D. Eckert says he is studying the possibility of interleague play and the World Series and spring season scheduling," he said. "We are studying the possibility of starting the World Series on a weekend and possibly playing night games during the week," the former Air Force General told the 28th annual Boston baseball writers' dinner Thursday night.

"The committee is also looking into the scheduling of games during the regular season as well as that of the All-Star Game to provide more traveling time," he said.

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## LITTLE GIANT THIRD VICTORY

# Ross Stops Springfield, 63-60

Pandemonium broke loose in Ross high school gymnasium Saturday night. The din of an excited crowd obscured an official's whistle. The Little Giants came within four seconds of the game's end thinking they were losing, only to find they were ahead.

Crowd noise, confusion over who was leading and cool foul line performance of a sophomore were part of the climax as Ross upended Akron Springfield township, 63-60 here Saturday. The Little Giants bore the resemblance of a successful

team rather than one with a 3-15, Fremont team trailed 31-49, but record as they handed Springfield its sixth loss of the year. With coolness they came back from a bad first period to tie at halftime and then retained composure under pressure of a seesaw battle. Late in the fourth quarter the

### Whistle Unheard

The screaming crowd drowned the sound of the whistle. It was not heard by the players, the officials at the scoring table, the other referee on the floor or the crowd. The second official gave the ball to Fremont out of bounds and it headed up court under the notion they trailed 62-61.

Only four seconds playing time remained when the first official got action stopped to indicate the earlier foul, which erased the Springfield go-ahead fieldgoal.

Sophomore Jon Schwartz, who had his best night of the year with 15 points, then went to the foul line and calmly fired two free throws through the hoop for the final 63-60 count.

Coach Richard Norman elected to start the game with his 'team of the future' — three sophomores and two juniors. The starters were sophomores Kevin Hahn, Jon Schwartz and Phil Garry with juniors Wes Fhrbach and Steve Fausey.

The combination didn't jell and Ross trailed 22-11 at the end of the first quarter. Three seniors and two juniors then came to the rescue and Ross tied the game 30-30 just prior to the halftime intermission. The firemen who put out the Springfield blaze were seniors Gary Driftmyer, Dick Ritzman and Gary Gavitt, juniors Steve Parker and Tom Perkins.

### Ritzmen Leads Ross

Ritzman was the sparkplug of the victory, leading all scorers with 21 points and rebounding with 11. The senior playing this first year of varsity ball could have been even higher in the point total if he had not experienced a cold foul-shooting night. Ritzman made only nine of 18 foul-shot opportunities.

Schwartz tallied on five of 13 shots from the field and was five for five at the foul line for 15 points.

Equal in height Ross led the rebounding with 38 to 30 for Springfield. Garry pulled down six rebounds and Steve Parker seven plus Ritzman's 11.

Statistic-wise Ross tallied on 35 per cent of its field goal attempts, 20 of 57, and 59 per cent at the foul line, 23 of 39. Springfield had a 38 per cent shooting mark from the field, 22 of 58, and was 16 of 23, 73 per cent at the foul line.

Ross now has a mark of 3-13 with 12 losses in Buckeye Conference play. The Little Giants have won three of four games outside the conference, the lone none-league loss by only two points at Fostoria. Akron Springfield now has a record of eight wins, six losses.

In the preliminary game Coach Don Purvis split the reserves into two teams for an intrasquad battle. The Purple team beat the White, 59-44.

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AKRON SPRINGFIELD-Borowy 3-6, Weitz 7-15, Wallace 6-16, Adey 4-9, Pfeifer 3-10, Trapp 2-10, Totals 26-40.

ROSS — Ritzman 6-21, Purvis 5-6, Driftmyer 0-2, W. Fhrbach 1-5, Garry 2-3, Schwartz 1-5, Parker 1-3, Totals 20-35.

SPRINGFIELD — 22 11 12 22-63

ROSS — 17 12 12 22-43

PURPLE—Weitz 6-16, Ziemke 3-9, J.

Pfeifer 3-14, Williamson 3-4, Wop-

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als 21-75.

