

## 1972-1973 Season Review

# Ross Battles At Fostoria

Ross High School's basketball squad will begin rebuilding for the future in its season debut tomorrow night at Fostoria, but new Coach Ken Miller maintains, "The future is now!"

With only two veterans returning from the 1971-72 team which posted a 6-14 record, the Little Giants would seem to be an extreme dark horse to vie for a winning season, let alone any higher aspirations.

Miller, in his 15th season as a coach, is attempting both efforts by "developing and maintaining consistency and a winning attitude toward the game. Very seldom is a team so endowed with talent that they can just go out and go through the motions and win.

"We believe that in order for a kid to be able to win, he has to have a competitive attitude toward the game and be consistent. In doing this, we preach that when they take the floor, they're not thinking of the opposition, just trying to do what their ability allows."

In tonight's opener, the Little Giants will be taking on a strong Fostoria contingent which lost only one starter from last season's squad which inflicted an easy 57-40 defeat on Ross.

Heading the Giants will be lettermen Bob Brudzinski (6-5) and Steve Smith (6-1). Miller said that the other three possible starters could be juniors Mike Reardon (6-3), Dave Hurless (6-3) and Jim Thomas (5-11). Strong support is expected from Mike Lowery and sophomore Jim Flower at guard, Neal Oberholtzer at forward and Dave Druckenmiller to spell Brudzinski.

"I've had to evaluate hurriedly," Miller stated, "and this is not necessarily how we're set for the season. As the year

progresses, several changes could occur."

Miller said that the biggest concern this year is the rule changes and pressures being added to the officials.

"Our preference on defense is man-to-man, but it appears to me that a lot of teams are going to have to go to a zone to avoid foul trouble.

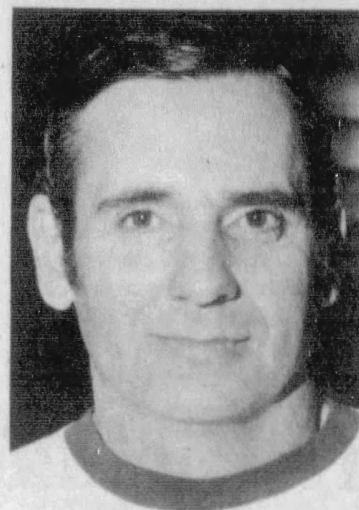
(The major rule change states that any defensive player touching or checking be charged with a foul.)

"You can't so much as touch the other team," said Miller. "If they (the officials) are consistent, we'll have to be ready with 10 or 12 people to finish the game. We'll get a taste of what's to come Saturday against Fostoria. They have a seasoned team and we'll have to 'mature' quickly to hold them."

**FREMONT ROSS 'LITTLE GIANTS'**  
1972-73 BASKETBALL ROSTER  
COACH: Ken Miller. ASSISTANTS:  
Don Burgess, Jim Hamman.

FORWARDS	
Player	Yr. Ht.
Bob Brudzinski (x)	12 6-5
Dave Hurless	11 6-3
Mike Reardon	11 6-3
Jeff Opelt	11 5-11
CENTERS	
Dave Druckenmiller	11 6-2
Paul Farbach	11 6-3
Neal Oberholtzer	10 6-4
GUARDS	
Steve Smith (x)	12 6-1
Mike Lowery	12 5-9
Jim Thomas	11 5-11
Terry Shearon	11 5-10
Jim Flower	10 6-0

(x—denotes lettermen)



**KEN MILLER**

... 'future is now'

## Clyde Adds 10th Game, Net Squad

CLYDE—Clyde High School athletic director Thurman Wright announced a pair of "firsts" for Fliers' sports teams today, one of which will provide an added championship for the Sandusky Bay Conference.

The football Fliers will play a 10-game schedule in 1973 for the first time in the school's history, according to Wright. Norwalk, of the Northern Ohio League has accepted the challenge for Nov. 9, 1973.

Tennis has been added to the varsity sports program, both for boys and girls, with a schedule to be made up as soon as possible. The addition will create league competition and a championship since five SBC schools have the sport.

# Ross High Little Giants—1972-73



**FREMONT ROSS VARSITY** — Members of the Ross High basketball Little Giants for 1972-73 include, seated (from left): Mike Lowery, Bob Brudzinski and Steve Smith. Standing: Jim Thomas, Jeff Opelt, Dave Hurlless, Paul Farbach, Neal Oberholzer, Mike Reardon, Dave Druckenmiller, Jim Flower and Terry Shearon. (News-Messenger Photo by Bruce Crippen)

# Buckeye Conference Basketball...

**FREMONT ROSS 'LITTLE GIANTS'**  
1972-73 SCHEDULE

Nov. 25 — at Fostoria	Nov. 25 — at Willard
Dec. 1 — at Mansfield (x)	Dec. 1 — at Marion (x)
Dec. 8 — at Marion (x)	Dec. 8 — at Columbus
Dec. 15 — at Lorain (x)	Dec. 8 — Lorain (x)
Dec. 15 — Findlay (x)	Dec. 15 — at Findlay (x)
Dec. 22 — at Sandusky (x)	Dec. 15 — at Elyria (x)
Dec. 22 — at Elyria (x)	Dec. 22 — at Findlay (x)
Jan. 5 — Lorain King (x)	Dec. 28 — at King (x)
Jan. 12 — at Marion (x)	Jan. 12 — Marion (x)
Jan. 19 — at Findlay (x)	Jan. 19 — at Findlay (x)
Jan. 26 — Lorain (x)	Jan. 26 — Findlay (x)
Jan. 26 — at Findlay (x)	Jan. 26 — Findlay (x)
Feb. 3 — Sandusky (x)	Feb. 3 — at Findlay (x)
Feb. 3 — Toledo Whittier	Feb. 10 — at Findlay (x)
Feb. 10 — at Elyria (x)	Feb. 10 — at Findlay (x)
Feb. 10 — at Bellevue	Feb. 10 — at Findlay (x)
Feb. 10 — at Lorain King (x)	Feb. 17 — at Findlay (x)
Feb. 17 — Woodward	Feb. 17 — Woodward

(x — Buckeye Conference games)

**SANDUSKY 'BLUE STREAKS'**  
1972-73 SCHEDULE

Nov. 25 — at Willard	Nov. 25 — at Marion (x)
Dec. 1 — at Marion (x)	Dec. 1 — at Marion (x)
Dec. 8 — at Marion (x)	Dec. 8 — at Marion (x)
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**MANSFIELD 'TYGERS'**  
1972-73 SCHEDULE

Nov. 25 — at Marion (x)	Nov. 25 — at Marion (x)
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Dec. 8 — at Marion (x)	Dec. 8 — at Marion (x)
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(x — Buckeye Conference games)

**LORAIN ADMIRAL KING**  
1972-73 SCHEDULE

Nov. 25 — at Marion (x)	Nov. 25 — at Marion (x)
Dec. 1 — at Marion (x)	Dec. 1 — at Marion (x)
Dec. 8 — at Marion (x)	Dec. 8 — at Marion (x)
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## College Football

By The Associated Press  
Oklahoma 17, Nebraska 14  
Texas 20, Texas A&M 3  
C.W. Post 54, Hofstra 6  
Jackson State 36, Auburn A&M 14  
Tennessee State 43, Alabama State 0  
Quincy M. Xavier, Ohio 0  
Vanderbilt 13, Penn State 16  
Utah State 20, Weber State 16

## Great Lakes...

**GREAT LAKES LEAGUE**  
1972-73 SCHEDULE

Nov. 25 — at Port Clinton	Nov. 25 — at Port Clinton
Dec. 1 — at Port Clinton	Dec. 1 — at Port Clinton
Dec. 8 — at Port Clinton	Dec. 8 — at Port Clinton
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# Final-Minute Flurry Thwarts Upset Bid Ross Falls In Opener, 42-41

By DICK KINNEY, N.M. Sports Editor  
**FOSTORIA** — Dan Hipsher gathered in his 13th rebound and powered his 6-7 frame upward for a game-winning layup with a dozen seconds left in the game here Saturday night as Fostoria thwarted Fremont Ross, 42-41, in the basketball season opener for both schools.  
The goal was only the sixth success in 22 field tries by the highly touted Fostoria senior center, but it wiped out an entire evening of futility suffered by the Redmen at the hands of an entire evening of enthusiastic Little Giants' ballclub.  
Until those final moments, accentuated by errant "buzzer" shot by Fremont's Steve Smith, the Redmen had trailed Ross through most of three periods by as many as seven points.  
The Giants' squad, on which Smith represents half the experience to draw upon and 6-3 center Bob Brudzinski the other half, had the Redskins' vaunted offensive punned to a featherlike tap until

the final 1:27. And even then it wasn't Ross' defense as much as the offense which let it down.  
Brudzinski, who had effectively cut off the Fostoria inside game and added a second-best team output of 12 points, was whistled twice for personal fouls within 10 seconds. The second fourth-quarter infraction was his fifth with 1:17 showing on the clock and in that same time period Fostoria managed to close a five-point gap to one from the charity stripe.  
Over the final minute, shots and free throws alike spun off the baskets at both ends of the court until Hipsher's clutch goal.  
Mike Reardon, Fremont's 6-3 junior forward, led Ross with 13 points to miss Hipsher's game-high total by a single tally.  
"I felt we held up well under the pressure," stated Ross Coach Ken Miller after the game. "It would have been a big lift if we could have

won, but actually any time you play 32 hard minutes of basketball, you win."  
Neither Hipsher, who is being touted as an All-Ohio candidate this early in the season, nor Fostoria who has an all-veteran squad, came off looking too good against Fremont's tight man-to-man defense (switched to zone in the final stages). From the press box, the teams seemed as even as the score indicated.  
Neal Oberholzer, a 6-4 sophomore, was effective in his varsity debut as he gathered in 11 rebounds (Brudzinski led with 12) to help Ross to a 25-27 advantage on the boards. Smith and junior Jim Thomas offset veteran Redmen Tom Gries and Keith Mitchell in ball-hawking at the guard spots and Reardon found it an easy chore to occupy open spaces as the Ross passing often left the Fostoria zone defense a step behind.  
In the reserve game, Bob Ford garnered nine points for Fremont as Coach Jim Hamman's charges posted an easy 38-22 opening victory against their Fostoria peers.

# Bowl-Bound Bucks Confident Of Win

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — a leg muscle, trying to keep Even if their coach isn't saying so, Ohio State football players are confident they can whip top-ranked Southern California in the Rose Bowl.  
"We'll prove we're the best dastardly team in the country," boasted fullback Champ Henson Saturday after he scored a touchdown in the Buckeyes' 14-11 nationally-televised victory over Michigan.  
After the triumph that earned them a Big Ten co-title with the Wolverines, the Buckeyes were selected Saturday night by the conference athletic directors as the Rose Bowl foe for the unbeaten Trojans.  
"If we prepare like we did for this game, we'll beat Southern Cal," said linebacker Randy Gradishar, in the middle of the Buckeyes' two goal line stands against Michigan.  
Chuck Bonica, an offensive guard who played in the Buckeyes' Rose Bowl loss to Stanford two seasons ago, thinks the team will profit from that upset.  
"We were too confident then. We won't be this time because we'll be the underdogs," he said.  
Woody Hayes, Ohio State's

lines had the ball at the Ohio State 41-yard line when the points came down.  
"I told him, 'No, not now.' He said they could put up the second ones if we wanted to try it," said Schembechler.  
Why didn't Bo go for a field goal when Ohio State stopped Michigan a second time at the one early in the fourth quarter? "We had no thought of a field goal at the one," he answered, "and the second time (in the closing seconds) we were out of our range."  
After Mike Lantry's 30-yard field goal gave Michigan a 3-0 lead, the Buckeyes moved in front to stay 7-3 on Champ Henson's one-yard plunge with 4½ minutes left in the first half.  
Greg Hare, who quarterbacked Ohio State to a 9-1 record, said the turning point came on the Buckeyes' touchdown march opening the second half. Archie Griffin capped it with a 30-yard run.  
Wrestlers In Feature  
The Fremont Ross Boosters Club will be given a demonstration of scholastic

# Baseball Meeting Begins

**HONOLULU (AP)** — The Philadelphia Phillies will get the first swing today when baseball's winter meetings open with a draft of minor league talent.  
But it's more than likely that the leadoff team and the 23 other major league squads that follow will strike out looking for help among the bushes.  
Historically, trades are the hot items at these annual affairs, not the draft picks.  
Only 13 players were drafted by the majors at last year's session in Phoenix, and merely two of those struck around for any work in the big time. In contrast, the Phoenix meetings provided 15 deals involving 33 players.  
At any rate, the Cleveland Indians appear ready to pick up a minor leaguer or two at the relative bargain-basement price of \$25,000 apiece. In shaping their roster for these meetings, the Indians pared down to 30 men, two under the 40-player limit for winter.  
Cleveland, which has already made two trades since the World Series, unloaded two left-handed hurlers—Marcellino Lopez and...



**REACHING OUT** — Bob Brudzinski (35) of Fremont Ross grabs a rebound over the outstretched arms of Fostoria's 6-6 center Dan Hipsher while Little Giants' teammate Neal Oberholzer (23) watches from nearer the basket. Hipsher was the leading individual rebounder with 13 caroms while Brudzinski gathered in a dozen to lead Ross to a 32-27 team advantage. (News-Messenger Photos by Bruce Crippen)

# Sandusky Y Boys Swim

The Sandusky County YMCA boys swim team from Fremont will take its second week off from dual competition with several members slated for  
Jim Casey, Wayne Lee relay — (Neil Morley, Bob Young, Greg Boley, Doug Boley).  
JUNIOR DIVISION  
Harvard relay relay — Kevin Casey, Dave Boley, Terry Niska, Hal Boley.  
100-yard freestyle and 100-yard

# Ross Travels To Mansfield

The basketball Little Giants of Ross High School will take their second crack at victory No. 1 tonight and open their Buckeye Conference slate at the same time when they travel to Mansfield Senior.

