

1958 Class AA Sectional Tournament

Ross, St. Joe See Tourney Action Tonight



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ROSS AND ST. JOE, Fremont Class AA basketball teams, will be underdogs when the two local schools engage foes in the Rossford Sectional basketball tournament opening tonight in the Rossford Field House. St. Joe meets second-seeded Fostoria at 7:30 p. m. and Ross plays top-rated Perrysburg at 9 p. m. Ross enters with a 4-12 record with wins over Holland, Norwalk, Marion and Bellevue. St. Joe has a 3-14 mark with victories over Gibsonburg, Clyde and Fostoria St. Wendelin. Perrysburg posted a regular season record of 12-3 against all AA foes. Fostoria had an 11-3 mark against AA opponents and 11-4 in all games. Pictured above, Ross Varsity, kneeling, from left, Mark Walter, Jim Ohms, Jim Halley, Denny Stine, Roger Mann. Standing, from left, Harry Walter, John Level, Mike McCarthy, Chuck Houdeschell, Reuben Lozano, Steve Cecil. Regular center Fred Middleton has been ill all week and isn't expected to see action tonight. Probables for Ross—Level, Mark Walter, Cecil, Mann, Houdeschell. Probables for St. Joe—Tom Gottron, Ed Miller, Bob Foos, Dick Geyman, Dave Miesle.



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FREMONT ROSS has an excellent chance to advance to the Toledo District next week. The Little Giant cagers need only whip Genoa at 8 tonight in the Rossford Class AA Sectional upper bracket final in the Rossford Field House to gain a District berth. Coach Al Ziemke, who is resigning at the end of the current season after 11 years at the helm, above explains a play situation to his Ross high starters tonight against Genoa. Ringing Ziemke are John Level, Mike McCarthy (who gets the starting nod over Roger Mann), Chuck Houdeshell, Harry Walter and Mark Walter. Level and Mark Walter are co-captains.

Scribe-Rated Clubs Doing Okay In Ohio High Basketball Tournaments

By FRITZ HOWELL

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI)—The top-ten teams picked by Ohio's sports writers are doing well, thank you, in the upset-filled sectional high school basketball tournaments now under way.

All the top 10 Class AA quintets picked by the scribes in the final Associated Press poll are still around, as well as nine of the 10 leaders in Class A. Only Sabina's seventh-ranked club has bowed out.

Two of last year's state finalists, Midvale in Class A and Kent Roosevelt in Class AA, were ushered to the sidelines Thursday night. Midvale was ousted by Gnadenhutten in the Dover sec-

tional, 80-67, while Kent Roosevelt was victimized 62-36 by Akron North at the Kent sectional.

Of last year's Class AA title cast, defending champion Middle-town, Toledo Macomber and Cleveland Cathedral Latin are still in competition, but little Bethel High School of Marr, Monroe County, is the only one of the elite quartet left in Class A.

Bethel won its 20th in 21 starts Thursday night at Marietta, dumping Summerfield 77-51.

Four of the Class AA top 10 were winners in Thursday's games. Salem (No. 5) make it 19 straight with a 65-57 win over Youngstown East; Zanesville (3) won over Cambridge 55-23. Cincinnati St. Xavier (7) was a nifty 93-54 winner over Western Hills, and Hamilton (9) trimmed Hamilton Catholic 76-59. Only Hamilton of that batch of talent has been beaten.

Bethel is rated third among Class A teams. Dixie of Montgomery County (8), won its 22nd in a row over Bowersville-Jefferson 76

Diocesan Cage Tourney Enters Second Round

Fremont Won First
Test; Games Carded
In St. Joseph Gym

Second round games in the Toledo Council of Catholic Youth Diocesan basketball tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday in Fremont St. Joseph gymnasium.

Double elimination tourney continues at St. Joe on Saturday, March 8 and Sunday, March 9 with the championship contests in both the losers and winners bracket scheduled Sunday, March 16. Schedule this week:

Saturday, March 1

7:30 p. m.—Marygrove Immaculate Conception (Toledo Deanery) vs. Delphos St. John (Lima Deanery).

