

LITTLE GIANTS OPEN FRIDAY WITH MANSFIELD

# Ross Fills Underdog Role In Buckeye Conference Picture

Last year's second highest scorer with a 6-4 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 re-serves as a unit, five lettermen including a 21-point a game

scorer, a standout center and a squad with only two boys under six-foot 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 Dan Baker, state recognized coach of Marion Harding, warns "Fremont and Lorain Senior are nobody's lunch meat."

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; Kris Perry, forward - center, 6-0, senior; Gary Gavitt, forward, 5-7, 6-2 senior; Tom Perkins, forward, 6-2, junior; Wes Fehrbach, center, 6-4.



POSSIBLE ROSS STARTERS talk over game plans 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)

## Schoolboy Wrestlers Open Campaign Tonight At Clyde

Two boys who made it to the Ohio State wrestling championships after surviving district and regional competition lead a strong contingent of wrestlers onto area mats this week. Wrestling, the fastest growing sport on the Ohio high school scene, opens a new season this week.

Clyde is the early bird of the area wrestling schools in a home meet tonight with Sandusky. Reminders of the area wrestling schools will have their first matches next Monday and Tuesday.

Particular attention will be centered on Jerry Biddle of Lakota and Steve Beier at St. Joseph. Both made it to the state competition and both are reported back at their weights of a year ago. Biddle and Beier were both Sandusky Bay, district and regional champions at their weights —112 for Biddle and 154 for Beier. Coaches Jerry Wasserman of Lakota and Joe Kazma of St. Joseph report both boys have already made their desired weights with the season a week away.

Early practice indications are that strengths rest in St. Joseph, Lakota, Clyde and Ross teams, where there are strong nucleus of veterans.

Schedules of the main area wrestling schools are as follows:

### FREMONT ROSS

December 8, Bowling Green; December 12, Oregon Clay; December 16, at Mansfield; December 20, Bellevue; December 23, 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.

January 21, SBC tournament at St. Mary; January 26, Tiffin Calvert; January 31, Fremont Ross; February 4, Regional at Clyde.

### MARGARETTA

December 6, Clyde; December 12, Bellevue; December 15, at Mohawk; December 17, Lakota (tentative); January 5, St. Joseph; January 12, Vermilion; January 14, at Milan. January 17, Berlin Heights; January 19, at St. Mary; January 21, Lakota; February 10, at Norwalk.

### BELLEVUE

December 6, Port Clinton; December 12, at Margarett; December 17, Milan tourney; December 20, at Fremont Ross; December 22, at Clyde; December 24, at Fremont St. Joseph. January 7, Cloverleaf; January 10, at Berlin Heights (reserve meet); January 14, Norwalk; January 17, Admiral King; January 21, at Perkins; January 24, at Norwalk; January 28, at Milan.

### GENOA

December 3, at Springfield; December 10, Northwood tournament; December 15, Lake; December 17, at Maumee with Perryburg and Rossford; December 20, Perryburg.

January 5, Delta; January 9, at North Baltimore; January 14, Lakota; January 20-21, Northern Lakes League tournament at Rossford; January 26, Anthony Wayne; January 31, Eastwood; February 4 and 11, district tourney.

### BLOOMVILLE

December 6, Ontario; December 15, at Tiffin Calvert; December 20, at Carey; January 11, Hopewell-Loudon; January 18, Mohawk; January 21, Ontario Invitational.

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. Bearing the trademark of a Norman-coached team, the Little Giants have shown in preseason 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 bench 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." In preseason 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 runners 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 Griesser, 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.

## BASEBALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

# Orioles Toy With Another Super Trade

By MURRAY CHASS PITTSBURGH (AP) — Relief pitcher Darold Knowles, who

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

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

# 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 those years 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 in 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 hit from the key with the first Little Giant basket. Four minutes 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 Baker mixing starters and reserves 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 the precision attack.

Dave Everson was the marksman of marksmen scoring on all nine field goal attempts. Ken Halbert was second to Everson's 19 points with 16 points

and 11 rebounds. Adding to the Ross frustration was ability to gather in only 18 rebounds. Marion had 29 rebounds and only seven turnovers. The Little Giants had 14 turnovers.

Inability to work for the shot was the major problem offensively. The outside men had little luck in eluding their defenders or working the ball inside. Ross took only 39 shots at the basket and only 13 of these were 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 leading Ross scorer with nine points.

In reserve action Ross faded in the second half and fell 55-44. The Little Giants trailed only 23-23 at halftime. Wes Fahrenbach led the Ross reserves with 17 points, high for both teams in the game.

Varsity	
Marion JV—Perry 1 4 4; Holbert 3 1 1; Everson 3 1 1; Marchant 3 1 1; Fahrenbach 2 1 1; Garry 2 1 1; Barnes 1 0 0; Leonard 1 0 0. TOTAL 20 7 67.	
Ross JV—Fausey 1 0 0; Ritzman 2 2 2; Perkins 1 2 4; Garry 2 3 3; Ritzman 2 2 2; Fausey 1 0 0; Garry 2 3 3; Ritzman 2 2 2; Fausey 1 0 0. TOTAL 18 18 33.	
Marion JV 25 12 10 20-47	
Ross JV 13 12 4 15-36	

Reserves	
Marion JV—Perry 1 4 4; Crosswell 2 2 2; Garry 2 3 3; Cochran 4 0 0; VanDusen 1 2 4; Haviland 2 2 2. TOTAL 18 19.	
Ross JV—Schwartz 1 0 0; Fausey 3 1 1; Fahrenbach 2 1 1; Perkins 2 3 3; Thomas 1 1 1. TOTAL 13 14 44.	
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## Port Clinton Hot Shooting Burns Strich

PORT CLINTON —Sixty per cent of its shots from the field went through the hoop Friday as Port Clinton tripped Cardinal Strich, 74-43. Strich had a strong shooting night in its own right with 48 per cent, but couldn't keep pace with the hot-handed Redskins.

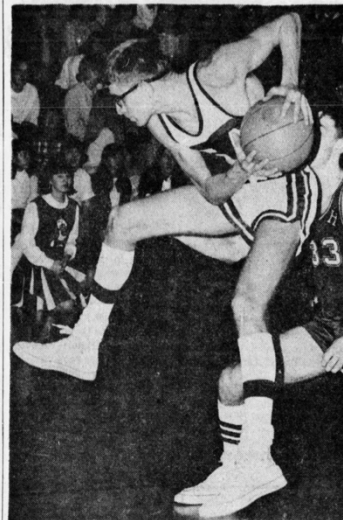
The Redskins moved to a commanding 31-17 lead in the relatively slow first half. Both teams picked up the pace in the final half and had two 20-point plus quarters each. Strich managed to lop three points off the Port Clinton advantage with a 46-point second half.

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

CARDINAL STRITCH—Ordus 4 3 11; Opal 1 0 10; Keneas 9 3 21; Tscherne 2 0 4; Westmeyer 5 1 1; Flynn 2 2 6; Davenport 1 0 2; Holley 2 2 4; Scheider 1 0 2. TOTAL 25 19 74.		
PORT CLINTON—Art 1 4 6; Lemon 9 21; Rickel 3 2 7; Smith 2 2 7; Perry 2 0 4; Lason 6 7 19; Kekinda 1 0 2; Mackey 2 8 12. TOTAL 23 30 74.		
CARDINAL STRITCH	25	19 25-63
PORT CLINTON	23	30 23-34

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 only 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 59-32. 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.