Ross dropped a well-fought, but nonetheless heartbreaking 42-41 decision to Fostoria last week with Mike Reardon and Bob Brudzinski pacing the attack with 13 and 12 points respectively.

In action last year, en route to a 6-14 slate, Ross dropped its road game with the Tygers by a 90-52 count after trimming them 59-54 on the Giants' home court. The road loss was neutralized in tourney competition by a nearly identical 57-52.

Mansfield is being touted as a "dark-horse" contender in the BC ranks, boasting seven lettermen from a 6-13 squad of 1971-72. The Tygers lost 6-5 center Dave Hurley via graduation (17.5 scoring and 11 rebounds per game), but they have veterans Dillett Montgomery and Charles Black taking up the slack at 6-5 and 6-4 respectively.

## Opens Buckeye Slate

Guards Jerry Brookins and Max Fischbach will provide the competition for the Ross ballhawking duo of Steve Smith and Jim Thomas.

But one of the potentially tough Tygers comes in the form of 6-5 center Geron Tate, a junior who was held back on the reserve team last season for added experience. Tate is regarded as the top prospect for future Mansfield quintets with a

soft-touch shooting hand combined with get-tough rebounding.

Ross coach Ken Miller, who has a tradition of building winning teams (only one losing season in 14 years of coaching) is understandably high on the Little Giants after last week's showing against the talent-laden Redmen of Fostoria.

"There were a few occasions where more experience would have helped, but there were

other times where we just didn't get lucky. We had a lot of shots roll around—and off—the rim.

"We've spent a lot of time this week on fundamentals. When a team begins executing in unison, they're hard to defeat. Mansfield has a strong team with experience at every position. They also have a great deal of height which we'll have to contend with when we get there.

"We'll just have to play our own type of game. It's going to be that way all year—trying to force the other teams to alter their tactics rather than the reverse."

The Giants height is just slightly less than the Tygers, resting mainly in the hands of Brudzinski (a prime All-Ohio football candidate) at 6-5 and underclassmen forwards Reardon (a 6-3 junior) and Neal Oberholtzer (6-4 sophomore).

## News-Messenger SPORTS

## St. Joe Plans Double Duty To Begin 1972-73 Season

Fremont St. Joseph's High School, with only two returning veterans, opens its 1972-73 season with opponents have already seen action this year. "We're not that inexperienced, underclassmen will be seeing a lot of action. Jerry Yeager and John Barrington are our



# Mansfield Shows Hot Hand Against Giants

## Ross Bows In BC Opener, 53-38

By DICK KINNEY, N-M Sports Editor

MANSFIELD — Mansfield Senior High guard Jerry Brookins ripped the cords for 14 second-half points here last night to help the Tygers to a 53-38 basketball victory over Fremont Ross in the Buckeye Conference debut for both teams.

The Little Giants (0-2) turned in a tenacious defensive performance over the final 16 minutes to virtually extinguish a Mansfield attack that had built a 31-14 halftime lead.

But the one spark that remained ignited, Brookins, continued to burn the basket with 20-foot jump shots with amazing accuracy. He succeeded on seven of eight field casts after recording seven points in the first half.

Ross took the scoring initiative on a medium-range jumper and two minutes later Jim Thomas gave the Giants their final lead at 4-3. From that point, the Tygers outscored Ross by a 14-2 count to open a 17-6 bulge by the first rest stop.

The Giants, obviously intimidated at times by Mansfield's front line of Dillet Montgomery (6-5), Terone Butler (6-4) and sophomore Geron Tate (6-4), lost control midway through the first stanza. And, although they showed signs of putting together a potent offense

several times, the Mansfield leapers continued to dominate.

"Marion (Ross' opponent next week) also has some outstanding height," said Fremont Coach Ken Miller, "but I don't think they'll be able to jump any higher than Mansfield did tonight. We knew that they had a good team, but we didn't realize just how much. That Brookins has a couple of spots on the floor that he really owns."

"We let them set their own tempo in the first half and they went ahead. That destroyed our offense. When a team falls behind, you just have to be patient and catch up by playing your own game. If it takes a little time to do it, then you just have to keep plugging. But you don't catch up by shooting from 20 feet out and that's what we tried to do. It just got us in bigger trouble."

Mike Reardon led the Ross attack with 14 points as the sharp-shooting forward zeroed in on seven of nine tries from the field. Teammate Bob Brudzinski added eight to the effort and his seven rebound topped the Giants individually. Mansfield, however, wound up with a 37-22 advantage in the carom category with Butler and Montgomery combining for 25 and Tate adding nine.

Fremont outscored the Tygers in each of the final two periods by a 12-11 edge, but Brookins held the hosts together as he collected seven of the last eight Mansfield buckets. Only three other Tygers scored in the second half.

Said Mansfield Coach Vic Pfizenmayer, "It always happens this way against Fremont — they always give us our best game of the year."

"You have a good team there," Pfizenmayer told Miller. "You had us stopped several occasions and the defense in the second half was tremendous. If it hadn't been for our outside shooting we'd have been in some big trouble."

Mansfield began substituting midway through the second stanza when Fremont put on an 8-2 burst which closed the margin to 25-14 after the Tygers had opened a 23-6 bulge.

In reserve action, Fremont posted its second straight victory by a 43-36 margin over the Mansfield Cubs. Terry Shearon headed the Ross output with 10 points on five goals and teammates Bob Ford and Jim Flower add six apiece as nine Fremonters entered the scoring column.



OPENING ACTION — Ross High School junior Mike Reardon (33) leaps in vain against the outstretched arm of Mansfielder Dillet Montgomery (30) on the game-opening tip-off last night at the Tygers' Pete Henry Gymnasium. The result was a warning of things to come as Mansfield registered a 53-38

victory. Around the center circle (from left) are: Steve Smith (25); Terone Butler of Mansfield; Jim Thomas (15); Gary Feagin (14); Neal Oberholtzer (23) and Geron Tate (40). (N-M Staff Photo)

## St. Joe Wins Initial Test By 62 To 60

By MARK HOFFMAN, N-M Sports Writer

Rick Busold zeroed in on the basket from 20 feet out with 16 seconds remaining to spark Fremont St. Joe to a season-opening basketball victory over Gibsonburg last night, 62-60.

Golden Bears Gary Schlea and Dave Egbert fired a pair of two-pointers to knot the score at 60-60 with 1:08 left in the game and set up Busold's pressure shot. Several attempts to send the game into overtime failed, however.

At the onset it looked as if the Golden Bears would give the Streaks a hard time. They led halfway through the first quarter, 8-3, mainly on the scoring of Egbert and Jon Sage.

Six baskets with less than three minutes to go in the period put St. Joe in the lead. Junior Dave Dunn scored the go-ahead point on a free throw and the Streaks never trailed again.

The Golden Bears came back to tie it up at the start of the second quarter on three foul shots by Schlea. The charity tosses kept Gibsonburg in the game all night. They could hit on only 30 per cent of their shots from the floor.

The Streaks got hot the rest of the period, though. They canned nine baskets, including four

Barrington and Roger Rhoad, in the final period. "Those fouls really hurt, especially the unnecessary ones we were committing." The Streaks could only hit ten of twenty free throws compared to 20 of 35 for the Golden Bears.

Guerrera cited the upcoming Genoa game as the real reason for the close game. "We put mostly inexperienced boys out on the court and when they got ahead they started looking ahead toward the next game."

The Gibsonburg reserves also tried for a come-from-behind win. They outscored the Streak reserves 13-6 in the final period but still dropped a 37-29 decision. They are now 0-2 as is the Golden Bears.

# Ross Faces Harding In Buckeye Battle

Ross High School, after a pair of unsuccessful outings, will be seeking to break the victory ice tonight in a home battle against Buckeye Conference foe Marion Harding.

On the surface, it appears to be an unequal pairing since Harding boasts six returning lettermen to two for Ross, but the Little Giants have shown winning potential in each of their losses and should be a definite contender tonight at the North Street gymnasium.

"A victory would mean a great deal to us in confidence at this time," said Ross Coach Ken Miller. "But we're going to have to stick to our own type of game and not let the other team set the pace. When we settled down at Mansfield, we held our own, but we became overanxious too easily."

"Marion's experience is important in that they've played together before and have an edge in knowing what the other man is doing. Their game plan is a lot like ours, though. They have to play for the high-percentage shots and they have several players who work the boards well."

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Tom Chapman, at 6-3, is the tallest veteran, but the Presidents are getting some help from 6-4 senior Jeff Wampach. Dave Wigton, John Scranton and Bob Hill, all around the 6-1 mark, have proven their worth last week in defeating Sandusky. Bob Buckley and junior Mel McGary carry out the guard chores.

"Our principle problem is our lack of height and bench strength

along with outside shooting," maintains Marion Coach Greg Swepston. "We could be a contender if the defense can keep the ball pressured and if we can keep the opposition from getting to the offensive boards."

With only 6-5 center Bob Brudzinski and 6-1 guard Steve Smith, back from 1971-72, the Giants rate as the least experienced group in the conference. But they've been getting good results from juniors Neal Oberholtzer, Mike Reardon and Jim Thomas.

Reardon currently leads Ross with a 13.5 point average and Brudzinski is hitting at a 10-point clip.

The Little Giants are idle tomorrow night and see their first of five two-game weekends this season next week against Lorain Senior and Findlay.

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### Unhappy Taylor Making Changes

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Fred Taylor, unhappy with the play of his Ohio State basketball team so far, will start burly sophomore forward Bill Andreas against unbeaten Missouri Saturday night.

"We want to try to run and he'll give us more size and strength," Taylor said of the 6-foot-7, 215-pound Andreas. He replaces 6-3 Bob Siekmann at forward.

"We've played about 30 minutes in three games," Taylor said about his squad, 2-1. "We're going through the motions, and we're much too individualistic."

The contest is the feature of a 26-game schedule for Ohio colleges Saturday.

Missouri has ripped by four straight opponents at home, including Purdue 84-75 Wednesday night. John Brown, a 6-7 senior who scored a career high 35 points against the Boilermakers, impresses Taylor.

"For his size," Taylor said of Brown, "he's a real piece of work inside. He's just a super player."

Brown averaged nearly 22 points in leading the Tigers to their best record in history, 21-6, last winter before making the Olympic squad.

A broken foot in practice, however, kept the 220-pound Brown from actually playing in the Olympics.

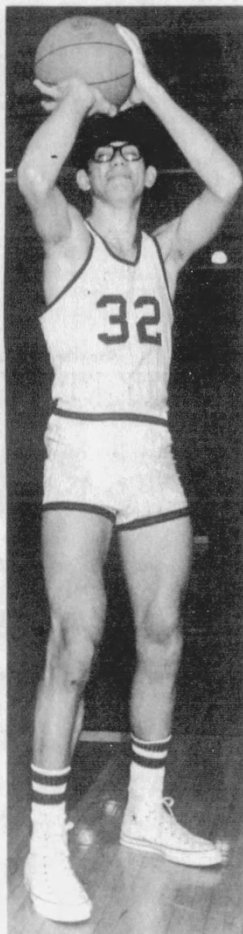
Ohio State assistant Coach Bob Burkholder saw the Tigers beat Ohio University, recalling, "They're very active, quick and solid."

Four holdover starters are joined in the Missouri lineup by 6-5 forward Felix Jernan, the No. 1 scorer and rebounder on the freshman team a year ago. The veterans are 6-5 forward Al Aberhard, guards Orv Salmon, a 6-footer, and 6-3 Mike Jeffries and Brown.

Meanwhile, Cincinnati and host Miami, a pair of unbeaten teams, clash in a top Ohio independent game.

In other contests involving major schools, Bowling Green is at Niagara, Ohio University at Northwestern, Michigan at Dayton, Xavier at Houston, Cleveland State at Toledo and Kent State in the Vanderbilt Classic.

The Mid-American has no conference dates Saturday



MIKE REARDON  
...heads Ross scoring



# Ross Faces Two BC Foes In Court Duels

That the Fremont Ross varsity basketball squad will put together confidence enough to win games is certain. The only question is, "How long?"

The Little Giants (0-2 in Buckeye Conference and 0-3 overall) get two more chances this weekend when they travel to Lorain Senior tonight and host Findlay tomorrow in a pair of BC contests. The back-to-back clashes mark the first of five two-game weekends for Ross this season.

"It will be a new experience (after three single-game weekends) for us," said Ross Coach Ken Miller, "but players can recover quickly from Friday to Saturday. We should be able to be as strong tomorrow as we are tonight."

"This week we've had to prepare for two different types of teams. Findlay is faster, uses more fast breaks and is stronger defensively whereas Lorain is more deliberate on offense and will press opponents at full court and half court very effectively."

Lorain is the more experienced of the two teams and is led by third-team All-BC guard Chad Saladen with 6-6 center Mike Drvodulich and 6-2 forward Rick Akins providing height and added scoring punch. Findlay's veterans include a pair of 6-3 forwards Ted Hipsher and Roger Inbody with part-timers Dick Coleman and Kevin Spittler moving into the starting rotation.

"We're going to have to keep looking ahead rather than thinking about the past for anything but constructive purposes," Miller stated. "What I mean is that we must continue to strive for improvement and take our past mistakes only as a lesson of what we have to work on."

"We have to put four good quarters together and I know we can do it. Our players just have to believe in themselves — you know that they can do what must be done. It's just a question of when we put ourselves together."

Miller rates Saladen as probably the best player the Giants will face this weekend.

"He's a 'pure' shooter with good range," said Miller. "He has good technique, a quick delivery, knows when to shoot and how to get an open shot."

"Hipsher is outstanding for Findlay and the Trojans have a good basketball tradition built up. Tradition often makes a good team better and an outstanding team 'untouchable. It's what every team wants to build."

Lorain Coach Dale Reichert rates the Steelmen shooting as their chief strength while size and speed are rated on the problem side of the ledger. Tallest among the Steelmen is 6-4 junior Bob Migra.

For the Trojans, Coach John Stozich says that height will make a difference for them, but that the big men (including 6-5 juniors Roger Edelbrock and Jim Wilson) will have to gain some fast experience.