9 p. m.—Sandusky Holy Angels (Sandusky Deanery) vs. Lima St. Gerard (Lima Deanery). This game figures to be one of the

Ross Battles Genoa Tonight At Rossford

Green Springs, Elmore
Vie In Gibsonburg
Class 'A' Sectional

The Ohio high school tournament trail gets a little tougher this weekend for area basketball teams.

Tonight at Rossford Field House, game time 8 p.m., Fremont Ross (5-12) tackles Genoa (9-7) in the upper bracket final of the Rossford Class AA Sectional tournament. Tickets will be available at the Field House for those who haven't purchased them in advance.

Ross upset top-rated Perrysburg 49-47 in double overtime last Friday to advance to the upper championship game. Genoa's Comets whipped Oak Harbor 33-31 last Saturday.

Winner of the Ross vs. Genoa game advances to next week's District tournament in Toledo.

Coach Al Ziemke probably will use the following starters against Genoa:

F — Chuck Houdeshell	6-0	Sr.
F — Harry Walter	5-11	So.
C — John Level	6-0	Sr.
G — Mark Walter	5-7	Sr.
G — Roger Mann	5-6	So.

Others likely to see considerable action are Mike McCarthy, 6-0 junior forward; Fred Middleton, 6-3 senior center; Reuben Lozano, 6-0 junior forward; Steve Cecil, 5-11 sophomore forward; and Jim Hailey, 5-9 senior guard.

For Genoa:		
F — Vic Libbe	6-1½	Sr.
F — Dan Carey	6-0	So.
C — Lyn McCoil	6-3	Jr.
G — Skip Sidner	5-11	Sr.
G — Tom Digby	5-11	Jr.

Reportedly, McCoil is bothered with a sore right arm. The Comet's center has a per game average of about 21. McCoil and Libbe handle much of Genoa's rebounding with outside scoring usually paced by Sidner.

Ross will depend on its aggressive defense, the dogged rebounding of Level and Houdeshell, Mark Walter's driving play and generalship and the scoring of Level and Mark Walter.

Saturday night, Toledo Clay meets Bowling Green in the losers bracket final at Rossford.

Toledo's city representatives in the District will depend on the outcome of tonight's game between unbeaten Toledo Scott and Woodward and Saturday's contest between Central Catholic and DeVillbiss.

County Junior High Cage Title Won By G. Springs

Green Springs Junior High, Kas-

Advances To District With 40-38 Win Over

Rebound Edge, Tight Defense Lead To Sectional Triumph; Level Leads Scoring With 19

By Hal Shanahan
News-Messenger Sports Editor

ROSSFORD FIELD HOUSE — District tournament-bound Fremont Ross will carry an unspectacular 6-12 record but a newly-found desire and winning combination to Toledo next week where the Little Giants will battle two Toledo clubs and either Bowling Green or Clay for a Regional berth.

Co-captains Mark Walter and John Level accepted the upper bracket Rossford Sectional Class AA trophy from E. Andrews, tourney manager here last night following the Giants' 48-38 triumph over Clay-Genoa high school.

Tonight at 8 p. m. at Rossford, Bawling Green and Toledo Clay tangle for the lower bracket trophy and a trip to the Toledo District. One other

District entry besides Ross was decided Friday night, unbeaten Toledo Scott barely managing to get by underdog Woodward 29-23. Central Catholic and DeVilbiss clash tonight in Toledo for the other District berth.

Ross' high double overtime victory over Perryburg last week in its initial Sectional test and the win over Genoa last night marked the first back-to-back triumph for the Little Giants this season since opening 1957-58 wins over Holland and Norwalk.

Coach Al Ziemke relied on his "substitute freely" formula to again achieve success in tournament competition. He worked in sophomores Steve Cecil, Roger Mann and Harry Walter, a starter with veteran seniors Mark Walt, L. Level and Chuck Houshshell plus juniors Mike McCarthy and Reuben Lozano to overpower Genoa's Comets.

Command of the backboards, ball control and an aggressive defense that forced Genoa to lose the ball on fumbled passes and Ross' steals keyed the Fremont success.