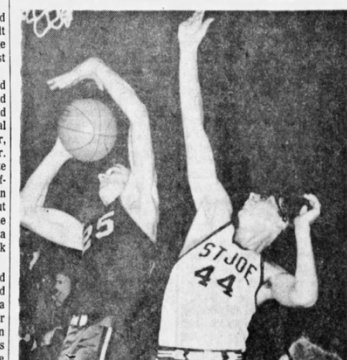
Paced by Jim Hoffman and Dan Benton, the Streaks built up a 17 point lead and rode home to a victory in their first league game of the season.

The visiting Rockets, paced by senior guard Bob Reiter, 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 ripped the net from the corner to give the Streaks 19 - 16 lead Benton set the

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 Benton 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 ocket'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 hustle, 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 was Sunday against invading Fostoria St. Wendelin.

Varsity	
Oak Harbor—Reiter 13 8 26; Durand 1 0 2; Smith 6 7 12; Reiter 1 2 2; Herbert 0 1 1; Sierke 1 0 2. TOTAL 21 10 52.	
St. Joseph—Hoffman 12 1 25; Ritchie 6 1 13; Hotz 1 0 2; Fay 2 2 4; Benton 6 0 12; J. Hotz 0 1 1. TOTAL 24 7 59.	
Oak Harbor 21 10 52	
St. Joseph 24 7 59	

## Offenseless Ross Topples At Lorain, 57-34

LORAIN — Ross Little Giants remained firmly cemented in the Buckeye Conference cellar Friday night, making only six field goals in falling to Lorain, 57-34. Although displaying better defense than in the first three games, the Little Giants could come up with no offense at all.

Twenty - two of the 34 Ross points came on 34 free throw attempts. From the field the Ross offense worked for only 26 shots and made only six of these. This

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.

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Lorain JV—Greisser 2 2 6; Hagins 4 0 8; Charlton 2 2 6; Breen 4 6 14; Dydzioka 1 0 2; Cook 0 3 3; Papalick 1 0 4; Stephenson 1 0 2. TOTAL 22 13 37.	
Ross JV 6 22 34	
Lorain JV 22 13 37	

Reserves	
Ross JV—Schwartz 3 2 8; Fausey 4 1 9; Hahn 3 1 7; Weiss 3 1 7; Whalley 0 2 2. TOTAL 13 7 33.	
Lorain JV—Hill 4 2 10; Suaboda 7 3 17; Schrader 1 3 5; Parker 6 1 13; Simpson 3 0 2; Cross 2 0 4; Lombardi 0 1 1; Sheets 1 0 2; Craig 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 13 7 33	
Lorain JV 28 14 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 Sandus-

ky 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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ROSS—Fauley 1 2 4; Ritzman 1 1 3; Garry 3 0 4; Perkins 0 3 3; Raines 1 3 3; Fahle 3 0 4; Parker 2 3 4; Gavitt 1 0 2; Fahrbach 0 3 3. TOTAL 12 17 41.  
SANDUSKY—Lindsey 6 8 17; Caffey 6 8 20; Bloomquist 4 1 9; Dorden 3 2 8; Deming 3 1 7; Williams 4 2 10; Venerucal 2 1 5; Schirg 5 0 10; Ohlemacher 1 2 4; Richardson 1 0 2. TOTAL 35 22 92.  
ROSS 4 17 9 11-41  
SANDUSKY 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.

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### VARSITY

ROSS — Schwartz 2-1-5, Garry 1-1-3, Parker 3-4-10, Fausey 4-3-11, Fahle 0-0-0, Raines 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

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### RESERVE

ROSS—Hahn 2-0-4, Whatley 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, Ballasky 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 Fitzman 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 Fahrback 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 run-away with disgusting ease, tallying 101 points although using reserves for 9:28 of the game. Coach Al McConihe 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.

The home team played one reputable quarter, the third when King had its starting five back in action. With Steve Parker finding the range for all 11 of his points in that period the Little Giants scored 20. Admiral King countered with 29. Garry had 12 points and seven rebounds for Ross, while Fahrback pulled down nine rebounds and scored nine points.

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.

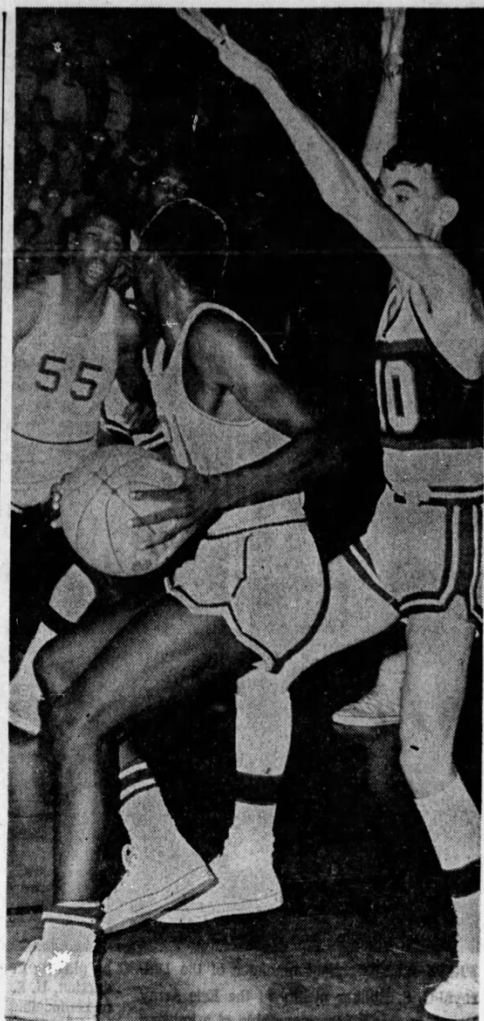
## --- VARSITY ---

ADMIRAL KING—Harris 13-5-31, Jones 3-7-17, Biber 9-2-20, Smith 1-0-2, Guerrieri 5-2-12, Hitchens 1-0-2, Brown 2-2-4, Taylor 6-5-3, Solomon 6-0-12, Anderson 2-0-4. TOTAL 42-17-101.

ROSS—Fausey 2-4, Garry 5-2-12, Parker 5-1-11, Driftmeyer 0-2-2, Fahrback 3-3-9, Schwartz 2-1-5, Hahn 1-0-2. TOTAL 18-11-47.

ADMIRAL KING 24 23 29 25-101

ROSS 3 13 20 11-47



News-Messenger Photo

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 balance 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 overpowering 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.

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.

In the reserve game Bloomville scored a 36-31 victory.

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BLOOMVILLE—Price 10-2-22, Meyers 7-2-16, Thallman 5-0-30, C. Tusing 9-4-24, Miller 10-1-21, Rogers 3-4-4. TOTAL 44-11-99.

CRESTLINE—Glover 1-1-3, Dietz 9-4-24, Thomas 8-3-19, Almonson 8-5-25, L. Specht 9-1-19. TOTAL 35-16-86.

BLOOMVILLE 22 23 27 27-99

CRESTLINE 20 18 22-86

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

NORTH BALTIMORE — Friday night Lakota and North Baltimore each had 23 allowed North Baltimore to stop Lakota, 60-56, and salvage a third from its own four-team tournament Friday night. The host team hit 23 of 44 shots, 52 per cent, in staying ahead of the Raiders.

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.