**EXIT—BY REQUEST** — Kentucky Colonels' Coach Joe Mullaney is shown, and told, where he can go by official Norm Drucker during first-quarter ABA action in Dallas last night. Mullaney insisted on making disparaging remarks to Drucker concerning an earlier call who slapped Mullaney with two technical fouls which automatically eliminates his presence on the premises. Dallas won the game, 121-113. (AP Wirephoto)

## Old, New Combine In ABA Activity

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There was something old and something new in the American Basketball Association Thursday night.

—Old: Veterans Ron Boone, with 26 points, and Zelma Beaty, with 23, paced the Utah Stars to a 147-97 slaughter of the Memphis Tams.

—New: Rookie Don Buse scored a career high 18 points and added six assists and three steals as the Indiana Pacers defeated the San Diego Conquistadors 111-104.

—Old: Veteran Julius Keye set an ABA record by blocking 12 shots in the Denver Rockets' 103-99 triumph over the Virginia Squires. He also held Julius Erving, the league's leading scorer, to 24 points, diana in the Western Division. Indiana rookie Buse surrendered scoring honors to teammates Mel Daniels and George McGinnis, who had 29 apiece, but the first-year man tallied eight points in the third period as the Pacers overcame a five-point deficit to take the lead for good. Keye's 12th and last block was the biggest one in Denver's victory over Virginia. He U



# Mother Nature Defeats Nine Area Clashes

By JON DONNAN, N-M Staff Writer

Everyone knows "It's not nice to fool mother nature." Judging by the blustery, double-barreled snow storm she unloaded on us last night, the prank must have been monstrous.

There are 18 area high school basketball teams who can't appreciate the joke and would probably like to get their hands on the prankster that caused last night's mess.

In the Buckeye Conference, Fremont Ross postponed its game in Lorain and did not schedule a rematch yet. Sandusky was to travel to Findlay, but had to postpone the game until Jan. 13.

Not wanting to make anyone feel alone, "Mother-N" intervened in the Suburban Lakes League: Lakota postponed the game at Oak Harbor. And the Great Lakes League: Bedford (Michigan) dropped the match at Port Clinton. Neither has been rescheduled as yet.

Sandusky Bay Conference had its casualties, too. Tiffin Calvert couldn't make the trip to Margaretta and Sandusky St. Mary's halted its game at Sandusky Perkins. No rematches have been announced yet.

Bettsville was to host Seneca East in a Seneca County League match but rescheduled the game for Dec. 22 and Old Fort passed up the game at Northwood last night without rescheduling the match. Bellevue stayed at home

last night, rather than traveling to Bucyrus for a Northern Ohio Conference game. The teams will meet on Jan. 6.

Rather than a night off, the nasty weather proved to be a real pain for the coaches and players. "We had prepared for Lorain all week long," said Ross coach Ken Miller "and our boys were ready to go," having just eaten their pre-game meal when they got the decision.

Ross wrestling coach Al Voggenthaler reported that the bus carrying Lorain's wrestling squad was two hours late and that the road was treacherous.

Margaretta's head coach Jim Yeckley was a bit luckier than Miller, but only because he got his cancelation several hours earlier. "We had officials coming from Toledo and New Washington, so we had to make the decision early. We wanted to play, now we just have another game to play," he said.

The decision to cancel is an "iffy" one that nobody likes to have. "You never know" said Miller, "maybe we would have gone into a ditch."

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**Good**

## Hipsher Leads Charge For Findlay Trojans Defeat Ross, 81-47

By JON DONNAN  
News-Messenger Staff Writer  
Hipsher should read hip-shooter. Saturday night 6-4 senior Ted Hipsher from Findlay was shooting from anywhere, anytime and anyway he could scoring 18 points in the Trojans' victory over Ross, 81-47.

Hipsher nailed 10 of his points in the first quarter and must have used up the Little Giants' quota of shots in the process. The Fremont Ross five, in a very shaky zone defense, couldn't get the ball in the air.

The Little Giants drew first blood after big (6-5) Bob Brudzinski missed the opening tip-off. For those first few minutes the Little Giants were in the ball game, and were even in the lead twice: 5-0 and 4-2. By the halfway mark in the first quarter the Little Giants defense started to slip.

The quarter buzzed to a finish and the Little Giants had to play catch-up after falling behind 22-12.

The Trojans were in control the whole game. One of the reasons was their ability to keep their hands on the ball — even when the Little Giants had it. The Trojans only lost the ball 10 times while the Little Giants fumbled 30 times.

"In order to shoot you've got to get the ball up the court," said Ross Coach Ken Miller. "You can't dribble against a zone defense, you've got to keep the ball off the floor."

Mike Reardon, 6-3 junior, was the bright spot for the

Little Giants as he led both teams in rebounds with 16, and was high scorer for Ross with 16 markers.

Number two scorer for the Little Giants was Jim Thomas, who must have forgot to put stickum on his fingers before the game. Thomas scored eight points. Neal Oberholzer contributed eight rebounds to the Little Giants' effort and scored seven points.

The second quarter was the most uncomfortable for the weather-weary supporters of the Fremont five. The Trojans choked the Little Giants' offense allowing only seven points to be notched on the scoreboard, while they rumped for an easy 22 points. The score at halftime was 44-19.

It didn't take a 140 IQ to see that Coach Miller got his boys fired up during halftime. Their defense had reformed itself into an aggressive man-to-man ball hunt. The third period was the best for the Little Giants as they held the Trojans to 17 points (lowest of the four quarters) and scored 27 themselves (highest of the four quarters).

But the margin was not to be narrowed and the crowd size began to dwindle after the third quarter was over with a score of 61-36.

The Trojans were back to their steady drive again in the final stanza. Their full court press hassled the Little Giants out of scoring range, holding them to 11 points. Both teams began substitutions with about four minutes left to play but it seems the Findlay bench can score just as readily as their starters. The Trojans put 30 points on the board in that period.

The Trojans balanced their attack with all the starters gunning into double figures. Tom Mowery was second to Hipsher in scoring with 14 points, followed by Kevin Spittler with 11, Roger Inbody with 11 and Jeff Dyingner with 10.

However, the real bones of the game are in the statistics. It wasn't the hell-fire sort of game that fans love, but a Woody Hayes version of basketball. Methodically the Trojans outshot, outrebounced, and outpassed the Little Giants.

Miller said about Hipsher before the game: "The trouble with him is that he can shoot from anywhere. He's all over the court." Hipsher, it turns out, is the embodiment of the Findlay team.

That consistency and balance is what makes a coach either sit back and wonder who he is going to sub when the time comes or hold his head in his hands and mumble. The Fremont five and Miller had their hands full last Saturday night.

Fremont's reserve squad fared better, but also lost 49-46. It was their first season loss.

The lead seasawed back and forth but toward the end the Fremont team had to play catch-up. It looked as if the Little Giants would catch the Trojans several times in the last few minutes of action, but couldn't. John Eckhart of Ross was high scorer for both teams with 17 points.



**INBOUNDS LINEUP** — Fremont's Steve Smith (34) tries to outmaneuver Brad Longberry of Findlay on this out-of-bounds play Saturday night at the Ross gymnasium.

Tom Mowery of Findlay stands behind a trio of Little Giants which include Bob Brudzinski (34), Neal Oberholzer and Mike Reardon.



**OUT OF REACH** — Fremont's Steve Smith (34) arches the ball over the head of Findlay defender Kevin Spittler (31) during third-period action Saturday. (News-Messenger Photos by Jon Donnan)

## Browns Defeat Jets, Dolphins Next Test

NEW YORK (AP) — "We've risen to challenges in the past season and we hope to rise to them again in the playoffs," said Cleveland Coach Nick Skorich.

No team in the National Football League will have a bigger challenge in the opening round of the playoffs than the Browns. As the American Football Conference's wild-card team, they have drawn the undefeated and untied Miami Dolphins—the first team in NFL history to compile a 14-0 regular-season record—in the first first-round playoff game, next Sunday at the Orange Bowl.

The surprising Browns, losers of all six of their exhibition games and three of their first five regular-season games, rallied to win eight of their last nine for a 10-4 record—finishing in second place in the AFC's Central Division, one game behind Pittsburgh, and with the best record among runner-up teams in the conference. They climaxed their regular season with a 26-10 victory over the New York Jets Sunday in frozen Shea Stadium, where the wind-chill factor at game time was 15 degrees below zero, and only 6,894 hardly fans from an advance sale of 62,614 braved the

wind and cold to attend the finale.

"It never gets this windy in Cleveland," said Skorich realizing that the Browns' home field, Municipal Stadium, is right near Lake Erie.

Despite Shea Stadium's fierce wind, Mike Phipps, the young Cleveland quarterback kept his cool. The 25-year-old Phipps, completing his first season as a starter after two years on the bench, fired two second-half scoring passes to Frank Pitts, including an 80-yarder—the longest play from scrimmage this season for the Browns.

"We used the wind as a safety factor and for accuracy," explained Skorich. "When we were going toward the scoreboard the open end of Shea Stadium, we had to throw toward the left. When we were going the other way (toward the

closed end of the stadium), we threw toward the wind."

The 80-yard Phipps-to-Pitts pass play, at 13:51 of the third period, following a missed 18-yard field goal by the Jets' Bobby Howfield, broke a 10-10 tie and broke the Jets' spirit.

"We had been running on first down, and I thought they might be looking for the run again," said Phipps in explaining the game-breaking play. "I felt it would be a good time for a play action pass. Besides, some of our runners had slipped in that area earlier."

The other Phipps-to-Pitts touchdown pass carried seven yards. Bo Scott scored the other Cleveland TD on a 27-yard run, while Don Cockroft kicked field goals of 13 and eight yards. Emerson Boomer ran three yards for the Jets' only touchdowns and Howfield kicked a 19-yard field goal.

## Bettsville Builds Win Skein To Five

BETTSTVILLE—The Bettsville Bobcats posted their fifth win against no losses with an easy 61-41 victory over Mohawk Saturday. The Bobcats controlled the game all the way after building a ten-point margin (16-6) in the initial quarter. Better shooting seemed to be the key to victory as the Indians outrebounced Bettsville. They collected 46 rebounds compared to only 37 for the victors.

The Bobcats held a hot hand all evening as they hit on nearly half of all their attempts from the floor (28 of 59). Mohawk could post only a meager 28 per cent connecting on 17 of 60 tries.

Bettsville's Bret Staffani was the leading scorer for the night with 26 points on twelve field goals and a pair of free throws. Freshman Virgil Ward and Mike Williams also broke double figures for the Bobcats. Both connected on five two-pointers and Ward added two charity tosses.

JEFF DONNAN



**UP FOR TWO** — Ross junior forward Mike Reardon (32) launches a successful shot during action Saturday against Findlay. Watching the action (from left) are: Jeff Dyingner and Roger Edelbrock of Findlay, Little Giants' center Bob Brudzinski, the Trojans' Roger Inbody and Ross' Neal Oberholzer.

## Lindsey 'Pilot' Second

FREMONT — Bernie Bellinger of Massillon, Ohio, was the top driver Sunday at Portage Trail snowmobile races winning classes CC and DD modified with his Polaris snowmobile.

Bellinger's Polaris also set the best time of the day with clocking of 7:16 seconds over the 500-foot strip.

Fred Kugler of Erie, Mich., won the Stock Class D event with a time of 7:59 seconds. Kugler's Rupp snowmobile also won the Super Stock Class D with a time of 8:41 seconds.

There were 40 sleds entered in the Sunday events which marked the opening of the regular racing season at Portage Trail. Points were awarded to the top five drivers in each class which will accumulate for the end-of-season trophies.

DEAN DAMASCHER



**SIGHTING IN** — Jim Thomas (14), Fremont Ross guard, lets a shot fly toward the basket while teammates Neal Oberholzer (22) and Bob Brudzinski (34) watch along with Findlay ace Ted Hipsher (28). Ross suffered its fourth straight loss, 81-47.

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# Ross, Sandusky In BC Tiff

Ross High and Sandusky basketball contingents have a lot in common, according to Little Giants' Coach Ken Miller. But after tomorrow night's Buckeye Conference clash on the Streaks' court there will be one less similarity.

Neither team is overly blessed with height. Neither has been particularly noteworthy in the scoring department. And neither has won a basketball game. The first two may not be overcome tomorrow, but according to the dictates of the game, one must break into the winners' column.

"We were very disappointed in our performance Saturday

## Winless Teams Clash

against Findlay (an 81-47 loss)," Miller said. "But we were most disappointed in the fact that we're striving to show continued improvement each week and felt we had a little setback last week.

"But I have to give our players a lot of credit. They've come back this week and are looking ahead. The morale is good and we're looking hard for Sandusky."

Heading the Blue Streaks will be five senior lettermen including Willie Jordan and Bob Gentry at 6-3, Dwayne Swopes and Terry

Stradtman at 6-0 and 6-4 forward Pat Kelley.

"Sandusky likes to use a lot of full-court pressure and they have better-than-average speed to make it effective," Miller stated. "Offensively they like to run with the ball whenever the opportunity is there. Swopes and Jordan have been their top scorers and we'll have to stop them.

"Sandusky should be well-rested for us. They had both games last weekend postponed because of the weather and we'll

just have to see how it affects them."

The Streaks, off an 11-9 season, apparently are suffering more than usual from the loss of high school All-American Scott May, the 6-5 forward-center who averaged nearly 30 points per game last year. He's currently attending Indiana University.

"Although Sandusky doesn't have outstanding height, they still will be about even with us," said Miller. "They have Kennedy (6-4) at center and he, Jordan and Gentry do a good job at rebounding."

Health-wise, the Giants will be at near full-strength. Miller said that 6-4 forward Mike Reardon is expected to be ready after suffering a pulled back muscle against Findlay, but that sophomore guard Jim Flowers is a doubtful performer after spraining his ankle.

"There's a good rivalry between Sandusky and Ross," Miller added. "I think that it will boil down to whichever team wants it (the victory) the most. We'll be in there trying for No. 1."