Both teams employed a slow, deliberate, cautious offense with neither club too effective from the field nor from the charity stripe. Ross made 19 field goals to 14 for Genoa and the Little Giants connected on 10 of 20 free tosses to 10 of 24 for the Comets. However, rebound control gave Ross a greater share of possession and thus a chance to hoist more field goal attempts.

Fremont was behind only briefly in the game, 2-0 when Howard

McKinley, Berea Gain Most State Qualifiers

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI)—The state high school swimming championship will be decided today at Ohio State's natatorium.

In preliminaries Friday, defending champion Canton McKinley and Berea led in number of qualifiers.

Berea placed three individual qualifiers and one relay team. Canton swimmers qualified in two relay events, the 200-yard medley and 200-yard freestyle.

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(skip) Sidner tallied on a fielder and 6-3 center Lynn McColl hit on a free toss to give Genoa a 3-0 edge. Level's jump shot and a set by Mark Walter put Ross on top 4-3. Vic Libbe tallied for Genoa to give the Comets their last lead, 5-4. Free throws by Houshshell and Level and a basket by 5-7 guard Walter who drove in for a layup restored Ross' high's advantage, 8-5. Two more jump shots by Level boosted Ross' high's margin to 12-9 before McColl jumped for a two-pointer with three seconds remaining in the quarter. Ross led 12-11 going into the second stanza.

Lead At Halftime

Co-captains Walter and Level combined on a second quarter opening basket, Walter "feeding" and Level tallying in a jumper as Ross moved in front, 14-11. Sidner's long shot and a free throw by Tom Digby tied the score at 14-all. Houshshell rebounded in a two-pointer for Ross and McColl also tapped in a basket for Genoa after missing his first try to knot the count at 16-16. Mark Walter's nifty drive in and lefty layup gave Fremont an 18-16 advantage. Fremont was never headed nor tied again, gaining a 25-20 edge at halftime.

Genoa outscored Ross 12-11 in the third stanza which found Ross still ahead at the close, 36-32. Houshshell's rebounding and a pair of field goals by Level paced Fremont's persistent attack in the third chapter.

Ross continued to control the ball in the final minutes and, paced by Level and Houshshell, managed to stay ahead of the desperate Comets.

Easy Baskets

Trailing 42-35 at the 2:06 to play in the fourth quarter after Level's follow-up rebound, Genoa tried to pass Fremont. The tactics failed as first Cecil, then Houshshell and finally Mark Walter broke loose for easy drives and layups to increase Ross' high's edge to the final 10-point difference.

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Springs Winner 42-34; Elmore Tops Montgomery

GIBSONBURG — Wood county's representatives in the Gibsonburg Class A Sectional tournament fell victim to Green Springs to Sandusky county and Elmore of Ottawa county in tussles here last night.

Level's 19 points and 10 by Mark Walter plus commanding rebounding by Level, Houshshell and Cecil McCarthy and Lozano when they were seeing action led Ross' high's assault.

Sidner, not too effective with his long range bombing, paced Genoa's scoring with 13 points, McColl had only eight markers but he turned in a bright rebound job, the only Genoa member who held his own against the Little Giants under the boards. Mark Walter's dogged defending stilled Sidner who usually scores in the 20s.

Genoa bowed out with a 9-8 overall and 6-7 against AA foes record.

The Ross eagles were backed by one of their largest turnout of followers from Fremont.

Fremont (48) FG FT FM PP TP
McCarthy 6 4 1 1 1 1 48
Houshshell 3 3 3 4 4 4 33
Level 9 3 1 1 1 1 29
D. Walter 4 5 2 4 4 16
M. Walter 4 5 2 4 4 16
Cecil 1 1 0 0 0 0
Lozano 0 0 0 0 0 0

Totals 19 20 10 16 48
Genoa (38) FG FT FM PP TP
Carey 0 4 1 1 1 1 11
Libbe 5 4 2 2 3 8
McColl 5 3 3 4 3 17
Sidner 5 3 3 4 3 17
Bart 0 1 0 0 0 0
Marsh 0 1 0 0 0 0
Digby 0 4 2 3 2 10

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