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.

Les Graber of Lakota was the game's top scorer with 22 points.

In the championship game Deshler beat Columbus Grove, 67-63.

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

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

LAKOTA 27 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 4-3 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 hobbled 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 and 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 Larson, Marty Arft, Mike Lemon, all who average in double figures. Arft has had the best individual performance of the year, 28 in a 75-67 conquest of Bedford.

**SBC Full Scale**  
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 unbeaten 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, Margareta will all play their first league games this weekend.

The opening 63-56 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 Curphey, 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 benefitted 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 Tranchi, 50-yard freestyle, :24.5, and 100-yard freestyle, :53; Mike O'Brien, 400-yard freestyle, 5:08, 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.

## Basketball Results

Ohio College Basketball  
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
(Thursday)

Toledo 98, 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 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 60, Rockhurst 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

night and defense seems almost beside the point.

Bing scored six points in the second overtime and led the Pistons with 33 points, the same number Don Ohl had for Baltimore. The Pistons had led by as much as 13 points in the second half, but the Bullets took an 86-77 lead after three periods as the Pistons got just 14 points in the third period.

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

Jack Marin's 29-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 123-101 at Los Angeles.

Philadelphia won its 11th game in a row with Bill Cunningham scoring 27 points and with 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.

## National Pride Led Campbell To Speed Death

CONISTON, England (AP) — Royal Navy frogmen readied to explore the dark depths of England's Lake Coniston today for the body of British speed ace Donald Campbell — strapped in the cockpit of his sunken jetboat, Bluebird.

The boat, powered by an aircraft jet engine, somersaulted, crashed and sank in 120 feet of water Wednesday as it topped 300 miles per hour on the brink of exceeding Campbell's own world water speed record.

"Campbell was firmly strapped to his seat and we expected to find him still in the cockpit," said Norman Buckley, chief official observer of the record attempt.

"Campbell always said that if something serious happened he didn't stand a chance," Buckley added.

Although the 45-year-old British daredevil had a jet engine behind him, he had no ejector seat for use if things went wrong.

In a way, this was typical of an ardently patriotic Englishman who courted death to emulate a famous father — Sir Malcolm Campbell, who set up world land and water speed records in the 1930s.

Donald Campbell was the first man to hold land and water speed records in the same year.

In 1964, he reached 403.1 m.p.h. in his gas turbine-engined car, Bluebird, and hit

## 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 gimpy-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 — Fahrback and Parker, two sophomores — Phil Garry and Jon Schwartz, and one senior — Ritzman.

The contest started with makings of another long night for the Little Giants. After the two teams fought to a 7-7 standstill in the first four minutes the fortunes went downhill for Ross. With Ross trailing 17-10 at the end of the quarter the 5-4, 101-pound Driftmyer was called upon as a fireman.

### 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 Fahrback 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 the Ross rebounding with 12 snarls 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 1-1, Fahrback 2-1, Ritzman 4-1, Parker 5-3, Fausey 1-2, Hahn 0-2, Rinner 0-2, Gervill 2-0, Driftmyer 4-1, TOTAL 19-33-71.

PORT CLINTON — Larson 3-8, Arft 4-7, Rickel 1-1, Kokinda 1-2, Smith 4-3, Perry 1-3, TOTAL 16-42-52.

ROSS 10 20 15 26-71

PORT CLINTON 17 11 5 19-52

### RESERVE

ROSS JV — Weiss 5-10, Opelt 1-1, Perkins 3-10, Boskovitch 4-1, Fausey 0-0, J. Fahrback 5-13, Whitley 0-2, Williamson 0-0, TOTAL 18-11-47.

PORT CLINTON JV — Bruno 3-7, Fritz 6-13, Innot 8-19, Shumaker 2-6, Shilwe 4-2, Kern 0-2, TOTAL 25-11-57.

ROSS JV 12 15 9 11-47

PORT CLINTON JV 10 24 10 13-57

## Non-Title Fight Slated

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Curtis Cokes, the world's welterweight boxing champion, will meet French champion Francois Pa villa 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

#### Western Division

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, tie

Rochester 3, Springfield 0

#### Sunday's Games

Cleveland 7, Buffalo 3

Providence 2, Pittsburgh 1

Rochester 7, Baltimore 2

#### Today's Games

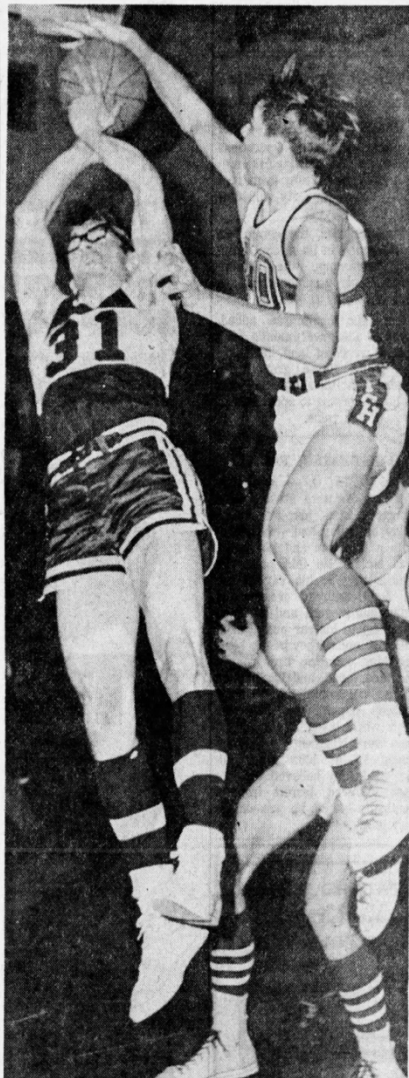
No games scheduled.

#### Tuesday's Games

Providence at Baltimore

#### Weekend Fights

TOKYO — Musashi Nakano, 145½, Japan, knocked out Apl-dej Sithiran, 143¼, 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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# AUTO SHOW

# 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 heavy-weight 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 (13.3) 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 77-64, Washington beat Oregon

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 clock 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 arouse 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.

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**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

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**Varsity**

ROSS—Ritzman 2-5-9, Grayson 0-1-1, Parker 2-2-6, Driftmyer 2-5-9, Fahrback 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 8-0-16, Everson 2-0-4, Merchant 2-0-4, Felter 1-0-2, Creasap 8-3-19, King 2-1-3, Jones 1-0-2, Trucker 1-0-2, Boyd 4-0-8. TOTAL 34-6-74.  
ROSS 5 12 12 8-37  
MARION 20 22 17 15-74

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**Reserve**

ROSS JV—B. Fausey 2-2-6, Boskovitch 1-3-5, Weisz 0-2-2, Fahrback 1-1-3, Perkins 0-2-2, Ziemke 1-2-4. 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



## DRIFTMYER PROVIDES KEY PERFORMANCE

## Ross Wins Second, Stops Columbian, 52-50

By R. JERRY CAMPBELL  
N-M Sports Editor

When you are stretching a point to call yourself 5-6 in height and 191 pounds in weight, you would be inclined to admit the basketball court was no place for you. Not Gary Driftmyer. For the second time this season the little guy stepped into a big man's game and played a decisive role.

For the second time Ross

managed a victory with a non-league opponent, stopping Tiffin Columbian, 52-50. It was only the second loss of the season for Tiffin and the second win in 11 games for the Little Giants.