## Blazers' Switch Fails To Impress Milwaukee

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sidney Wicks can't play center in the National Basketball Association. Who says so? Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Mil-

waukee Bucks. The luckless 76ers suffered the loss of starter John Block, who was hit by a ball during the pregame warmup which tore the ligaments in his right wrist.

straight defeat on the road, a club record.

The defeat followed a report in the Seattle Times that Tom Nissalke, coach of the Sonics,

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## Ross Falls To Sandusky In Final Seconds

By DICK KINNEY, N-M Sports Editor

SANDUSKY — It's going to take a while, perhaps two or three weeks or so, but the basketball Little Giants of Fremont Ross just may have come away from Sandusky last night with something a little more positive than the 45-43 loss to the Streaks would indicate.

On the surface, it was just like two or three previous Ross losses (in a streak that has now reached the epidemic proportion of five) with the only difference being that it took somewhat longer for the plot — and the Giants — to unfold.

Sophomore forward Neal Oberholzer was perhaps the brightest spot on an otherwise dreary evening for Ross and senior center Bob Brudzinski had to be another until personal fouls dictated he should play it a little more conservatively.

Oberholzer was clearly the defensive standout over the final

24 minutes. His numerous blocked shots, stolen passes and overall hustle kept the Giants in contention after their offensive punch withered. And the 6-4 rookie could have been in double figures for the first time had the wind shifted only slightly on three of his goal tries.

If the Giants had been looking for someone to attack the basket on offense, Coach Ken Miller has only to find four more. Brudzinski surprised the Streaks on several occasions by driving and the 6-4 pivot man wound up with a game and season-high 15 points. The 20-30-footers possibly look better when they connect, but a well-finessed bunny is undistinguishable in the scorebook.

Ross shot off to a 10-2 advantage over the first four minutes and took a 16-9 lead to the first rest stop. At halftime, Sandusky had pared its deficit to three, 29-26, and the low-scoring third

stanza left the Giants with a 36-33 edge going into the final stanza.

Sandusky came within a single point several times before 6-3 substitute Willie Jordan notched a pair of free throws at the 2:28 mark to give the Streaks their first lead, 41-40. The teams went on to ties at 41 and 43-all and then 5-10 junior guard Steve Bauerle assumed the hero role when he was fouled on a layup attempt with four seconds showing. He calmly nestled the pair and Sandusky picked off the ensuing Ross inbound pass to run out the clock.

Bauerle and Jordan tied for Sandusky scoring honors as each notched a dozen. Each chipped in six during the catch-up second stanza and combined for nine of the 12 fourth-quarter counters which brought the Streaks their first season victory.

"What can you say about it?" queried Miller. "It's the third

game this year that we've held the lead going into the final quarter and lost. We had one or two individual bright spots, but it takes a whole five-man effort to win the games.

"We're going to take a three-day vacation over Christmas and then get back to work getting ready for Ellyria next Friday."

Although Ross "won" the field battle, 18-15, it was the charity stripe which provided the difference in the game. Sandusky hit on 15 of 23 attempts while Ross managed only half of 14. Included in those Ross misses, however, were the first parts of five one-and-ones — a potential 14 points.

In the reserve test Ross regained its winning formula, but just barely, 49-48. Mike Patterson and Art Gilberg paced Ross' jayvees with 10 points each and ten teammates contributed to offset the 27-point outburst by Sandusky's Walt Farris.

## Ross Offers Improved Performance Elyria Surges Past Fremont

By DICK KINNEY, News-Messenger Sports Editor  
ELYRIA — Memory-lapses of memories nearly provided the Buckeye Conference with a major upset here last night.

Fremont Ross "forgot" that it was useless through the game. Elyria "forgot" that it had jumped past six opponents in seven decisions. But both came back to reality midway through the third period — plenty of time for the Pioneers to score out the Little Giants, 64-47.

Defense played an important part for Ross (65 in BC) through the first 30 minutes, holding Elyria (5-1) to scant quarter yards of 12-15 and 24-23. And then the Pioneers seemed to "forget" what it was like to miss a shot. The result was inevitable.

Ross tallied on a very respectable 15 of 35 floor casts, but Elyria would up with 29 of 42 including an 18-43 in the final 16 minutes.

With 6:50 showing in the third quarter, sophomore forward Neil Oberholzer followed a Mike Reardon two-point shot with a goal of his own to put the giants up by 27-26. It took the Pioneers a minute and a half of playing several fiddle before elongated forward John Mongerson found his sweet spot seven-inch frame toward the basket.

With 1:00 left, which gave Elyria its final lead.

Love Sellers, bulky 6-4 giant Jay Underman and Jerry Carter added quick Elyria goals and Mongerson zeroed in on two-pointers before Ross again found the range — with 1:07 left in the period. But by that time the Little Giants trailed by eleven, 46-37.

Faced with the bruising task of checking Underman and the line, Mongerson was Ross insiders Bob Brudzinski (a bit on this side of 6-5), Oberholzer (6-4) and Reardon (6-4) who combined along the back line of the Giants' new defense.

Overall, the job rendered came off well. Although Reardon headed the Ross scoring with a dozen

Mongerson hit a game-high 14 points and Underman chipped in 10, both totals were well below season averages. Sellers added 11 to the Pioneers' final.

And on the backboards, where Elyria should have held an easy advantage, according to respective heights, Ross dominated to a 36-20 time with Brudzinski gathering in 11.

Despite any superlatives — and Ross played well enough to rate some — Elyria's height, speed and pressure defense finally paid off. The full-court press which failed to faze the Giants in the first half, suddenly left them floundering in the second. Mongerson and Underman, who couldn't get an unobscured view of the basket in the first half, went to the outside successfully in the second for 18 of their combined 24 points.

"I hate to look at the number of turnovers we had in the second half," said Ross Coach Ken Miller. When he found out that the Giants had only two more in the second than in the first (22 total), he explained, "I guess the difference was that they were converting those turnovers in the second half."

"We stayed with them as long as we could keep fresh enough, but . . . when you're trying to establish a starting five, you tend not to substitute as freely as normal. But the kids are hanging together and we're going to win some ballgames."

Ross began the game with what has to be one of the youngest squads in the Buckeye — a senior (Brudzinski), two juniors (Reardon and Jim Thomas) and a pair of sophs (Oberholzer and Jim Flower).

Flower, who was seeing varsity action for the second time — first as a starter — equaled himself well and wound up with six points along with some good floor play.

Reardon headed the Ross scoring with a dozen

markers including eight in the first half to help keep the Giants within striking distance. And 5-4 substitute guard Mike Lowery, shortest player on the floor by several inches (nearly a foot in some cases) also turned in a fine performance by pumping in 10 points over the final 5:21.

"We've proven that we can stay on the floor and play on fairly even terms with some pretty good teams," Miller stated. "We just have to develop the consistency and mental toughness it takes for four quarters of steady basketball."

"You have to give our kids a lot of credit. Until the dying moments of the game they were out there giving it everything they had. They came back with a strong fourth quarter effort."

The Ross junior varsity found the going even rougher on the Elyria court. Mike Patterson's field goal provided the only scoring dent the Fremonters could make over the first stanza while their Elyria counterparts were racking up 16. Over the next two periods, Ross played on slightly more than even terms with the Pioneers' jayvees (27-36), but a substitute-filled fourth quarter saw Ross lose seven more points before winding up on the losing end of a 67-57 final.

Jeff Opelt guided in 10 points to head Ross. Sharing the game and team honors for Elyria were Clint Harris and Fred Balser with 18 apiece. Fifteen Ross jayvees saw action in the preliminary with eight affecting the scoreboard. Nine of the dozen Elyrians tallied.

"It was a game you wouldn't believe if you didn't see it," moaned Coach Jim Hamman whose charges fell for the second time in seven decisions. "We weren't really turning the ball over that many times, we probably had as many shots as Elyria — but theirs were falling in and ours weren't."

## Kent State Flashes Fail In Bowl Clash

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — "I Tommy Thomas, who returned with my premonitions were for touchdowns," said Kent State University football Coach Don James after his fears became reality in a 21-16 Tangerine Bowl loss to Tampa Friday night.

"All week long in practice we dropped punts," said James. "We fumbled the football. Our kicking game was awful."

"I wasn't surprised to see it happen all over again for real," he continued after the Golden Flashes, 6-5-1, dropped numerous passes as Tampa ended its season at 10-2.

### Misses Kill Bid

James' Mid American Conference champs fell behind 21-0 in the first half, then outplayed the Spartans in the second half only to lose through missing all three conversion attempts.

Gerald Tinker, a 9.1 second sprinter in the 100-yard dash and a member of the U.S. Olympic gold medal team in the 400-meter relay, fumbled two punts in the game with the first resulting in Tampa's initial tally.

Tinker called for a fair catch at his own 15 early in the game, then dropped the ball and Terry Grantham recovered for Tampa. On the next play, quarterback Buddy Carter hit Paul Orndorff with a touchdown strike for a 7-0 lead.

Freshman quarterback Greg Kokal of Kent, following James' game plan of pass, pass, pass, came back with a 32-yard pass play to tight end Jeff Murrey as the Flashes drove to the Tampa 33. But when Kokal went to Murray again, he bounced off his hand by teammates Dave Onler, and Larry Cook who scored 15 and 10 points respectively.

John Rader was high man for the Panthers and the game as he came through with a 75-yard

### Ross Box

At Elyria	PG	F	M	P	T
Reardon	6	8	11	12	
Flower	2	0	1	2	
Brudzinski	2	0	1	2	
Thomas	3	0	0	0	
Oberholzer	1	1	1	3	
Hurlen	0	0	0	0	
Smith	1	0	0	2	
Lowery	1	0	1	1	
Totals	19	9	17	27	

At Elyria	PG	F	M	P	T
James	0	0	0	0	
Mongerson	7	0	0	14	
Underman	5	0	0	10	
Gilbert	4	0	0	4	
Sellers	3	1	0	11	
Smith	3	2	1	8	
Stevenson	0	1	0	8	
Schumacher	2	0	0	4	
Kruszewski	0	0	1	0	
Tice	0	0	1	2	
Mason	0	0	1	0	
Boley	2	0	1	4	
Totals	29	3	17	64	

RECORD: Fremont 18-24

INDIVIDUAL SHOOTING

FREMONT ROSS — Oberholzer, 1 of 1; Flower, 2 of 4; Lowery, 2 of 4; Thomas, 2 of 3; Reardon, 6 of 9; Smith, 1 of 3; Brudzinski, 2 of 7; Hurlen, 0 of 2.

TOTALS: 29 of 64

ELYRIA — Boley, 2 of 2; Schumacher, 2 of 2; Tice, 1 of 1; Gilbert, 4 of 4; Underman, 5 of 8; Mongerson, 7 of 9; Smith, 2 of 3; Sellers, 3 of 12; James, 0 of 3; Stevenson, 0 of 3; Mason, 0 of 1.

TOTALS: 29 of 64

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Elyria—17

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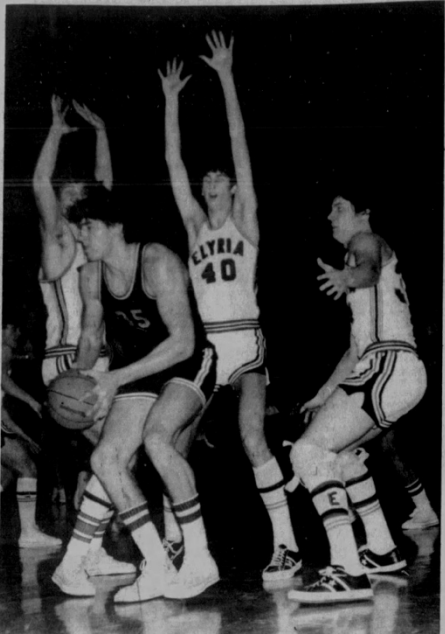
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TALL ORDER — Bob Brudzinski (35) of Ross looks for somewhere to go after getting a pass from the outside. But teaming up to close any scoring thoughts are Elyrians Jay Underman, 6-8 (behind Brudzinski), John Mongerson, 6-7 (40) and Jeff Smith, 6-3 (34).

Brudzinski, at a shady 6-5, was held below his double-figure scoring average, but handled the backboards against the Pioneers. (News-Messenger Photos by Dick Kinney)

## Wooster Falls In Classic

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
CLEVELAND — State sophomore Gale Drummer scored 28 points and led Cleveland to a 76-72 victory over Wichita in three overtimes in nonconference Friday night basketball.

Robert Wilson sunk a pair of foul shots to tie the score for Cleveland at the end of regulation time. At the end of the first overtime Wichita's Vince Smith put in two free throws to tie the score 64-64.

The second overtime was tied when Cleveland's Dave Dronzek put in a 25-footer.

Drummer made his first start of the season for Cleveland. Wichita's high men were Bob Wilson and Vince Smith with 18 each.

### Tourney Joists

In the Wooster Classic De- fiance College was paced by Charles Nafziger's 31 points as they downed Wooster 79-71 for the championship.

In the consolation round at Wooster Davis-Elkins beat Blackburn 80-68.

In the first round of the Case Western Reserve Tourney Wil- berberg outpointed Heidelberg 52-48 and Case Western Re- serve beat John Carroll 87-75.

The Queens City Tourney's



LOOK OUT AHEAD — Dave Hurlen (11) of Fremont tries to get through the defensive formation set up by Elyria's Jay Underman (35) and Joe Kruszewski in their Buckeye Conference game last night. Hurlen's "shot" didn't make it the basket, but he zeroed in on a pair of free throws after being fouled by Kruszewski. Elyria came from behind in the third stanza to defeat the Little Giants, 64-47.

CASTING A SPELL — Elyria's Craig Schumacher and Mike Lowery (41) of Fremont Ross appear to be casting a spell on the ball during Buckeye Conference basketball action last night on the Pioneers' court. Schumacher's pass to a teammate broke up a full-court press by the Little Giants in the final stages of the contest.

