

Rebels' torrid half scuttles Little Giants

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 TOLEDO — Bowsher took the inside route and fired up its trip with 68 percent shooting in the second half to derail Ross 64-60 in the first round of the Class AAA Boys Basketball Tournament at Toledo Waite High School Monday.

The Little Giants, up by as many as nine points in the first half, could not contain Bowsher's "trio of trees" when the play went inside during the final 16 minutes. Steve Sobczak, Don Osinski, and Bruce Miller combined for 27 of the Rebels' 37 second half points with the bulk of the points coming from within the five-foot range.

The Sobczak-Osinski-Miller combo averages 6-3 in height — three inches taller than any player on Ross' starting five.

Ross also managed to get the ball inside on the Rebels but the Little Giants, more "little" than "giant" this season, were at a disadvantage when they did penetrate.

"When we got the ball inside," Ross Coach Biz Paeth said, "we would have six-foot against 6-3; it was the other way around when they got inside."

Bowsher trailed 39-27 at the half but with Sobczak canning four baskets and Osinski two, the Rebels sneaked out to a 45-44 lead at the final buzzer of the third period. Bowsher hit nine of 16 shots in the quarter but Ross countered with a respectable seven of 16.

In the final eight minutes, Miller sneaked under to score three buckets but the Rebels' short man, 5-8 Jim Marroquin, hit a key 18-footer and another pair of pressure free throws to keep the Little Giants out on a limb. Bowsher hit on eight of nine shots in the period.

Bowsher's biggest lead of the final period was seven on two different occasions. Ross stayed close with three buckets by Jeff Brown and another pair by Randy Hammer.

The Little Giants trailed by only three, 61-58 with 1:40 to play after a bucket by Steve McGilton. The ball bounced Ross's way as the Little Giants threw a man-to-man full court press at the Rebels after the McGilton bucket.

Tim Price took advantage of the Bowsher turnover by driving for what appeared a two-pointer and only a

61-60 Bowsher lead with 1:13 to play, but, Price, who had 16 points for the game, was called for traveling just before the shot and the Ross points were wiped off the board.

Half a minute later Marroquin hit his key free throws but only after Ross had committed a pair of costly turnovers. Brown's bucket at the 15-second mark cut Bowsher's lead to 63-60 but with seven seconds remaining Miller hit the front end of a one and one to ice the game.

Price had unleashed some torrid shooting in the first period to help Ross to a 14-11 lead. The Little Giants

senior hit four of seven shots.

Ross built its lead to 20-11 two minutes into the second period and had a 26-19 lead with four minutes left in the half. Little Giants' giddy sophomore Tom Wolenski hit three buckets and Hammer added two but Ross carried only the three-point lead into the locker room at the intermission.

Paeth, while noting that he felt his team was prepared very well for Bowsher, was disappointed with the loss but far from being mad about it.

"You can't be mad," he insisted, "only disappointed with the loss but we can't be disappointed with the way

we played. We had an excellent floor game against their press but they just beat us on the inside." Hammer and Price had 17 and 16 points, respectively, in their last game for Ross. Steve McGilton added 11.

SCORE BY QUARTERS		11	16	18	19	64
Bowsher						
Ross						

SCORING	
BOWSHER — Sobczak 8-0-16, Osinski 5-2-18, Marroquin 6-2-14, Thompson 3-0-6, Miller 4-2-10; totals 29-6-64	
ROSS — Hammer 5-1-17, McGilton 4-3-11, Price 8-0-16, Brown 3-0-6, Wolenski 4-0-8, Cook 1-0-2; totals 28-4-60	
Season records: Bowsher 9-6, Ross 4-15	

Clyde flies past Streaks

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The Clyde Fliers had St. Joe beaten shortly after their girls basketball game started Monday night.

The once-beaten Fliers ran off a string of 14 unanswered points in the first quarter in a 78-42 victory over the Streaks. Clyde had a 26-5 lead at the end of the opening stanza in winning its 14th in 15 games and 11th straight in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

"We started out just terrible," said St. Joe Coach Jill Durnwald. "We didn't have a chance right away."

The coach never expected to win the game, but she thought her team would play better than it did at the beginning. She said the performance was far below what the Streaks played in an earlier meeting with Clyde which they lost 58-33.

Turnovers against the Clyde were what formed the Rebels' senior hit four of seven shots.

The recipient of the St. Joe miscues was the Fliers' Kathy Aman, who converted on several buckets off of turnovers and the fast break.

Aman scored 30 points, despite sitting out a good deal of the second quarter because of foul trouble and also not playing the last several minutes of the game. She had 14 in the first quarter.

Kathy's twin sister Kelli in the Clyde backcourt scored 19 points and Ellen Wood added 18.

"I thought we played with good intensity tonight," said Clyde Coach Mary Thomas, "especially in the first quarter."

Clyde was playing without the services of Sharon Ritchey, the leading Flier rebounder, but Coach Thomas said Wood helped pick up the slack.

In addition to scoring 18 points, Wood led all rebounders for the night with 12. Ritchey suffered a sprained ankle in a Saturday scrimmage. Wood's performance was more important consideration

first quarter pace, but came back in the third quarter with Kelli Aman leading the way. Kelli scored 10 of her 19 points in the quarter.

The fliers extended a 39-15 halftime lead to 63-28 at the end of the third quarter. They upped it to 70-28 in the final stanza for their biggest lead of the night.

Roxanne Steinle and Carol Maier led St. Joe scoring with 14 and 11 points, respectively, with Steinle the main weapon in the second half for St. Joe with 13 of her 14 points.

VARSITY GAME	
Clyde	26 13 24 15—78
St. Joe	5 10 13 14—42

SCORING	
Clyde — Killian 2-1-5, Wood 5-8-18, Ka. Aman 14-2-30, Ke. Aman 6-7-19, Seppamaki 1-0-2, Burke 0-2-2, Myers 1-0-2; totals 29-35-78	
ST. JOE — Kennedy 1-0-2, Barbour 3-1-7, Maier 5-1-11, Steinle 6-2-14, Zienta 1-0-2, Gastel 0-1-1, Spieldecker 1-0-2, Mosser 1-1-3; totals 16-4-42	
Season records: St. Joe 2-11 (2-7); Clyde 14-1 (11-0)	

JV GAME	
Clyde	6 1 10 4—21
St. Joe	0 19 2 8—29