The diminutive Driftmyer was by no means the whole story as the Ross charges of Richard Norman put on a cool display in a pressure-packed ball game.

There was seldom when more than three points separated the two teams. Late in the fourth quarter Ross threatened to pull away, holding the largest lead of the game, 38-41, with 2:12 to play. The Tornadoes caught fire and were on the move trailing by only two, 38-46, with 37 seconds to play.

Driftmyer was fouled and calmly converted a one-and-one foul shooting opportunity

into two points, his 14th and 15th of the night, and four-point Ross lead. With three seconds to play Driftmyer was again at the foul line. This time he missed, but the scramble under the board put the ball in the air at the basket. The shot missed but all 54 of Gary Driftmyer leaped and took the rebound, squeaking any chance of a last-second Tiffin desperation shot. The rebound was

Driftmyer's ninth of the game. Driftmyer tied Floyd Lyon of Tiffin for game high-point honors at 15.

For Ross the Driftmyer heroics stole the attention because of their timeliness and the distinctive appearance of the small guy on the court. But it was a complete game, one of the few this season for Ross. Wesley Fahrback, a junior pivot man, stepped into the line-up as a rebounder, coming up with strong work against a big Tiffin team.

Phil Garry was also strong on the boards and had an 11-point night. Steve Parker again used his speed for drives and hit from the outside for 19 points. Garry, Fahrback and Parker all will return for another season so things could be brighter for Coach Norman.

After the game Norman drifted around the locker room congratulating his boys. He remarked to the group, "That feels good boys. I can tell you that. We can enjoy our meal tonight."

The last ten and one-half minutes of the game were a teeter-totter, pressure-filled period. In that period the score was tied twice and the lead changed hands five times.

Driftmyer hit for a 30-footer with 4:04 to go in the game. It put Ross in front 38-46 and the Little Giants were never headed again. With 4:32 to play Fahrback hit a turnaround jump shot from the base line to widen the margin to 41-38. Twenty seconds later Fahrback committed his fifth personal foul and Ross had to finish without their tallest boy.

Driftmyer hit another field goal and a foul shot, Garry followed a shot to tap in a rebound. Ritzman hit a turnaround jumper from the head of the key and Parker drove from the side for a layup to give Ross its biggest lead, 50-41 with 2:12 to play.

Keith Halcomb got hot from the outside to pace a Tiffin comeback but the Little Giants refused to crack.

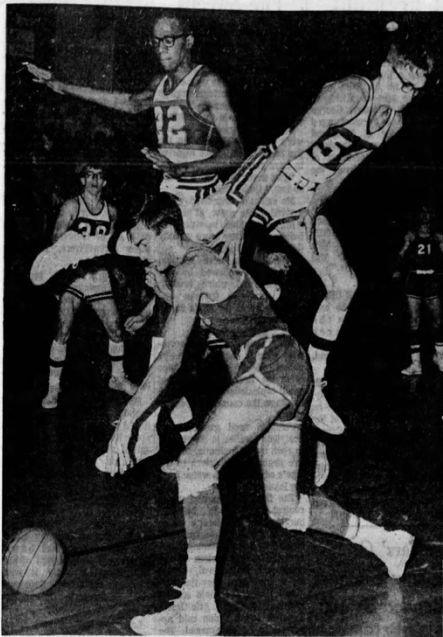
The reserve game was also a Fremont victory, 41-38, as Tom Perkins tallied 13 points.

**ROSS-DRIFTMYER** 42-38, Parker 42-10, Driftmyer 38-10, Fahrback 24-10, Garry 19-11, Ross 9-11, Perry 8-12. TOTAL 121-104.

**COLUMBIAN-DRIFTMYER** 52-50, Lyon 42-10, Garry 19-11, Fahrback 24-10, Garry 19-11, Ross 9-11, Perry 8-12. TOTAL 121-104.

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PHIL GARRY, DICK RITZMAN FLYING HIGH FOR LITTLE GIANTS  
Columbian's Floyd Lyon Reaches For Bouncing Basketball

## Second Half Rally Pushes St. Joe Past Genoa, 72-54

By ROY WILHELM  
N-M Area Editor

GENOA — A second half rally featuring balanced scoring and a sagging zone defense brought Fremont St. Joseph's Crimson Streaks to a 72-54 win over the Genoa Comets in a nonconference basketball game Friday night.

The Streaks, getting double figures scoring out of all five starters, rallied from a nine point deficit to take the lead before the mid point of the third period and won going away. Once the Streaks built the lead, they took advantage of a high number of Genoa fouls to stay well ahead of the Comets. The Streaks, who were outscored from the field in the contest, scored 18 of their 36 fourth

the high post and slid Mike Kledzik down underneath and the change paid off against the Comets. McColl could not handle the quicker Benton and Kledzik floated around for several easy buckets.

**Rally Starts**  
The Streaks scored the last four points of the half and then rallied off the first six points after the intermission to take the lead for the first time since the opening minutes. A drive by Benton narrowed the gap to 31-30 with about six minutes to go in the quarter and a jump shot from outside the foul line by Ken Fey gave St. Joe a 35-31 lead 30 seconds later. McColl hit to put Genoa in the lead again, but Kledzik connected for

The second half St. Joseph rallied centered around Genoa's "F" center, both offensively and defensively. The Streaks moved the ball inside and worked around him on offense and employed their sagging zone to cut him off on his end of the court. Another big difference in the two halves was the St. Joe ball handling. A number of turnovers kept the Streaks in trouble.

**Ritchie Gets Hot**

Dennis Ritchie then took over the scoring in the last period, netting 11 of his 15 points. The Streaks led by only nine with about two minutes left, but scored the last nine points in the ball game.

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### Bowling News

Tom Keegan was the highest of five boys to roll 500 series in the Rainbow Lanes Junior League Saturday afternoon. Keegan, rolling for Plaza Lanes, had a 585 series with games 200, 180, 180. Other boys in the league with series of 300 or better were: John Decker, Sycamore Hills, 555; John Jones, O'Brien-Durwald, 513; Jeff Laurendeau, Green Hills, 505.

Dave Jones had a strong 592 for a two-game series Saturday in the Rainbow Bantams League at Rainbow Lanes. Rolling for the Buckeyes Dave had a 300 and 192 games. Buckeye teammate Jeff Gallatin also was one of three boys in the Bantams to top 300 for two games with a 329. Roger Rhoad of the Four Strikers had a 308 series.

Starting Tuesday the News-Messenger bowling honor roll will revert to the old standard of 185 games and 500 series for women, 225 game and 600 series for men. The amount of space saved by the trial honor roll standard did not justify the number of names being omitted.

### HONOR ROLL

**Men 300 Series**  
Don Plack, Strongs Well Drilling 344  
Lester Gertner, Kinross A. & G. 449  
Don Olson, Latham's Super Shop 423  
Buffy Babin, John's Barber Shop 423

**Women 300 Series**  
Ruth Martin, Bell and Chain 354  
Max Jennings, Bell and Chain 354  
Thelma Aldrich, A. & M. 314  
Edith Martin, Bell and Chain 314  
Thelma Aldrich, Ramon-McCain 308

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**Clyde Bowling Center**



CLYDE'S JIM SMITH USES LEGS TO CONTROL ST. JOSEPH FOE  
Chuck Koch Appears On Top But Not In Control Of Unbeaten Smith

## Clyde Wrestlers Impose First Loss On St. Joseph

An aggressive Clyde wrestling team caught St. Joseph napping Saturday night, handing the Crimson Streak mat men their first loss of the season, 23-16. The visiting Filers won seven of the 11 matches, including the final two to break the St. Joseph win streak.