## Old Fort Defeats McComb, 72 To 64

McCOMB — The Old Fort Stockaders chalked up another win on the road as they traveled to McComb to defeat the Panthers, 72-64, in a non-league basketball clash.

The game was a story of one team building a lead and protecting it to the end for the victory. That team was Old Fort Friday night as the Stockaders jumped to a 36 to 16 advantage in the first eight minutes of play, and never surrendered the lead to the Panthers.

Old Fort increased its edge to 41 points by halftime by a six-point, 36 to 25 in the second stanza.

The Stockaders continued with their way in the third period by upping the lead to 54, 40-46.

In the final quarter, McComb seemed back in the game as

Leading the assault for the Stockaders was Jim Burks, who tallied in points. He was followed by teammates Dave Onler, and Larry Cook who scored 15 and 10 points respectively.

John Rader was high man for the Panthers and the game as he came through with a 75-yard

pass play to tight end Jeff Murrey as the Flashes drove to the Tampa 33. But when Kokal went to Murray again, he bounced off his hand by teammates Dave Onler, and Larry Cook who scored 15 and 10 points respectively.

John Rader was high man for the Panthers and the game as he came through with a 75-yard

# Lorain King Looms On Ross High Slate

Lorain Admiral King was listed by almost every Buckeye Conference coach as a top contender for basketball laurels this year. And, after a rather rocky beginning of three losses, the Admirals have come on strong to resemble the squad those coaches were talking about.

Four straight conference victories have brought King to the end of its first-round loop schedule—a road trip to the Fremont Ross gymnasium tonight—looking for a 5-2 record to begin the second round.

The Admirals' resurgence has placed a dim light on the Little Giants hopes of their first season victory, but the light is definitely not "out."

"We're going to defense them both man-to-man and zone to find out which works best for us," said Ross Coach Ken Miller. "Elyria started out zone and went to a man-to-man to beat them (67-60), but Findlay played man-to-man and lost (69-58).

"They have a lot of speed and quickness. Defensively they match up individually and do a lot of pressing. In our past games, we've done well against a press at times and looked bad other times. We hope to improve in that category."

King boasts five lettermen from last year's 18-5 squad and is employing the services of sophomore Al Harris (6-4) who has been doing a good job for them, according to Miller. Senior

Tom Harris (6-3) heads the Admirals with a 25-point average.

"Harris (Tom) is the kid we have to stop," said Miller. "He scored 40 against Findlay. He's very active, likes to have the ball, and when he gets it he's always looking to the basket."

## Woodmore Wins Via Comeback

ELMORE—Woodmore varsity wrestlers went into the final four matches here yesterday trailing Genoa by 18 points, but two pins, a decision and a forfeit enabled them to slip past the Comets, 32-29.

Joe Elias (167-pounder) and heavyweight Doug Juergens accounted for the final Woodmore pins after teammate Jerry Giesler (119) had scored an earlier six-pointer. The Wildcats were still three points down as the final duel began and needed the pin to avert a tie.

Genoa registered early pins by Paul Mancinotti (98), Tom Skees (105) and Fred Huss (145) to build the initial lead.

### HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

#### At Woodmore

SCORE: Woodmore 32, Genoa 29.  
98-pound class — Paul Mancinotti (G) pinned John Arndt (W), 1:33; 105 — Tom Skees (G) pinned Clay Collins (W), 3:19; 112 — Joe Harris (W) decisioned Mike

In games last year, King won both by varying margins of 65-50 and 59-55.

"We've been working this week on keeping the ball in motion and trying to keep working toward the basket.

"It seems Jim Thomas is gaining more confidence each week and Mike Reardon is beginning to go toward the basket—more than earlier in the season.

"We kind of go according to Bob Brudzinski's legs. One night they don't seem to bother him too much and the next night it gets worse. His main problem seems to be his arches and knees. But he never complains about it and never tries to use it as an excuse. It probably bothers him even more than he lets me know."

Ross has one more Buckeye game to play in the first half and will meet Lorain High on the Steelmen court Tuesday. Mansfield begins the Ross second half next Friday.

## Two Oh

## Falcons 1

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One year hasn't altered the admiration Bowling Green Coach Pat Haley has for the Cincinnati Bearcats.

"I said last year it was my opinion Cincinnati was the No. 1 college basketball team in

# Admirals' Defense Stifles Giants King Swamps Ross, 62 - 43

By ROY WILHELM

Admiral King High School's quick and aggressive cagers left Ross High still looking for its first win of the 1972-73 basketball season Friday night.

The Admirals, sparked by senior forward Tom Harris and a scrappy defense, stung the host Little Giants, 62-43, in a Buckeye Conference encounter.

The victory boosted the veteran Admiral King team's mark to 5-3, including a 5-2 league record. Ross, meanwhile, still is looking for win number one after seven starts.

Harris, a 6-3 senior, epitomized the Admiral King quickness and defense.

The game's leading scorer with 20 points, Harris picked up several buckets after stealing the ball from the Little Giants.

"He is really quick," Ross Head Coach Ken Miller pointed out. "I'll bet he got eight to 10 points on easy buckets after taking the ball away."

The Admiral King defense was actually a double factor in the win for the visitors. "When they stole the ball, they converted," Miller said as he discussed the

Admiral's man-for-man press and its effect on the game. Miller, however, seemed to put more emphasis on the fact that the press disrupted the Ross offense. The Little Giants were unable to penetrate against the scrappy defense.

The answer to that problem apparently is time more than anything else. "Our biggest problem is we are young," Miller pointed out, admitting that inexperience probably means that some of the Giants are hesitant to try things on offense. "They have been there before," he said in pointing to the difference between the experienced Admiral King squad and the young Little Giants. "They know they can do it. They had a winning season last year."

Miller, who started two juniors and two sophomores Friday, is far from giving up.

"Definitely," was his quick reply when asked if he was seeing progress in his young charges. In spite of the fact that his players were unable to penetrate the Lorain defense in the first half, Miller felt that penetration was one of the areas where Ross showed improvement Friday night. The Giants began going to the basket

better in the second half and nearly matched the scoring output of the strong Admiral King five. "We were going to the basket better tonight. It took about 2½ quarters, but we did begin to do it."

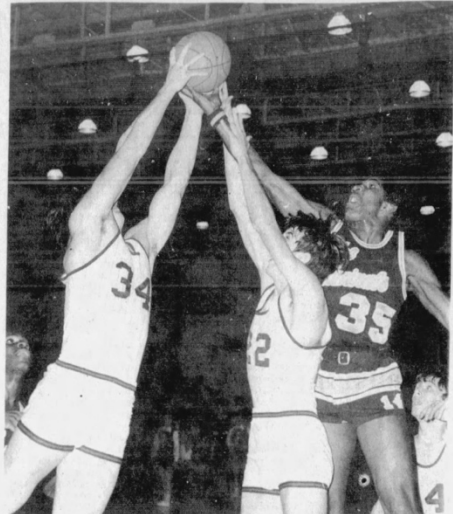
Senior center Bob Brudzinski did about the best job of going to the basket and as a result, he was the top scorer for the hosts. The burly Brudzinski hit six field goals and a pair of free throws for 14 points.

Possibly the brightest light for the Little Giants, however, was the aggressive rebounding of sophomore Neal Oberholzer. The lanky youngster hauled down a dozen rebounds in some pretty big and experienced company.

Ross was never ahead in the game. After ties at 3-2 and 4-4, King moved ahead, slowly building a six-point margin at the quarter and a 14-point halftime bulge.

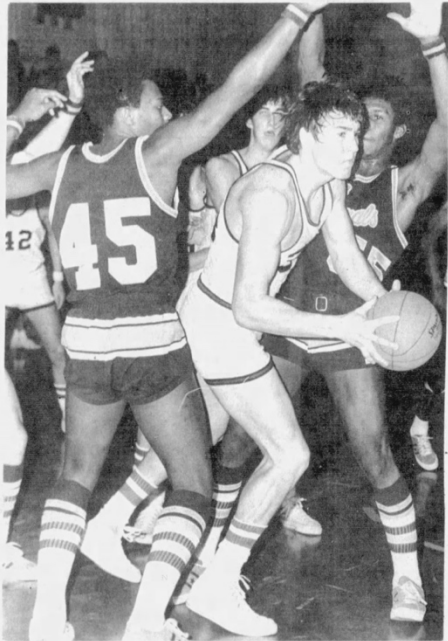
The Ross reserves had even more trouble than the varsity.

The Junior Little Giants fell behind 30-17 at the half and then only scored four points in the third quarter. They lost 62-35.



MINOR CONFLICT — Bob Brudzinski (34) and Neal Oberholzer (22) of Fremont Ross tangle with Lorain King center Al Harris (35) for this rebound during second-quarter action last night on the Little Giants court.

The "conflict" might have been more up-in-the-air except that Brudzinski ran into a rebound after latching on. This case was no different. (News-Messenger Photos by Roy Wilhelm)



LONDON BRIDGE — All was not fun and games for Ross center Bob Brudzinski as he looks for an avenue to the basket against Lorain Admiral King defenders George Spencer (45) and Monty Wicks (50) last night in their Buckeye Conference contest. Brudzinski accounted for 14 points to lead the Little Giants, but King won the game easily, 62-43.

## St. Joe Falls To Mohawks In Overtime

By DICK KINNEY, N-M Sports Editor

Fosteria St. Wendelin kept its cool when things got hot last night and it paid off with a 68-67 overtime basketball victory against the determined quiet of Fremont St. Joe.

But, except for a few rough spots early in the game and one unfortunate incident in the final moments of regulation, the Crimson Streaks easily matched class with the undefeated Mohawks and battled them to a virtual standoff.

St. Joe, after spending most of the evening finding holes in St. Wendelin's full-court press, finally came out with one of its own in the fourth quarter after the Mohawks had built a 10-point lead, 57-47. And it proved quite effective as the Streaks banged in 10 straight to knot the count at 57-all with 3:19 left in the game.

Jerry Yeager, Rick Busold, John Barrington and John Wagner chipped in on the attack and Wagner later tied it again at 59-59 and gave Fremont a 63-59 lead at the 2:38 mark from the foul line.

A minute later St. Joe forced a turnover and called time out for a strategy session. That fell apart when St. Wendelin took the ball with 44 seconds showing. Karg missed a 26-foot jump attempt and Faeth watched his five-foot try roll around the rim before falling into the hands of Barrington.

At that point, it seemed to be merely a matter of running out the clock, but a full-court pass by Yeager was intercepted and the Mohawks again called for a rest with nine seconds left. Running its normal pattern, St. Wendelin earned a second chance on Karg's 15-footer just before the buzzer sounded.

In the overtime, Wade took the tip and set up for an outside goal. At the Streaks' end of the court, a pass was deflected and baited



## Stockton Putter Warms Up For Slim Lead In LA Open

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "I'm back on my game," chortled Dave Stockton.

"I'm playing horrible but putting fantastic."

"That's the way I played a couple of years ago when I was winning tournaments. Last year I hit it down the middle and couldn't make a putt. This is much more fun. I get to see a lot more of the golf course."

Stockton, a 31-year-old for-

mer PGA champion and a long-time noted scrambler, made only one bogey despite three trips to the trees, erratic play in general and a couple of lucky bounces as he took sole control of the top spot Friday in the second round of the \$15,000 Glen Campbell-Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament.

Stockton needed only 28 strokes on the near-perfect greens at the 7,028-yard Riviera

Country Club course in his second round 69 that gave him a 36 hole total of 136, six under par.

That was one stroke better than Julius Boros, who plodded placidly home with a 78-137.

At 118 were Australian David Graham, Vietnam war hero Buddy Allin and tour regular Don Bies. Allin had a 67, Bies and Graham 69.

Jack Nicklaus, the 1972 Player of the year and pre-tourney favorite here, remained in a threatening position at 139, just three strokes off the pace. Nicklaus had a second round 70. He was tied with Australian Bruce Devlin and host pro Mac Hunter.

Arnold Palmer managed a 71 for 146, but both British Open Champion Lee Trevino and England's Tony Jacklin failed to qualify for the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday.

Gets Comical

"I played just horrible," said the articulate Stockton. "It felt like I was hitting it all with my hands. I'd try to hit it right and overcompensate and hit it left." He added, "It was beginning to get comical out there. If I hadn't been sitting there, I could

# Unbeaten Tygers To Invade Ross

Fremont Ross will bring a halt to the first half of its 1972-73 season tonight with the hope that its opponents, Mansfield Senior, will be "armed for bear" rather than Little Giants.

But the Tygers, rated in the top ten Ohio Class AAA schools by both wire services, reportedly have been putting their considerable talents together for a run at the Buckeye Conference title and tournament success.

The Tygers put together their most potent offensive attack of the year last week in a 90-40 victory against Sandusky. The only team held to fewer points was Fremont in their first meeting that Mansfield won, 53-38.

Both teams have now played every other BC school with the Tygers downing the other seven while Ross was taking its licks in the same number of outings. Overall, Mansfield lists a 9-0 mark to the Giants' 0-8.

**MANSFIELD**, in producing a 70-point-plus average offense and holding opponents to less than 55, has been receiving consistent double-figure outbursts from its medium-sized inside men Dillet Montgomery (6-5), Geron Tate (6-4) and Terone Butler (6-3). But it's been pint-sized guard Jerry Brookins (5-9) who heads the scoring with an 18-point mean.

Fremont, which has had its problems in coming up with a consistent starting crew, came up with its largest season offensive Tuesday while taking a 58-53 administered by Lorain Senior. And the Giants' defense is nothing to disregard. Only one team has scored more than 64 points against them — Findlay (81-47).

**BUT THE** Giants have been going with one of the youngest lineups in the BC and Coach Ken Miller foresees success in the near future when "we've played together enough to know what the others are doing. None of the teams we've played have had more desire to win than the Ross team. It's just that they're in the position of being able to start three, four or five lettermen who are used to playing together."

"We've seen some tremendous improvement overall in our performance."