WHITE — Schwartz 2-6, Garry 2-4,

Purvis 1-4, Parker 1-3, Totals 12-24.

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PURPLE — 15 12 12 14-59

WHITE — 16 12 12 10-44



ROSS SWIM COACHES JACK BALSIZER, GARY SHELT PENSIVE  
Scoreboard Reflects Little Giant Success in Saturday Meet  
(News-Messenger Photo)

### WINNING SEASON ASSURED

## Swimmers Sink Findlay

Three consecutive first and second places in the first three individual events scored 24 points for Ross Saturday afternoon on the way to a 58-37 swimming victory. Findlay was unable to recover from the early onslaught as Ross went on to win eight of 11 events.

"Our boys really wanted this meet and went right out to get it by taking these firsts and seconds early to put us in a commanding position," stated head Little Giant coach Jack Balsizer.

Last year Findlay beat Ross twice and now the Little Giants have reversed this with two victories in the current season. The victory guarantees a winning dual meet season as the Ross record stands at 7-3 with three meets remaining.

Swimming their best times of the season were:

Rick Kidney, 200-yard freestyle, 2:08:1; Steve Miller, 200-yard individual medley, 2:20:3, an improvement of five seconds; Jon Zink, 200-yard individual medley, 2:24, first time he has been in this event; Rick Koebel, 100-yard butterfly, 1:02; Scott Keller, 400-yard freestyle, 4:55.8, an improvement of five seconds; the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Kirby, Zink, Dan Kohr and Kent Mathias, 3:53.3.

### SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY — Findlay (Cramer, Hollington, Silverstein, Kresser), 1:52:8; Ross (Vaffis, Billman, Ferguson, Semer), disqualified.

200 FREESTYLED — Wright (R), 2:06:6; Kidney (R), 2:08:1; Stevens (F), 2:09.

50 FREESTYLED — Mathias (R), .23:9; Kohr (R), .24:2; Traucht (F), .24:8.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Miller (R), 2:20:3; Zink (R), 2:24; Bish (F), 2:30.

DIVE — Bender (F), 48:8; Slemmer (R), 48:5; Miller (F), 38.9.

100 BUTTERFLY — Koebel (R), 1:02; Mathias (F), 1:03:2; Taylor (R), 1:04:1.

100 FREESTYLED — Wright (R), .53:4; Burrell (F), .56:8; Reitsma (F), .58:9.

100 BACKSTROKE — Kidney (R), 1:03:2; Cramer (F), 1:03:7; Loyd (F), 1:07:1.

400 FREESTYLED — Roberts (F), 4:53; Keller (R), 4:55:8; Whalen (F), 4:52:0.

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## Ross To Play Host To Elyria In Bid For First Buckeye Victory

A young, tall team with high potential rating at the start of the season invades Ross gymnasium Friday. Elyria Pioneers, perennial power of northern Ohio, are now trying to redeem themselves after a disappointing season under a new coach.

Bob Hershman in his first year at the varsity helm after a long record as Elyria Junior Varsity mentor has a team which has

won only three of 12 games in the Buckeye Conference. The Pioneers are only one step above Fremont Little Giants, winless in the Buckeye and firmly entrenched in the cellar.

Ross will be attempting to repeat the strong performance Saturday night which earned a 63-60 upset of Akron Springfield. Ross has ventured outside the league four times and won

three of these games over Port Clinton, Tiffin Columbian and Akron Springfield. The lone Ross non-league loss was by two points at Fostoria.

In the Buckeye it has been an opposite story, not only losing all 12 games but seldom coming within striking distance. In the first meeting of Ross and Elyria it was the Little Giant ineptness offensively rather than

Elyria brilliance which led to a 72-54 Pioneer victory. Ross managed only eight points in the first half of that ball game. The Ross offense should be more potent since the game came in the early stages of the Coach Richard Norman youth movement. Since that time several of the newcomers have shown moments of promise. Also, Dick Ritzman, leading

scorer for the Little Giants, will be in action. The first Elyria battle was one of three missed due to leg injury by Ritzman. The senior Ritzman has tallied 166 points in 13 games for a 12.8 average. Ross has only two others with more than 100 points. Steve Parker, junior, has scored 146, while sophomore pivot man Phil Garry has 118. Elyria is sixth in the league,

ahead only of Ross and Lorain, 13.2 average. Harold Day is averaging 12.1 and Tim Montague 11.5 for Elyria.