After trailing by as much as nine points, 17-8, following the first seven matches, St. Joseph rallied to within two points, 23-21, in the final match. Victories by unbeaten Steve Beier, 156, and Ed Fiber, 167, narrowed the scored to 17-16. Strong points all season in the St. Joseph victory drive have been the work of the heavy weights. Beier and Fiber gave indications the big boys would once more save the day, but Clyde had other ideas.

They countered the St. Joseph strength of Bill Overmyer, 177, and Tom Picciuto, heavyweight, with Bob McGrath and Keith Dahms respectively. McGrath turned over Overmyer move into a trap and had the larvy 177-pounder on his back

Fiber and Al O'Neal, 129, pinned their foes for St. Joseph. Clyde victory by fall was recorded by Jerry Gill, 147.

### VARSITY

105 — Steve Fultz (C) decided Randy Keegan, 2-2; 3-3; 122 — Jim Smith (C) decided Chuck Koch, 7-1; 9-4; 129 — Al O'Neal (SJ) pinned Jerry Wetrich, 26 third period; 8-6; 135 — Mark Meggitt (C) decided Jack Hershey, 2-0; 8-6; 140 — Jim Wettrick (C) decided Bill Beier, 4-3; 8-12; 147 — Jerry Gill (C) pinned Dave Post, 1-54 third period; 8-17; 156 — Steve Beier (SJ) decided Jim Pump, 5-0; 11-17; 167 — Ed Fiber (SJ) pinned Tim Tarris, 30 third period; 16-17; 177 — Bob McGrath (C) decided Bill Overmyer, 8-3; 16-20.

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### RESERVE

105 — John Nofitz (C) decided Ken Gony, 9-0; 9-3; 114 — Bill Reinhart (SJ) won by forfeit; 5-3; 122 — Scott Mead (SJ) decided John Gressman, 2-0; 8-3; 129 — Dennis Haslinger (SJ) decided Dennis Musell, 6-0; 11-3; 135 — Mike Bleckinger (SJ) decided Andy Wettrich, 9-0; 14-3; 140 — Ted Geiger (C) decided John Eberly, 3-0; 14-8; 147 — Larry Faust (SJ) decided Bob Nobels, 3-0; 17-6; 156 — Joe Camp (SJ) won by forfeit; 22-6; 167 — Joe Durnwald (SJ) decided Tom Rogers, 5-1; 25-6; 177 — Bob Kramb (SJ) pinned Scott Feltner, 1-50 second period; 30-6; Heavyweight — Bill Seibheimer (SJ) decided Ken Dick, 5-0; 23-4.

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**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 Duziak 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 out-rebounded 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 jumpshooting 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 it was 53-44 for Lorain Jayvees.

Varsity

Sports add Ross 14 1/2 1/2 1/2  
LORAIN—Greisser 8-17 Hagins 4-7-15,  
Charlton 4-2-9, Breen 4-1-9, Duziak 1-3-5,  
Pavlick 1-0-2, Jackson 4-1-9, Holliman 1-0-2. TOTAL 27-64-68.

ROSS—Ritzman 7-11, Grayson 6-2-2,  
Parker 7-2-17, Driftmyer 2-4-4, W. Fahr-  
bach 1-1-3, Garry 5-3-13, Hahn 0-0-0,  
Raines 0-0-0, Gavin 0-0-0, Fausey 1-0-2,  
Pohle 0-0-0, Schwartz 0-0-0. TOTAL 19-16-54.

LORAIN 15 11 19 23-68  
ROSS 13 13 14 14-52

Reserve

LORAIN JV—Long 2-4-8, Swoboda 4-7-15,  
Parker 4-8-8, Lombardi 1-0-2, Sheets 1-0-2, Thomas 4-2-14. TOTAL 20-13-53.

ROSS JV—B. Fausey 2-1-5, Boskovitch 1-0-2, Wenz 4-0-6, J. Fahrbach 5-3-7, Perkins 5-2-12, Ziemke 0-0-0, Schwartz 4-2-10. TOTAL 18-4-44.

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 10-3 overall record. In a first meeting this season at Sandusky the Blue Streaks manhandled Ross 92-41.

Saturday's foe has a 5-4 record in the tough Akron Metropolitan 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 race Admiral King needs only a win at home tonight over Findlay to clinch a title. With three games remaining King is unbeaten 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 69.2 points per game. Sandusky has a 60-point offensive average.

Defensively Marion is king, allowing the opposition to score at an average of only 53.2 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 have won 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 Pat Biber 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 132 points in 14 games, an average of a little over 10 a game. Ritzman, who has played two less games, has tallied 138 points for an 11.6 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	Pts.
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	759	69.0
Findlay	11	706	72.4
Marion	11	705	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	645	58.6
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	344	31.3
Biber (AK)	11	253	23.0
Carlin (FI)	11	244	22.2
Dinger (Mans.)	9	191	21.2
Halbert (Mar.)	11	214	19.5
Greisser (L)	11	160	14.5
Ammons (FI)	11	146	13.3
Haggins (L)	11	146	13.3
Robinson (E)	10	123	12.3
Williamson (Mar.)	11	123	12.1

### ROSS OVERALL

Player	FG	FT	TP
Parker	44	54	142
Ritzman	42	54	138
Garry	39	22	100
Fauscy	27	21	78
Driftmyer	29	25	65
Fahrbach	21	18	62
Schwartz	6	7	19
Perkins	5	8	18
Fable	4	6	14
Raines	2	9	13
Hahn	2	7	11
Gavitt	5	1	11
Grayson	2	7	11
Perry	1	1	3

## Mota Signing Tops Baseball Pre-Spring News

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Free-swinging Manny Mota, the No. 2 man in baseball's No. 1 platoon, is set for another assault against National League pitchers.

Mota, who hit .333 for Pittsburgh last season while sharing center field with NL batting king Matty Alou, returned his signed 1967 contract to the Pirates Thursday.

The 28-year-old Dominican appeared in 116 games, rapped five homers and drove in 46 runs for the Pirates. He led the league in batting 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 .360 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 \$40,000 and 29-year-old Jim (Catfish) Hunter, one of Kansas City's pitching prodigies, agreed to terms and received a "good raise."

Cash, 32, smacked 32 homers and knocked in 83 runs while batting .279 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, compiled a 9-11 record 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 majors right now and has made marked improvement," said A's Executive Vice President Ed Lopat.

### American Hockey League

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Hershey	26	12	5	57	180	123
Baltimore	21	17	3	45	141	136
Quebec	20	19	4	44	162	158
Springfield	17	21	5	39	154	161
Providence	7	28	8	22	120	194
<b>Western Division</b>						
Pittsburgh	28	9	5	61	176	121
Rochester	25	15	2	52	182	133
Cleveland	20	18	5	45	162	144
Buffalo	6	31	7	19	119	226

### Western Division

<b>Today's Games</b>	
Providence at Cleveland	
Buffalo at Rochester	
<b>Saturday's Games</b>	
Rochester at Cleveland	
Providence at Hershey	
Quebec at Pittsburgh	
Baltimore at Springfield	
<b>Sunday's Games</b>	
Cleveland at Buffalo	
Quebec at Providence	
Pittsburgh at Rochester	
Hershey at Springfield	

### 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 Pittsburgh

Baltimore at Springfield

### Sunday's Games

Cleveland at Buffalo

Quebec at Providence

Pittsburgh at Rochester

Hershey at Springfield



NEW RECORD — Rob Seagen 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 Pennel, set last year. Seagen holds world indoor record at 17 feet 3/4 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, 400-yard freestyle relay.