Ross will rest tomorrow night and prepare for a pair of games next weekend.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FRIDAY GAMES

### BUCKEYE CONFERENCE

Mansfield at Fremont  
Elyria at Lorain King  
Marion at Sandusky  
Lorain at Findlay

### SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE

Clyde at St. Mary's  
St. Joe at Margareta  
Huron at Calvert

### SUBURBAN LAKES LEAGUE

Woodmore at Eastwood  
Elmwood at Otsego  
Gibsonburg at Lakota  
Oak Harbor at Genoa

### NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE

Bellevue at Upper Sandusky  
Shelby at Bucyrus  
Willard at Galion  
Norwalk at Tiffin Columbian

### GREAT LAKES LEAGUE

Bedford at Port Clinton  
Oregon Clay at Bowling Green  
Sylvania at Fostoria

### SENECA COUNTY LEAGUE

Hopewell-Loudon at Old Fort  
New Riegel at Seneca East

### INDEPENDENT

Bettsville at Spencer Sharples

### SATURDAY GAMES

### SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE

Clyde at Huron  
St. Mary's at St. Joe  
Calvert at Perkins

### NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE

Norwalk at Bellevue  
Bucyrus at Upper Sandusky  
Shelby at Willard  
Tiffin Columbian at Galion

### INDEPENDENT

Margareta at Edison  
Woodmore at Elmwood  
Anthony Wayne at Port Clinton  
McComb at Bettsville  
New Riegel at Arcadia  
Maumee at Sylvania  
Springfield at Oregon Clay  
Perrysburg at Fostoria  
Lake at Bowling Green  
Mansfield at Madison  
Lorain at Lorain Southview

## Bloomville 8th Tops Bettsville

**BETTSTVILLE** — Bloomville eighth grade ran up a 27-12 halftime advantage and wound up with a 42-24 basketball victory over Bettsville yesterday.

Bill Landis' 16 points headed the effort for Bloomville (4-3) while Dan Posas and Tim Bramel split 14 points for Bettsville (4-3). The loss was third in a row for the Bettsville squad.

## JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

### At Bettsville EIGHTH GRADE

Bloomville

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# Tygers Claw Ross High, 74 To 34

By JERRY ROSEN  
News-Messenger Staff Writer  
Mansfield played just well enough to annihilate the Ross Little Giants 74-34 in the Fremont gym last night.

The Tygers, ranked third in state among triple-A clubs, began the game by making the kind of mistakes unusual to a class ball club. But Mansfield's defense completely unnerved the younger Ross team and turned the game into a rout.

The absence of team leader Bob Brudzinski from the lineup did nothing to help Ross's chances. Brudzinski spent the evening in street clothes on the Ross bench because of a strained tendon in his right foot.

## Due Back Soon

Miller said he did not know exactly when Brudzinski is expected back in the lineup although he said it "shouldn't take long" and he emphatically said his star rebounder would not be out for the rest of the season. Brudzinski was examined by a Toledo specialist today.

Miller refused to find fault with his club's aggressiveness.

When he was asked why the club was not more aggressive, he answered, "I guess you were watching the game differently than I was," and about his club taking only 42 shots from the floor, he said, "42 shots is more than we take in a lot of games."

Regardless, the Little Giants could not, or would not, penetrate the rugged Tyger defense. Ross seemed content to pass the ball around the perimeter of the defense and take 15-foot shots.

## Many Grabs

The only Little Giant who ever seemed to see the bottom side of the rim up close was 6-4 sophomore center Neal Oberholtzer who ripped off 15 rebounds. And only 6-3 junior forward Mike Reardon hit for double figures, mostly on bombs from downtown. He had 13 points.

Mansfield out-rebounded Ross 34-33 with Terone Butler and Dillet Montgomery hauling down eight each.

One bright spot for Ross was the play of Bob Ford who scored six of the team's 11 points in the final stanza. Ford did not get in until the fourth quarter because

he also played in the reserve contest.

But the story belongs entirely to Mansfield, and especially to the defense. The quick-reacting, sticky-fingered Tygers disturbed

the Ross passing and dribbling so badly that the Giants handed the ball over without taking a shot 28 times while Mansfield chalked up only 10 turnovers.

The mostly senior Tyger club

clogged the middle and left driving lanes open only a couple of times during the night. And Ross let them stay inside by doing more passing than shooting on the outer edges, and taking

low percentage shots when they did fire.

Ross ended up hitting only 14 of 42 from the field, compared to 33 of 63 for the Tygers, who, on offense, did not appear to be going at full throttle.

Tyger coach Vic Pfizenmayer said, "You hustle as much as the competition forces you to." He later added that he thought Ross, because it was a young ball club, made mistakes an older, more experienced team might not.

Mansfield stretched a six-point lead at the 6:10 mark of the second quarter to 12 points within about a minute and 40 seconds as Butler, a flying 6-3 senior forward, found his spot along the right baseline for three quick hoops to make the score 20-4 and Ross was out of it from then on. Butler finished with 18, and got scoring support from Geron Tate with 10, all in the last quarter; and Jerry Brookins with 14, eight in the last quarter.

## Lead Widens

By the end of the half it was 31-13. At the end of the third quarter it was 57-23, and the scoring gap kept growing in the final stanza.

Miller attributed the final Mansfield surge to a breakdown in morale on his club when it fell behind by 30 points.

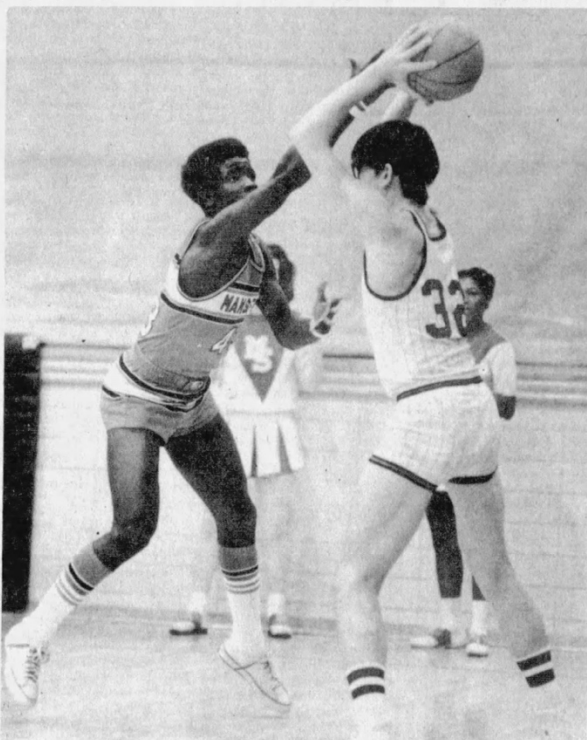
"They went from a 30 to 40 point lead in the last minute," he said. "After you get down so far, your morale gets broken."

Miller did admit later that his club had began having trouble going to the hoop.

"We've been fighting it all year. We've passed up good shots," he said. "We work on them all week. In practice, they look like they're improving."

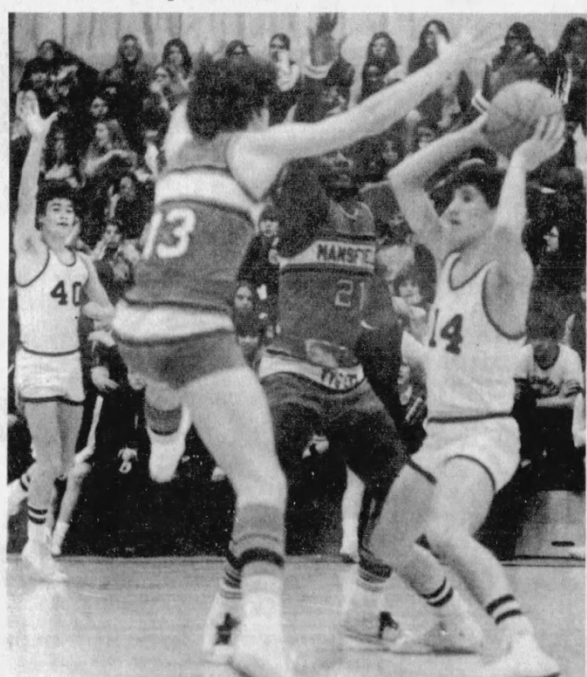
The Mansfield game was the midway point for the Ross season. The Little Giants now are 0-9 overall and 0-8 in the Buckeye Conference. Mansfield is sporting an unblemished 10-0 slate, 8-0 in Buckeye play.

In the reserve game, Ed Williams and Scott Stevens threw in 15 points apiece, and Vince Hafford added ten to lead the Tygers to a 58-40 win over Ross.



**UNDER FIRE** — It's elbows and heels as Mansfield pesters Little Giant ball handlers. The Tygers downed the Little Giants last night 74-34. Joe Beard (top photo) (43) makes his move against Mike Reardon (32). Later in the second half Ross guard Jim Thomas

(14), looks for help as Max Fischbach (13) and Jerry Brookins (21) surround him. Unnoticed is Little Giant teammate Bob Ford (40). (News-Messenger Photos by Bruce Crippen)



## Ross Box

### AT FREMONT

Ross-34	G	F	M	P	T
Hurler	2	0	1	3	4
Ford	2	2	0	2	6
Reardon	5	3	3	0	13
Oberholtzer	2	0	1	3	4
Thomas	1	1	1	1	3
Flower	1	0	1	3	2
Smith	1	0	0	3	2
Lowery	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	6	7	15	34

Mansfield-74	G	F	M	P	T
Tate	5	0	1	4	10
Butler	9	0	0	0	18
Montgomery	2	2	1	1	6
Feagin	2	1	1	3	5
Brookins	6	2	0	3	14
Beard	1	0	0	2	2
Tillman	0	0	1	1	0
Fischbach	2	3	4	4	7
Webb	1	0	0	0	2
Mathews	0	0	0	0	0
Bigelow	2	0	0	0	4
Black	3	0	1	0	6
Totals	33	8	9	18	74
Ross	6	7	10	11	34
Mansfield	12	19	26	17	74

### INDIVIDUAL SHOOTING

FREMONT ROSS — Hurler, 2 of 7; Ford, 2 of 3; Reardon, 5 of 14; Oberholtzer, 2 of 4; Thomas, 1 of 3; Lowery, 0 of 1; Flower, 1 of 4; Smith, 1 of 3. TOTALS: 14 of 42.

MANSFIELD SENIOR — 22 of 63.

REBOUNDS — Fremont Ross 33, Mansfield 34.

TURNOVERS — Fremont Ross 28, Mansfield 10.

### RESERVE GAME

Ross-46	G	F	M	P	T
0	2	2	0	2	6
1	2	4	0	0	2
1	1	3	0	0	1
1	0	2	0	0	2
6	4	16	0	0	2
1	1	3	0	0	2
0	1	1	0	0	2
4	1	9	0	0	2
14	12	40	0	0	2
Ross	7	8	14	11	40
Mansfield	11	20	10	17	58

## ABA Results

Yesterday's Results  
Virginia 103, New York 83  
Carolina 129, Dallas 106  
Kentucky 104, Memphis 101  
Denver 128, Indiana 119  
Only games scheduled  
Today's Games  
San Diego at Indiana  
Kentucky at Utah

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Seattle with 36 points and Bob

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hot with 1½ minutes left in the Roberson added two free throws d Philadelphia its 41st loss in 45



# Ross Begins Second 'Season' This Week

"We're at the midway point. We have to face the fact that our back is to the wall. If we're going to do it, we'll have to get into high gear and start right now."

Fremont Ross basketball Coach Ken Miller summarized the Little Giants' present plight of having gone through nine games of their 18-game schedule without a victory.

Providing double entertainment for Ross this weekend will be Buckeye Conference foe Marion Harding tonight and independent challenger Tiffin Columbian Saturday. The Giants travel to Marion and host the Tornados.

"Our practices are not exceptional, but they're not poor. I've had teams with better records that didn't practice as well," Miller said. "Sometimes I wish that our performance in a game would be as good as in practice. But when you take all the 'newness' we have here — players and coaches—it takes some time to put it together."

Against the Presidents, Ross faces a team that leads the conference in field goal accuracy (46.3 per cent) and free throws attempted and completed. Defensively, Harding has allowed the fewest rebounds and forced the most turnovers among BC members.

"Marion hasn't changed a great deal from the last time we saw them (a 48-45 loss), but they have brought up a left-handed sophomore named Gipson who starts in the middle for them for added board strength.

"Basically they try to move the ball up quickly and take the percentage shot before the defense is set up. On defense, they may play a little more zone than last time because it adds rebounding strength."

With the return of Bob Brudzinski to the Ross lineup, Miller says he feels the Giants "can play against Marion. We

felt that we had them the first time, but we played too conservatively when we had them by 13 points going into the fourth quarter. I hope we learned something from that."

Tiffin will provide only the second non-conference competition for the Little Giants, but it won't be any easier, according to Miller.

"Tiffin goes against Willard Friday night and they're battling for the No. 1 spot in the Northern Ohio League," Miller said. "They've shown very much improvement recently, but they're not a big team by today's standards.

"They rely a lot on Wayne Rex (6-3) for board strength although he's not one of their key scorers. Seitz (5-11) is a good outside

shooter and the guards do a good job of looking inside for open men to give the ball to for quick points.

"Dan Thallman comes from quite a basketball family and is very aggressive for Columbian. Sometimes he has the tendency to make sophomore mistakes by being overly aggressive at times, but he looks like he has a bright future."

The Ross offense could cut loose to raise its season-best output of 53 points against Lorain. Marion's defense ranks seventh by allowing 64.6, but Fremont's offense has only a 43.6 mark against loop teams. Defensively, Ross ranks fifth in defense with a 60-point allowance while the Prexies have scored at a 61.2 clip.



**CAN'T LOOK** — Lee Trevino can't bear to watch this putt during first-round action of the Dean Martin-Tucson Open

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL  
FRIDAY NIGHT  
BUCKEYE CONFERENCE

Ross at Marion  
Findlay at Elyria  
Lorain King at Mansfield  
Sandusky at Lorain Senior

# Ross High Collects Victory No. 1, 72-56

By DICK KINNEY, N.M. Sports Editor

The basketball Little Giants of Fremont Ross didn't merely "break" their former season high point total, they obliterated it. They didn't have to fight from behind, they led most of the way from the start.