In shooting Montague leads with 46 per cent from the field. Gary Ballas is the top free throw shooter at 63 per cent. The 64 Day and Montague are the leading rebounders, with just over 10 each a game. Robinson, who is also 6-4 in height, is the third leading rebounder with an 8.5 average.

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## Ross Stays In Buckeye Cellar, Sandusky Deals Admirals First Defeat

Fremont Ross remained buried after redemption in the cellar, Sandusky took its pride in an unbeaten season, the King lost its first game and Admiral King won its first game in Buckeye Conference action. Eighth place Ross was an easy 59-35 victim of seventh place Elyria on the local floor.

Sandusky upset Admiral King, 84-83, while Marion was

losing to Lorain, 69-62. This pair of games not only marked the first loss for the King team but ranked second. Ohio but broke its second place tie between Sandusky and Marion.

The two teams had records of 9-3 compared to King's 12-0 prior to Friday action. The Sandusky victory could not hinder Admiral King from taking the championship but damaged

its pride in an unbeaten season. In the fourth Buckeye Conference game Mansfield nipped Findlay, 68-67. Lorain, 7-6, cold managed only 14 field goals and seven of 22 free throws. Elyria and Ross had only seven field goals in the first half, but Elyria had an 11-point lead. Better foul shooting was the difference.

Despite the inability to score

points Ross was actually in the lead midway in the third period. Twice in the second quarter, first period, Ross was within five points of the leaders. Second time Little Giants came this close was in the third quarter before Harold Day and Gary Obits took control. Immediately after Ross came to within five points, Obits hit three straight field goals. These

points Obits' goals and five by Day accounted for 16 of Elyria's 17 points in the third stanza. The final period was a 10-2 run by the King. Lorain had 10 high-point honors at 23. Obits had 10 for the game. Dick Ritzman was high for Ross with 13.

The reserve game was another story of Ross frustration as Ross fell 50-34. The score would have been even worse without a 19-point rally in the fourth

quarter. Typical of the Ross problem was a complete lack of field goals and only two points scored in the third period.

### BUCKEYE STANDINGS

	W	L	Reserve
Admiral King	12	1	
Sandusky	9	4	ROSS JV-Weisz 1-4, Fahrbach 3-3, Lorain 1-3, Marion 1-3, Findlay 1-2, Garry 4-6, Parker 5-2, Faussey 3-4, Gandy 1-2, Ritzman 1-2, Schmitz 1-2, Wilson 1-2, Geiss 1-2, Fostoria 1-2, Lorain 1-2, TOTAL 16-35.
Lorain	7	6	
Findlay	5	8	ELYRIA JV-Kehler 5-6, Thrash 1-6, Parker 2-3, Gandy 2-3, Garry 2-3, Wilson 1-2, Schmitz 1-2, Ritzman 1-2, TOTAL 14-35.
Mansfield	5	8	
Elyria	4	9	
Fremont Ross	0	13	ELYRIA JV
			15 10 11 13-24

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### STREAKS RALLY FROM APPARENT DEFEAT

## St. Joseph Nips Lakota, Wins SBC Title

By ROY WILHELM  
N-M Area Editor

The Streaks are the champs. They earned it, but they earned it. They scraped for it, they hustled for it and they fought for it. They earned it.

They earned it with an almost unbelievable display of courage which brought them from 21 points down to a 69-67 win over the Lakota Indians and left them all alone at the top of Sandusky Bay Conference head.

**Momentum Changes**  
For nearly three quarters, Lakota used a scrappy full court press, strong rebounding and some good shooting to all test.

basketball court.