Coach Jack Balsizer of Ross warns, "Saturday's meet figures to be every bit as close and exciting as the first. Findlay has shown fine improvement since the first meet and in some events has gained an edge on us." Findlay's 200-meter medley relay team ranks among the 12 fastest times in Ohio.

Some of the better Findlay swimmers and their times: Gary Seve Traucht, 50 - yard freestyle, :23.5; Jerry Stevens, 100-yard freestyle, :53.7; Gary Cramer, 100 - yard backstroke, 1:02.7; Mark Mathias, 100-yard butterfly, 1:02.5; Bill Hollington, 100-yard breaststroke, 1:11.4.

Last year Findlay beat Ross twice and won the Buckeye Conference championship. After Ross, the apparent winner, had a relay team disqualified.

Next week Ross swims against the potential state championship team from Toledo St. Francis. This meet will be Friday at 4 p.m. in the junior high pool. Saturday, February 4, Ross competes against top teams from Ohio and Michigan in the Bowling Green relays.

## Interleague Play Studied

BOSTON (AP) — Baseball Commissioner William D. Eckert says he is studying the possibility of interleague play and has appointed a committee of major league club owners to make a study of the idea.

"The committee of owners is looking into matters concerning the possibility of interleague play, the All-Star Game schedule, the World Series and regular 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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# SANDUSKY ROLLS WITH FAST BREAK

## Slow Defensive Recovery Sinks Ross Victory Chance, 66-39

Failure to get back on defense made the Sandusky fast break look easy and sent Fremont Ross to a 66-39 defeat Friday night at the Ross gymnasium. It was basketball defeat number 13 for the Little Giants and the 12th loss without a win in the Buckeye Conference.

Taking advantage of the slow defensive recovery the visiting Blue Streaks put in 14 of their 29 field goals on easy layups at the end of the fast break. The 14 fast break layups were the difference in field goal totals for the two schools.

Leaky defense which gave up the relatively easy inside shot made Sandusky shooting percentages look good. The visiting team made 29 of its 64 shots, 45.3 per cent. Of the 29 field goals seven came from outside 10 feet of the basket.

After trailing by as much as 15 points in the first quarter Ross put on a second period surge and threatened for a while to make a contest of the game. With 3:30 to play in the second quarter Ross pulled to within six points, 28-20.

Sandusky then staged a spurt

of its own, including two fast breaks and three goals on rebounds, moving to a 17-point lead by the end of the second period. Ross was never closer than 17 points the rest of the way.

One bright spot in the Ross performance was evidence of steady development by 6-2 sophomore pivot man Phil Garry. Muscular Sandusky is a bruising team but Garry still had his season high of 13 rebounds. This led all players. Garry also added 11 points, all in the first half carrying the early Ross

attack.

As a team Ross had a cold hand with 15 field goals in 65 shots, 23.1 per cent. At the foul line the Little Giants were little better with nine of 19, 47 per cent. Up to the point where Ross narrowed the score to six points the Little Giants had scored on only four of 12 free throws. In this period the Ross team had failed to score on two one-and-one bonus shooting situations.

During the lone Ross threat of the second quarter the Little Giants managed to display good board work. In the second quar-

ter Ross pulled down 11 rebounds to 10 for Sandusky. For the game Ross had 39 rebounds and Sandusky 46.

Garry had four, Dick Ritzman and Steve Fausey three rebounds each in that second period.

Three Blue Streaks were in double figures led by Golstein Caffey's 14 points. Tom Darden had 12 and George Williams 10.

In the reserve contest Ross dropped a heart breaker, 33-48 in overtime. Ross took a 16-3 first quarter lead but then gave way under a Sandusky surge.

The score was tied 44-44 at the end of regulation time and Sandusky led the overtime scoring 9-4.

With four seconds to go Ross' Chuck Boskovich had a chance at the foul line, but missed the free throw putting the game into overtime. Dave Rather, a 6-0 sophomore, was the Sandusky backbreaker in overtime. Rather tallied seven of his game - high 17 points in the overtime. During overtime Rather tallied two field goals and three of four free throws. Tom Weisz led Ross reserves

with 16 points.

Reserve

SANDUSKY JR. Rather 6-5-17, Hol-  
lock 1-4-4, Keys 3-7-7, Hensley 2-3-4, Schir-  
2-4-1, Koonce 1-5-2, TOTAL 38-73.

ROSS JV-8 Fausey 1-2-2, Boskovich  
2-4-4, Weisz 2-3-4, J. Fahrbach 3-5-6, Per-  
kins 2-1-5, Zimmer 1-0-3, Schwartz 4-0-4,  
Wheeler 2-4-4, Hulse 3-1-1, TOTAL 28-53.

SANDUSKY JV 10 8 14 4 4-8

ROSS JV 10 8 14 4 4-8

Varsity

SANDUSKY-Williams 42-10 Darden 5-  
2-13, Boskovich 3-5-6, Lindsey 4-1-4, Dem-  
ing 4-0-4, Caffey 1-0-1, Veenstra 1-1-3,  
O'Brien 3-1-1, Richardson 5-0-5, Schir-  
1-4-3, TOTAL 28-53.

ROSS - Ritzman 2-3-7, Gwynon 2-1-1,  
Perkins 2-0-0, Dittmer 2-1-1, Hulse 1-0-3,  
Boch 1-1-3, Garry 3-1-1, Keys 1-0-3,  
Rimes 2-0-0, Gault 1-0-3, Fausey 2-2-2,  
Figue 2-0-0, Schwartz 2-0-0, Perkins 2-0-0.

TOTAL 15-30

ROSS 17 13 14-44

SANDUSKY 22 9 10 8 9-39

ROSS

## Admirals Clinch Buckeye Conference Crown

The two top scorers in the league combined for 75 points Friday night as Admiral King salted away the Buckeye Conference basketball championship. Pat Biber tallied 39 and Jim Harris 36 as Admiral King whipped Findlay, 108-84.

Two second-place teams both won but it was too little too late. Admiral King has now won 12 conference games without losing and has only two league battles remaining. Sandusky

and Marion in second place each have dropped three games. In Friday action Sandusky outclassed Fremont Ross, 66-39, and Marion outdefended Elyria, 51-41. In the fourth Buckeye contest defense went out the window as Tom Digger scored 41 points to lead Mansfield past Lorain, 93-76.

The work of Biber, number two scorer in the conference, and Harris, the loop's top scorer, combined with Ron

Smith's 22 points was too much power for Findlay. The trio combined for 97 points. Scott Carlin of Findlay also put on a scoring show with 30 points.

Despite the strong defense Marion had a battle on its hands until the final quarter. The Presidents led only 36-33 entering the final eight minutes. The defense held Elyria to six points while the offense was enjoying a 15 - point quarter for Marion. Ken Halbert with 22 points and

John Merchant with 17 accounted for all but 12 of Marion's points.