And the Ross squad hardly looked like a team that had gone winless through its first 10 games. Combining deadly long-range aerial strikes with fierce hand-to-hand combat in close quarters, the Little Giants became an effective fighting force.

Suffering the brunt of the newly found Ross offensive was Tiffin Columbian which had fallen to undefeated Willard the night before by a 99-49 margin. The Saturday score was not even that close as the Giants picked up victory No. 1, 72-56.

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run at us in the fourth quarter and we pulled it out," beamed Ross Coach Ken Miller. "We've been ahead after three quarters before only to lose the game. When Tiffin scored six quick points and cut the lead to 32-46, we called time out and told our players just to keep going the way they had over the first three periods."

After that time out with 6:37 remaining, the Giants hit a quick bucket on a sharp pass from Jim Thomas to Neal Oberholzer and it was the beginning of the end for Columbian.

Mike Reardon, Steve Smith and Jim Flower helped open up the game with bombs from 15-25 feet away and 9-5 center Ben Brudinski made sure the inside game worked as he outmanned Tiffin defenders on numerous occasions for successful goals.

Reardon turned in his most outstanding season effort and led both teams in scoring with 24 points. He also cleared the boards of 17 missed shots to head that department.

It was Reardon's outside jumper with 1:49 left in the first stanza that put Ross ahead to stay, 12-10, after the score was tied five times along the way. Goals by Flower, Oberholzer and Brudinski gave Ross an 18-15 lead at the first rest and the margin was never closer. The Giants didn't put on any kind of a consecutive point surge over the first three quarters, but just kept gradually putting the game out of reach. By halftime Ross led by 34-25 and it was 52-40 heading into the final eight minutes.

At that point everyone in the nearly packed Ross gymnasium

began to silently wonder whether the fourth-quarter blight that had struck the Giants in previous encounters would again smother their chance for victory. Marty Thallman hit for Tiffin and teammate Wayne Rex added a pair of buckets as the Tornadoes began to live up to their nickname.

But the well-timed halt at 6:27 gave the Ross forces a chance to regroup. After an exchange of goals, the Giants put on an eight-point burst that took the wind out of the Tornadoes.

Ross wound up with 29 goals — nearly twice as many as in past games — and fired in a hot 14 of 19 from the charity stripe. Columbian managed 22 of 31 goals against the Ross zone defense which had them boxed out most of the evening.

"Some of our better shooters didn't hesitate to take the available shots tonight," Miller said. "A lot of it goes back to the first part of the year when we had a pretty good team because we're a young team. We just opened up a little more tonight."

"I think that just as important as the victory is the fact that Tiffin made a run at us in the fourth quarter and we pulled out of it. After the time out, we hit a couple and it was just like saying, 'Hey, We can do it.'"

The Little Giants took the day off from practice today, Miller explained. "At this time of year we try to give Monday off. It keeps the kids from getting overworked and we want to stay away from the flu. Also this is finals week. We want to stay fresh mentally and physically."

## 'Fine Overall Effort'

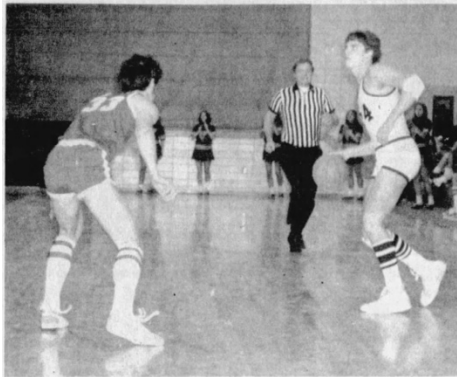
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**WORKING IT IN** — Steve Smith of Fremont Ross (right) begins to move the ball toward the basket against Tiffin Columbian defender Marty Thallman (33) during first-quarter

action Saturday at Ross High gymnasium. Fremont romped to its first season victory against the Tornadoes, 72-56. (News-Messenger Photos by Dick Kinney)

## AFC Sweeps Pro Honors With Pro Bowl Triumph

DALLAS (AP) — The American Football Conference, formed in a fiery merger with the old National Football League, had every right to be cheery today—at least for a year.

The AFC made it a historic lean sweep over the National Football Conference in Sunday's 33-28 Pro Bowl victory.

Previously, the AFC had captured the exhibition season 27-24 and the regular season 20-14 from their older rivals and Miami dropped NFC member Washington 14-7 in the Super Bowl.

Sunday was the clincher in a collision of All-Stars between the two leagues.

"Last year the NFC got the most ink—we wanted to prove something," said running back J.J. Simpson of Buffalo, the game's Most Valuable Player.

Simpson, who led the NFL in rushing with 1,251 yards, scored one touchdown, rushed for 112 yards and caught three passes for 48 yards.

The victory before 47,829 chilled fans in Texas Stadium gave the AFC a 2-1 lead over the NFC in the series.

Simpson said offensive line men Gene Upshaw of Oakland, Walt Sweeney of San Diego, Larry Little of Miami and Winston Hill of the New York Jets had him wide-eyed because they were so fired up for the game.

"These guys talked all week about how they were going to kill their man," Simpson said.

Otis Taylor of Kansas City, who caught a five-yard touchdown pass from Oakland's Darby Lamonica, said there was much more at stake than the difference between \$2,000 and

\$1,500 for the winners and losers.

"The rivalry still exists ... It may not be as intense as the old days, but it's there," Taylor said. "Coach (Chuck) Noll (of Pittsburgh) told us the first day we were here to win and that was the attitude of the entire team all week."

John Brockington of Green Bay scored three touchdowns and quarterback Norm Snead of the New York Giants hit tight end Ted Kwalick of San Francisco with a 12-yard scoring pass but it wasn't enough.

Marv Hubbard of Oakland scored on a 13-yard run, Bobby Bell of Kansas City intercepted a Snead pass and returned it 12 yards for a touchdown and Pittsburgh's Roy Gerula kicked field goals of 18 and 22 yards for the AFC which overcame a 14-0 first quarter deficit.

Tom Nowak, Perry Allender and Mike Netz chatted up decisions while Joe Elias and Chris Spogis took pins for the Wildcats during that time. A heavyweight pin by Eastwood's Bill Gerwin over Doug Juergens closed the action formally, but Woodmore had the win inched after Netz' four-point decision.

Allender remained undefeated in dual meets for Woodmore as the Wildcats registered their fifth victory in six outings.

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## Streaks Charge Past Perkins, 78 To 57

By JON DONNAN

News-Messenger Staff Writer

SANDUSKY — St. Joe charged past a scrappy Sandusky Perkins basketball team Saturday night to win an important Sandusky Bay Conference game 78-57. The game was more important to the Crimson Streaks (7-5) than other league games, but the Streaks needed to know they could take control of a ball game and win big.

After their loss the night before to powerhouse Huron the Streaks had to "stop and take a hold of themselves," said a proud Coach Pete Guerrero. "I have nothing but admiration for those kids, the way they pulled up and took control of that game."

The smiles and congratulations came from everywhere for the Streaks and Guerrero.

"You can say this about St. Joe," said Tony Perrine, Coach of Perkins, "they're the best-coached team in the league."

Not that the Perkins Pirates were devoid Saturday night. First-quarter action saw the Pirates hustle ahead to a 13-12 advantage with five of their seven players scoring.

The Pirates came on the floor with only seven players, all juniors with one freshman. Crippled by illness and injury, the Pirates came out fighting with each of their starting five hitting from the field.

The Streaks were playing a penetrable zone defense in the first half and seemed to be concentrating on offense. Only the second quarter after a minute of play did they really begin to click offensively scoring 10 points in two minutes.

The Pirates, too, were finding inroads to the St. Joe bucket as Tim Enoch drove off of a high

layup.

Yeager and John Barrington forced the third period action as they combined for a total of 20 points. The Streaks were enjoying the best quarter they've had for several games.

The Pirates were only able to hit for eight points in the third compared to the Streaks' 22. The Streaks defense shut off the inside route that Enoch had used and from the outside the Pirates couldn't hit.

But not because they didn't take the shots. The Pirates hit poorly, 23 of 71, while the Streaks were firing 30 of 66 from the field and 18 of 28 from the free throw line.

But the best was yet to come for the Streaks. After hitting for 22 in the second and third quarter it seemed about time for the Streaks to cool off, especially as Guerrero was bringing in his second string.

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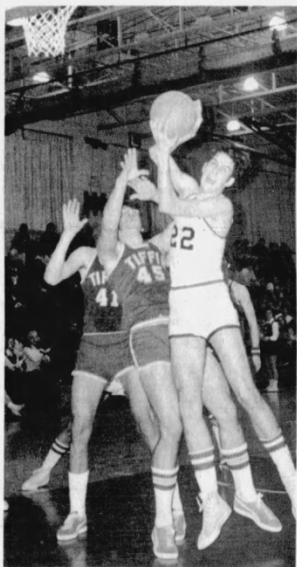
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**TAKING CONTROL** — Ross High forward Neal Oberholzer (22) leaves no question in the minds of Tiffin Columbian players Wayne Rex (45) and Mike Felton (41) as to who's controlling this rebound during their independent game Saturday. Oberholzer's eight grabs seconded teammate Mike Reardon with 17 as Ross controlled the boards and the game, 72-56.

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# Little Giants See Loop Action Twice

A pair of Buckeye Conference basketball battles face Ross High this week and the Little Giants will be out for another taste of victory "blood."

Ross hosts Lorain Senior in a Friday contest before hitting the road to Findlay on Saturday. In first-round frays, Findlay bombed the Giants, 81-47, but Lorain barely managed to hold a 58-53 decision on its home court.

"We're very pleased to have won the game against Columbian (72-56) last week," said Ross Coach Ken Miller, "but I've never been one to become so elated over victory that you

forget about the next game. I like to see teams take victory in stride—not like it's the first or last time it'll ever happen.

"Confidence. That's the word. We're just very happy the kids finally took the lid off the basket. It's been very frustrating for them, they certainly deserve more than 10 losses.

"We've just been concentrating on the basics this week in practice—the defenses we'll use over the weekend and our shooting from the field and foul line."

A note of caution has surrounded the Ross camp since

Mike Reardon was sidelined with the flu yesterday.

"He'll probably be back and see some action for us," Miller said of his top-scoring junior forward. "He's strong enough to recover pretty fast, but he'll have to be rested periodically."

Chad Saladin and 6-6 center Mike Drvodulich were the pacesetters in Lorain's initial win against the Giants. The 5-8 Saladin marked up 16 points from the outside while Drvodulich was hitting 11. Reardon led Ross with 12 and Jim Thomas and Mike Lowery also hit double figures.

"Lorain hurt us inside and outside in the first game," Miller stated, "but nothing that we shouldn't be able to contend with if we play like we did last week."

Ross took only 44 shots at Lorain (hitting 22) as compared to a 29-of-60 mark against Columbian.

"Balance" was the key to Findlay's overwhelming success—both on offense and defense. The Trojans had five of its players in double figures led by 6-4 forward Ted Hipsher's 18. Hipsher is fourth among BC scorers with a 17.9 average.

Reardon was the lone Giant with more than eight points in that encounter, hitting 16 all in the second half. Findlay's sliding zone held Ross to only a dozen goals, but the Giants hit on 23 of 30 from the charity stripe to keep things moving.

"We're going to have to do a lot of things the right way this weekend," said Miller. "But we played that way last week and know we can put up a fight against anybody."

Reardon ranks eighth on the BC list, scoring at an 11.5 clip and fired in a season-high 24 against Tiffin last week.



**DIFFERENCE OF OPINION**— Jack Nicklaus and his caddy appear to be at odds in figuring the distance to the green during a practice round over the Spyglass Hill Golf Course at Pebble Beach, Calif., yesterday. Nicklaus was practicing for the Bing Crosby National Pro-Am which began today. (AP Wirephoto)

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FRIDAY GAMES BUCKEYE CONFERENCE

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# Giants Confidence Shows In Loop Win, 57-55 Ross Extends Streak To Two, Beats Lorain

By JERRY ROSEN, News-Messenger Staff Writer

The sleeping Giant has begun to awaken.

A young and hungry Little Giant basketball squad last night served notice on the rest of the Buckeye Conference that they could be very stubborn the rest of the way.

The purple gang led off a last-second rush by a more experienced Lorain Steelmen club for a 57-55 Buckeye Conference win. It was Ross' second win in a row after the Little ones completed the first half of the year 0-10.

Ross was a completely different team last night than the one which got creamed two weeks ago by Mansfield. The crowd could sense it, too. Last night, the fans were yelling with the Giants, not at them.

Game was the crowd's whisper of "shoot the ball" each time a Ross player would get an opening because last night when a Ross player got an opening, he shot the ball.

Instead of passing off, Ross took the good 15-foot jump shot. Instead of dribbling around the perimeter, Ross took the ball to the hoop.

And in the battle of the defenses, Ross pressured Lorain into taking shots which were just hurried enough to hurt their accuracy while the Giants were beating a Steelmen full-court press for several easy buckets.

Ross, somewhere in the last two weeks, has found confidence.

Coach Ken Miller said it this way, "What pleased me about this more than anything else is that we're together. You can't play with confidence and intensity when you don't believe in yourselves."

"It takes real self-confidence and perseverance to pick yourself up and come back to give the effort this team has given the past couple of weeks."

Miller termed the game a "total effort on both sides of the floor" and it was just that. It was difficult to single out any one ballplayer as the key because each man did his job well.