Late in the third period, however, the momentum of the contest began to change. The Streaks took over to pick up the tempo, but they still trailed by 17 points at the start of the last quarter. Then, in what seemed a matter of seconds, St. Joe's turned numerous Lakota turnovers into buckets and connected on 11 of 14 of the fourth period shots. Lakota got 11 points after the Streaks rattled off the first 11 points scored in the last period and trailed by only six with over five minutes to go in the contest.

In the final rush, it was Jim

Kledzik who provided the points for the Streaks. The reserves added 10, Ken Foy and Dennis Ritchie contributed greatly to the steamroller that flattened the Lakota victory plans.

With 3:50 to go in the contest, the Streaks trailed by 10 points, 66-52. At that point Kledzik, who had been hitting scoring with 21 points, while the slowed-down Raiders got only 12.

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### **High - Scoring Five**

The five players selected to the All - Buckeye Conference team if combined have scored 119 points per game in league competition. The first team selections were also the top five scorers in the league. Their season scoring averages are Jim Harris, Admiral King, 32; Pat Biber, Admiral King, 23.8; Tom Dinger, Mansfield, 25.3; Scott Carlin, Findlay, 21.4, and Ken Halbert, Marion, 20.3.

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## Future Hopes Seen In Young Ross Athletes

One hundred and six young people, including 10 managers and 10 cheerleaders, were honored Tuesday when Ross Boosters and Ross athletic department combined to stage the annual winter sport banquet.

The emphasis of the proceedings was spread out, but one characteristic predominated — Youth. Not only evident was the overall sports accomplishment by youth, but the relative youth of athletic team members. It all pointed to a brighter future for Ross winter sports.

### Lettermen Return

Of the 32 boys seated with the wrestling team, there were 14 lettermen. Eight of these are juniors who will return for another season. Of the six graduating seniors one was a manager. All the returnees were wrestlers.

For the basketball team there also were 32 boys listed on the program. Twelve of these lettered with the varsity and eight of the lettermen graduate. Despite the cold fact of numbers, there is great promise in the returnees. Three juniors and a sophomore lettered and this quartet supplied four of the five starters through much of the latter half of the season. Two other sophomores, each of whom started on occasion for the varsity late in the season, just missed letters and are counted upon heavily for next year.

### Norman Challenges

Coach Richard Norman addressed his young players when he said at the banquet, "We want to come back in the Buckeye Conference as a basketball team. If you want to work we have the personnel to do it."

For the swimmers, also 32 strong, counting managers on the banquet program, loser will be heavy at graduation time, but key swimmers and a strong junior varsity team are returning. Of 13 lettermen, only four are returning juniors, but three of the four returnees swam this year in the state championships. The fourth would have joined them if not sidelined by illness.

### Athletic Assembly

The banquet came the same week as the athletic assembly at the high school, where athletic awards were presented. During this assembly letters were presented. In addition the Dave Brockseiker foul shooting award was presented to Steve Parker. The award is annually presented in the name of Dave Brockseiker, killed in action during World War II to the boy with the highest foul-shooting average.

Wrestling award winners at the assembly were: Juniors Jose Alejandro, Tom Sachs, Randy Sachs, Cal Kanon, Scott Decker, Bud Weiser, Dick Boursox and Brad Lawrence; seniors Gary Swartlander, Ron Stokes, Manager Dave Smith and Co-captains Gary LeMaire and Jim Winters.

Basketball awards went to the following: Seniors Gary Gavitt, Bob Grayson, Steve Raines, Bill Fahe, Dick Ritzman, Kris Perry, Manager Lee March and Captain Gary Driftmyer; Juniors Steve Parker, Steve Fausey and Wes Fahrbach; Sophomore Phil Garry.

Swimming award winners were: Seniors Roger Billman, Dan Kohr, Rick Kidney, Ken Mathias, Mike Shilling, John Vaffs, Manager Mike Messina and Co-Captains Kirby Taylor and Eric Wright; Juniors Rick Koebel, Steve Miller, Bill Slemmer and Jon Zink.

At the banquet special honors as most valuable went to Jose Alejandro, wrestling; Kirby Taylor, swimming, and Dick Ritzman, basketball.