BUCKEYE STANDINGS

	W	L
Admiral King	12	0
Marion	9	3
Sandusky	9	3
Lorain	6	6
Findlay	5	7
Mansfield	4	8
Elyria	3	9
Fremont Ross	0	12

## Woodville Clinches Share Of Lakeshore Loop Crown

The scoring pace was slowed but Woodville's drive to a Lakeshore Conference championship was not Friday night. The Warriors on their home court defeated Lakeside, 46-31, to clinch at least a tie for the conference basketball title.

The victory guarantees another trophy to the case which was enhanced this past football season by a co - championship. Woodville is now unbeaten in six league games with only two more remaining. The loss was the second for Lakeside, only team even within range of a tie. Lakeside is the defending con-

ference champion.

If Woodville wins one more game, it not only will mean an outright conference title, but the first time a Ron Ray-coached team at Lakeside has failed to win the Lakeshore crown. Ray has been at Lakeside three years prior to this season and each of his Lakeside teams has won the conference crown.

In other Lakeshore action Elmore continued its late - season improvement, beating Green Springs, 84-72. The Bobcats found the home Green Springs floor to no advantage. They were assessed fouls allowing Elmore 45 free throws. The Bulldogs hit 73 per cent of these charity shot chances, cashing in for 33 points.

This foul line showing nullified the fact the Green Springs team lead in field goals 28 to 23.

League - leading scorer Don Timm of Green Springs raised his 22.4 point scoring average with 29 markers, high for the game. Steve Ames, a 5-3 junior, led Elmore with 26

points.

## Clyde Mat Team Wins Seventh Match

CLYDE — Clyde high school wrestlers raised their season record to 7-3 Thursday with a 33-8 victory over Tiffin Calvert. Clyde has only a match with Fremont Ross next Tuesday remaining on the schedule prior to sectional tournaments.

In whipping Calvert the Clyde wrestlers won all but the first two matches of the evening.

SUMMARY

105 — Rich Corthell (TC) pinned Steve Fultz, 1:02 second period; 0-5.

114 — Rick Stover (TC) decided Randy Keegan, 7-0; 0-8.

122 — Ted Leonard (C) decided Al Daniel, 10-5; 3-8.

129 — Jerry Wettrick (C) pinned Steve Werling, 1:07 first period; 8-8.

133 — Mark Meggitt (C) decided Bennie Monaco, 4-0; 11-8.

140 — Jim Wetrick (C) pinned Pat Leary, 1:31 second period; 16-8.

147 — Mark Smith (C) decided Mike Phillips, 8-4; 19-8.

## LaRusso Quits Basketball, Plans Suit Against NBA

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Rudy LaRusso, the Ivy Leaguer with muscles, says he does not plan to play professional basketball any longer but does plan to.

1. Become a stockbroker.
2. Sue the National Basketball Association.

His lawyer, Fred Rosenfeld, told a news conference Friday suit will be filed next week for damages based on the NBA Board of Governors' ruling that the suspended Los Angeles Lak-

ers the day before the board's ruling. The telegrams said that if LaRusso were not allowed to fulfill his Laker contract, legal action would result.

Asked whether the suit would ask for reinstatement, Rosenfeld replied, "We're past that stage."

He said the suit will be based on the contention that LaRusso's contract was not transferred to the Pistons because LaRusso failed to report to Detroit.

LaRusso said he has no plans to return to basketball.



LOW BRIDGE CATCHES SANDUSKY'S HILMAN LINDSEY UNDER BOARDS

Dave Bloomquist, Sandusky; Wes Fahrbach, Ross, Reach For Ball

(News-Messenger Photo)

# 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 3-13 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.

Fremont team trailed 51-49, but with 11 seconds to play Ross had a 61-60 lead. An Akron shot went off the boards and was tipped into the basket. In the scuffle under the boards just prior to the shot an official whistled a pushing infraction against a Springfield player.

### 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 Pausey.

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.

### Ritzman 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, 50-44.

AKRON SPRINGFIELD—Burmy 2-6; Webb 7-15; Wallace 4-4; Day 4-14; Angel 1-5; Travis 2-5. TOTAL 26-44.

ROSS — Ritzman 6-21; Parker 3-6; Driftmyer 0-2; W. Fhrbach 1-5; Gavitt 2-7; Hahn 1-5; Pausey 1-5; Schwartz 5-15; Perkins 2-7. TOTAL 20-39.

SPRINGFIELD — 22 8 15 15-40

ROSS — 11 19 12 22-43

PURPLE—Walt 4-14; Ziemke 2-5; J. Fhrbach 4-14; Williamson 3-4; Wapler 2-4; Chapin 0-0; Whalley 2-4. TOTAL 21-37.

WHITE—Schultz 2-4; Onet 2-5; Gensman 2-4; Resakovich 2-5; Fousey 1-2; Knapp 1-3; Nelson 0-0. TOTAL 11-44.

PURPLE — 15 12 18 14-49

WHITE — 10 10 10 10-44



ROSS SWIM COACHES JACK BALSIZER, GARY SHELTPENSIVE  
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 improve-

ment of five seconds; the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Kirby Taylor, Zink, Dan Kohr and Ken Mathias, 3:33.3.

### SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY — Findlay (Cramer, Hollington, Silverstein, Kresser), 1:32.8; Ross (Vaffis, Billman, Ferguson, Semer), disqualified.

200 FREESTYLE — Wright (R), 2:06.6; Kidney (R), 2:08.1; Stevens (F), 2:09.

50 FREESTYLE — 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; Millon (F), 38.9.

100 BUTTERFLY — Koebel (R), 1:02; Mathias (F), 1:03.2; Taylor (R), 1:04.1.

100 FREESTYLE — Wright (R), :53.4; Burrell (F), 56.8; Reitsemo (F), :58.9.

100 BACKSTROKE — Kidney (R), 1:03.2; Cramer (F), 1:03.7; Loyd (F), 1:07.1.

400 FREESTYLE — Roberts (F), 4:53; Keller (R), 4:55.8; Whalen (F), 4:52.2.

### Stouffer Plans Domed Stadium For Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — Vernon Stouffer, Cleveland Indians owner, wants to build a new stadium with a retractable dome and movable seats, hopefully by 1971.

Stouffer, a Cleveland restaurateur who took over control of the American League team last season, said he favors staying close to the city. "After all, we are the Cleveland Indians," he said.

Stouffer said the project will get a full scale go-ahead as soon as he talks to Indians' General Manager Gabe Paul, who is out of town on a business trip.

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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 Hersman 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 60-60 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 loss, a non-league loss 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 72-32 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, a 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. In team defense, Elyria has held its foes to less than 60 points per game. Jim Robinson, Elyria's leading scorer, is doubtful for the Friday night game. An injury kept him out of action a week ago and his condition is not good this week. He has scored 172 points in 13 games for a 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 64.5 per cent. The 6-4 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 beyond redemption in the cellar. Sandusky took over undisputed second and Admiral King lost its first game of the season Friday 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, 60-62. This pair of games not only marked the first loss for the King team ranked second in Ohio, but broke a second place tie between Sandusky and Marion. The two teams had records of 9-3 compared to King's 11-9 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, 66-67. At Sandusky the Blue Streaks came despite the Admiral King scoring twins of Pat Riber and Jim Harris having normal nights. Riber had 27 and Harris 33 for the losers. Ed Williams led Sandusky with 26 tallies.

On the Fremont Ross court it was another story of offensive futility, particularly inability to hit free throws. Ross could manage only 14 field goals and seven of 22 free throws. Elyria and Ross each 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 game until midway in the third period. Twice in the contest after the 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

Obits' goals and five by Day accounted for 16 of Elyria's 17 points in the third stanza. Day ended the game with 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  
Admiral King 12 1  
Sandusky 10 3  
Marion 9 4  
Lorain 7 6  
Findlay 6 7  
Mansfield 5 8  
Elyria 4 9  
Fremont Ross 0 15

### 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 worked for that title, they scrapped 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 69-68 win over the Lakota Raiders and left them all alone at the top of Sandusky Bay Conference heap. Like a broken record that keeps running over the same groove,

we must say once again that it was a team victory. That makes it a broken record that repeats the coach's favorite tune. The Streaks put on the Sandusky Bay Conference crown by notching their fifth win in six league outings in a home court tilt against Lakota Friday night. Momentum Changes For nearly three quarters, Lakota used a scrappy full court press, using rebounding and some good shooting to all but run the Streaks off the

basketball court. Late in the third period, however the momentum of the contest began to change. The Streaks began 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 was back in the ball game. 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. It was the St. Joseph full

court press, a rarely used weapon, and a hot hand from the floor which brought the Streaks from the depths of defeat to what must seem like the top of the world. St. Joseph's turned numerous Lakota turnovers into buckets and connected on 11 of 19 fourth period field goal attempts. The Streaks pumped in 30 points in that final quarter, while the slowed-down Raiders got only 12. Streaks Close Gap In the final rush, it was Jim Hoffman, Dan Benton and Mike

Kledzik who provided the points to push the Streaks ahead, but Ken Fey and Dennis Ritchie contributed greatly to the steamroller that flattened the Lakota victory plans. With 3:39 to go in the contest, the Streaks trailed by eight points, 60-52. At that point Kledzik, who was St. Joe's leading scorer with 21 points hit on a driving layup. Just eight seconds later, Kledzik came up with a loose ball and was fouled. The St. Joe center connected on both shots in a

one on one situation and the margin was four. Foul shots by Scott Chaney and Roger Wiese, the Raiders' two big scorers, stretched the margin to six again, but Kledzik connected to narrow the gap to four. With 2:12 left in the game, Benton scored on a layup which brought the score to 62-60. Just ten seconds later, after the St. Joe defensive pressure had brought another turnover, Hoffman drove in for the bucket which tied the score.

Chaney, who was a strong floor general as well as an effective offensive weapon for the Raiders, gave Lakota a 64-62 lead with a short jump shot. With 1:08 to go, Kledzik hit on a hook shot which tied the score for the last time. Ritchie then was fouled after coming up with a loose ball, but the St. Joe forward missed his first shot in a one on one situation. Hoffman grabbed the rebound, drove to the bucket and was fouled. Key Free Throws He sank the first, but missed the second and St. Joe's led by one point, 66-64. The Streaks put the pressure on the Raiders and Benton picked off a Lakota pass. The St. Joe junior gave the Streaks a three-point lead with a layup. With the pressure mounting and time ticking away, Chaney connected on two

### SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE:

## Oak Harbor Rockets Gain Share Of Second Position

With the Fremont St. Joseph Crimson Streaks sitting on top of the Sandusky Bay Conference Basketball world, other league battles centered around second place Friday night. The Oak Harbor Rockets captured a share of that second place spot and the Gibsonburg Golden Bears remained in the running for another share of it with victories Friday. Oak Harbor dumped Margaretta 79-76 to finish the league season with a 4-2 record, the same as Sandusky St. Mary's and one game be-

hind Harry Dewitz, Oak Harbor's 6'3" senior center, captured the Sandusky Bay Conference scoring title as he poured in 29 points and led the Rockets to a come-from-behind win over Margaretta. The Rockets trailed 63-56 after three periods, but outscored the Polar Bears 25-13 in the final stanza. Margaretta Explodes The contest was tied 40-40 at halftime, but Margaretta pumped in 23 third period points to take the seven-point lead in to the final quarter.



LITTLE GIANT STEVE FAUSEY IN TROUBLE  
Elyria's Day Ducks, Ross' Garry Nears  
(News-Messenger Photo)

### ROSS WINLESS IN CONFERENCE PLAY

## Admiral King Toys With Fremont, 101-68

LORAIN — There were few arguments on the final Buckeye Conference standings Friday night when the top and bottom teams clashed in the lid-closer for the regular season. First Place Admiral King toyed its way to a 101-68 victory over lowly Fremont Ross.

King concluded the season with a 13-1 record, while Ross was winless in 14 league showings. It marked the second time this season that Admiral King had tallied 101 points against Ross. The first game at Fremont the score was 101-47.

In other action Sandusky had trouble but clinched second place in the conference by stopping Mansfield, 81-78 in double overtime; Findlay upset Marion, 61-59, and Elyria downed Lorain, 76-57. The Sandusky - Mansfield game featured two high-point performances, 32 by Sandusky's Goldstein Caffee and 42 by Tom Dinger of Mansfield. Tim Montague led Elyria with 29 points, while Ken Halbert had 20 in a losing cause for Marion.

In the Ross - Admiral King encounter it was another chapter in the fantastic story of Jim 'Bubbles' Harris, the 5-10 scoring machine who has a habit of outjumping men six inches taller than himself. The first time the two teams met Harris played less than three-quarters and scored 31 points. Friday

Harris didn't play at all in the fourth quarter and scored 34 points. Ross was never really in contention although hitting a respectable 42 per cent from the field. The Little Giants scored on 28 of 67 shots from the field, but were 12 of 23 at the foul line. Dick Ritzman was the point leader for the leaders with 14 and had eight rebounds. Phil Garry, although scoring only six points, was credited by Coach Richard Norman with a good job on the boards. He took down 10 rebounds. The defeat ended the Ross regular season with an overall mark of 15 losses, three vic-

tories. They now climax the season in the Heidelberg College Class AA sectional tournament next weekend. First opponent will be Fostoria, a team which beat the Little Giants, 52-50, in the regular season. This was the only non-conference loss in four tries for Ross.

In the reserve game Admiral King recorded a 69-57 victory. Tom Weisz, Chuck Boskovitch and Bill Fausey all had 10 points for the losers. —  
**BUCKEYE STANDINGS**  
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Admiral King 13 1  
Sandusky 11 3  
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ROSS—Ritzman 62-14, Parker 30-6, Garry 32-6, Fausey 34-6, Driftmeyer 25-2, Fousey 3-4, Schwartz 3-1, Reines 4-2, Grayson 1-2, Gavitt 1-2, Perkins 1-2, Pohle 0-2, Hahn 0-0. TOTAL 28-17-48  
ADAMIRAL KING—Hutchins 43-11, Jones 61-17, Riber 34-14, Harris 14-6-34, Smith 81-17, Salomon 1-2, Shink 1-0-3, Gueverri 4-17, Taylor 1-0-2, Ashley 3-0-4. TOTAL 41-19-101  
ROSS 14 15 18 23-48  
ADAMIRAL KING 29 30 20 22-101

### **High - Scoring Five**

The five payers selected to the All - Buckeye Conference team if combined have scored 119 points per game in league competition. The first ream 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 Kanan, Scott Decker, Bud Weiser, Dick Bowersox and Brad Lawrence; seniors Gary Swartzlander, Ron Stokes. Manager Dave Smith and Co-captains Gary LeMaitre and Jim Winters.

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

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

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