Junior Mike Reardon had what is becoming known as his "normal" game with 18 points, including the winning bucket, ten rebounds and several blocked or deflected shots. Senior Bob Brudzinski, who fought in the trenches under boards with Lorain's 6-

5 Mike Drvodulich, just about neutralized his men, Brudzinski hitting for 13 points and Drvodulich, 14.

Senior Steve Smith played most of the game from his guard slot and provided a bit of pyrotechnics at the halftime buzzer with a 45-foot turnaround jump heave from near the mid-court stripe and left sideline. Smith finished with nine points, eight in the first half in helping Ross to a 24-23 halftime edge. Smith also was assigned to guard Lorain's 19.6-points-a-game man, 5-8 stop-and-pop artist Chad Saladin. Although Smith didn't win the scoring battle, his pasteurized forced Saladin to a 7-for-25 shooting night and only allowed the little speedster one bucket in the third quarter when it appeared Ross might blow it open.

Both teams came out in the third quarter and blistered the hoop. The lead changed hands 11 times in the first 4-45 of the quarter as the clubs engaged in some good up and down basketball.

Ross took over for good with just under three minutes left in the quarter when Dave Harless made a nice move through the middle past Drvodulich for two. With time running out, Thomas converted one of only seven Lorain turnovers into two Ross points with a soft

17-foot jump shot and Ross had a 43-37 edge at the end of three.

Reardon opened the lead to the widest of the night with 6:59 left when he hit a jumper over Johnson to give Ross a 45-37 advantage and the stage was set for a wild scramble. It was Reardon who hit what proved to be the winning points with a turnaround jumper from the foul line with 1:05 left in the game. That shot gave Ross a 57-53 lead, and ended the contest.

Lorain's Dave Lindamood did take an in-bounds pass from Saladin for an easy layup, and, with the buzzer sounding, Saladin threw the ball he had stolen on the Ross side of the ten-second line at the basket. That throw scored a few fans when it hit the rear iron, but the ball did not fall through.

Lorain coach Dale Reichert sounded a little like Miller had during the long drought when he discussed the game.

"In practice, these kids shoot the eyes out of the basket," he moaned, "but when they get into a game, they can't hit."

Lorain must have been hitting something, because, according to Miller, Lorain was the second-best scoring team in the conference with a 68.6 per game average. Ross held them to more than 13 points less, or, according to Reichert, his club shot 13 points below that.

Miller praised his players and coaches as he talked after the game.

## Everyone 'Hung In There'

"We had some discouraging moments," he said "Things didn't go our way during the first half of the season when we went 0-10."

"All the kids and coaches hung in there, though. They are deserving of anything they get from here on in."

Miller felt the Columbus win was what made the change in his charges. Against Columbian, he said, it was "the first time we found out we could do it."

Miller switched his defenses during the night and said the switches might have "kept them off balance." The defense which sent Reichert into fits was a triangle-and-one which, he felt, left men open in the corners, but the open men couldn't make their shots.

Although Ross, overall, was bigger and quicker, Lorain outrebounded the hosts 32 to 26. Ross kept up its excellent ball-control record card turning the ball over only nine times.

"We've turned the ball over only 27 times in the last three games," said Miller. "Whenever you keep your turnovers under ten, you're doing a good job."

Ross now is 2-10, 1-9 in Buckeye Conference contests, while Lorain is 5-4, 3-7 in BC play. Tonight, Ross travels to Findlay and Lorain takes on Admiral King.

The Ross junior varsity provided early fans with just as much excitement and with the same results — a 44-42 victory over the Lorain reserves. Mike Patterson paced the mini Giants with 12 points as they battled to 6-4 and 20-20 knots at the first two stops. After three they held a 34-29 advantage and held on while Lorain made a final, but unsuccessful, run.

## Streaks Repeat Win Over Tiffin, 79-78

By ROY WILHELM

They did it again!

St. Joe's scrappy Crimson Streaks pulled out another close one.

The Streaks, trailing throughout most of the ballgame, refused to fold, charged back in the fourth quarter and then held on for a heart-throbbing 79-78 Sandusky Bay Conference basketball victory over Tiffin Calvert Friday night. St. Joe won the first-round game, 72-70.

Started Hitting.

"All year we have played for the percentage shot and tonight we started hitting them," St. Joe Coach Pete Guerrero said of his Streaks' red-hot second half.

The Streaks kept working for the percentage shot, not panicking when they fell behind by as many as eight points early in the second half, and their determination paid off.

The Streaks shot a blistering 67 per cent in the second half, ripping the nets for 22 field goals of 53 attempts. They pushed home 33 second-half points after netting only 26 in the first half.

Leading the second-half charge in what was truly a "team victory," was junior guard Mike Smith.

Complete Game.

The 5-11 backcourtman canned eight of nine goal attempts and effectively slowed down Calvert's firebrand Randy Holmer.

Holmer, who eventually fouled out of the game, hit six second half points after scoring ten in the first half, while Smith was pumping home 16 points in the crucial second half.

Smith was really tough as the Streaks overhauled the Senecas in the fourth period. The scrappy junior hit five field goals in that final quarter, including the

bucket that put the Streaks ahead, 66-64, and one that gave the hosts a brief four point lead at 79-85.

Three times earlier in the quarter Smith canned a bucket to move the Streaks from three points down to one point down.

The third time, he followed his own missed shot—the only shot he missed in the entire game—and scored underneath to make the score 61-60.

"Mike was taking more initiative on offense than he has been all year," Guerrero lauded after the ballgame. He pointed to Smith and Yeager as the key to victory.

Guards Set Pace

It was Yeager and John Barrington, the two men who have played such important roles in the St. Joe success throughout the season, who actually all but nailed down the victory.

Yeager, who led all St. Joe scorers with 21 points, broke a 72-72 tie with 32 seconds remaining in the game when he sank the first of a one-on-one situation.

When he missed the second he came up with the ball after a scramble for the rebound and he was fouled again. This time he sank both shots for a 75-72 lead.

Out Of Reach

Another foul shot rebound gave the Streaks a three-point lead with 29 seconds to go. This time it was Barrington, who matched Smith's total of 18 points for the game, who grabbed the key rebound and scored to give St. Joe a 77-74 margin.

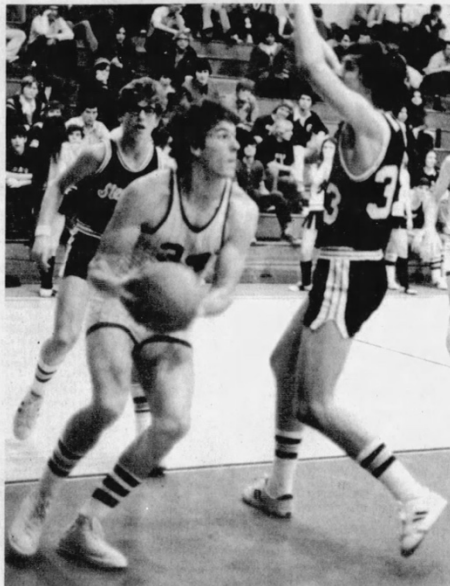
Joe Guyer got St. Joe's final and the actual winning points when he took a long pass and went in for a layup as the seconds ticked off on the clock. His shot was blocked, but goal tending was called against Calvert. The Senecas then added an uncontested bucket at the buzzer.

Guyer finished the night with 10 points and handed down eight rebounds.

Top Rebounder

Center Mike Dunn gave the Streaks five men in double figures. Dunn, who canned both ends of a one-on-one to give St. Joe a 73-68 lead with 1:49 left, finished the night with 12 points and led the St. Joe rebounders with nine.

The Streaks outrebounded the



BASELINE DRIVE—Bob Brudzinski gets set to uncork toward the hoop to finish a pretty baseline drive past Larry Vangeloff, near, who was left with his mouth open, and Mike Drvodulich (33). Ross beat the visiting Lorain Steelmen 57-55. (News-Messenger Photos by Jerry Rosen)

## Casper Builds Crosby Lead

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP)

—Billy Casper carried a bulging four-stroke lead into today's third round of Bing Crosby's National Pro-Am Golf Tournament, but he had a triple-bogey seven there and looked almost puzzled as he

"There's a lot of golf left,"

Casper said. "Anything can happen in 36 holes."

Most of it happened to Jack Nicklaus on just one hole—the 17th at Cypress Point Friday. He had a triple-bogey seven there and looked almost puzzled as he

mused: "Without ever playing a bad shot I make seven."

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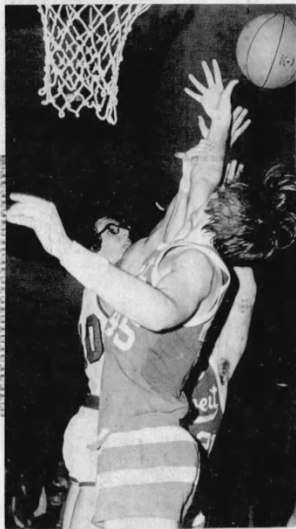
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WILD SCRAMBLE—Fremont St. Joe's Mike Dunn (40) and Tiffin Calvert players Rich Altweis (45) and Mark Sendelbach (71) reach out in vain for this rebound during their Sandusky Bay Conference basketball game last night on the Streaks' court. The host St. Joe squad repeated its earlier 72-70 victory with a tight 79-78 decision.



## St. Joe Box

Calvert-78

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The Streaks outrebounded the



# Findlay Rips Fremont In Wild Affair

By DICK KINNEY  
N-M Sports Editor

FINDLAY—Ted Hipsher moved around the Findlay High School gymnasium Saturday night like he owned the place. By the time the 1972-73 basketball season comes grinding to a halt, he just might.

The hustling, hot-handed blond was in constant motion as he blitzed the nets to tie a Findlay team-record 43 points while the Trojans were marching to an 81-64 Buckeye Conference victory over Fremont Ross.

After Fremont's Jim Flower gave the Little Giants their only

## Giants Streak Snapped

lead of the evening, 2-0, Hipsher and teammate Brad Longberry accounted for nine straight Trojan points to begin the long evening.

Battling the Trojans would

have been enough for most teams as the hosts were nearly perfect from the field over the first three periods. But Ross had the added difficulty of a "battling" official who nearly wiped out the entire Giants' coaching staff on one stumble and neatly cross-body-blocked Flower later in the fray.

Meanwhile, back in the basketball game, Hipsher was serving up jump shots and layups at a torrid pace and finding the nets with radar-like accuracy. The activity was only eight minutes old when the 6-4 senior had already collected 13 points and Findlay led by a 27-17 margin.

Ross, after having recorded consecutive victories over Tiffin

Columbian and Lorain Senior over the past two weeks, never seemed out of the game even while trailing by as many as 25 points (55-30) midway through the third period.

Ross trailed by a 43-27 margin at halftime and was 22 points behind at the three-quarter mark, 66-44, before outpointing the Trojans in the final period, 20-15. Findlay began substituting freely during the fourth quarter, but Hipsher was kept in the game when he appeared near the school scoring mark.

But over the last four minutes, even with four second and third-team teammates obviously setting him up, Hipsher couldn't seem to buy a basket.

Fremont's Mike Reardon also had a season-high performance by connecting on 10 shots from the field and eight of 11 from the charity stripe for 28 points. His most productive period was the final when he sent 13 points through the nets.

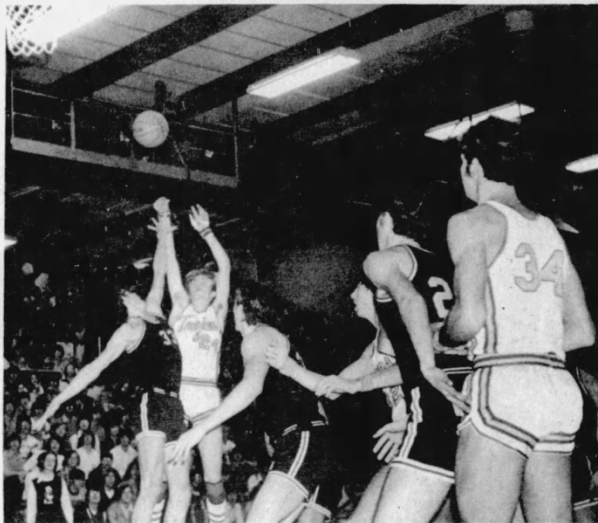
Bob Brudzinski, who had to use several "moves" and more than a little muscle against the likewise physical Trojans, wound up with 12 points and shared 18 rebounds with Reardon.

"We didn't try to control the tempo of the game tonight like we did the first time we played Findlay," said Ross Coach Ken Miller. "We lost that one 81-47 and we saw a lot of improvement in tonight's effort. We were hustling from the opening buzzer through the end of the game."

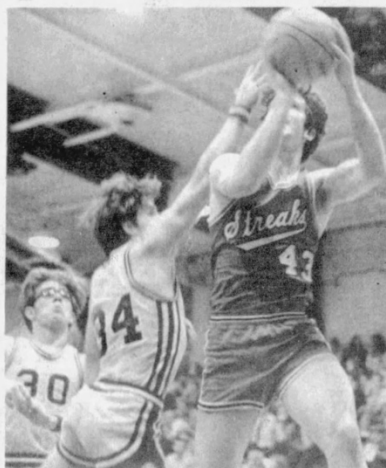
If anything, the Giants hustled a bit too much and committed several turnovers on fast-break passes that missed the mark. At no time did the Giants seem overawed by Findlay, but the margin kept mounting.

Perhaps the most frustrating evening had to have been the defensive work of Reardon against Hipsher. Time after time he made perfect defensive moves only to hear the swishing of the net in the background as another shot fell through the hoop.

But while Hipsher was uncanny at both ends of the court, many times there was heavy contact made which might have resulted in personal fouls—but didn't. The word "protected" was bandied about by several fans, but obviously never proven by the officials.



**RADAR TURNED ON**—Ted Hipsher (24) of Findlay watches through the hand of Fremont Ross defender Mike Reardon (33) as the ball heads for a two-point connection with the basket during their Buckeye Conference basketball clash Saturday. Little Giants Bob Brudzinski and Neal Oberholzer hold position on Findlay's Roger Edelbrock and Dick Coleman (34).



**BEATS DEFENDER**—John Barrington (43) of Fremont St. Joe leaps for a layup around the outstretched arm of Dale Caudill (34) of Clyde during Saturday night Sandusky Bay Conference action on the Fliers' court. Kim Kinnear (30) watches the struggle. St. Joe's Streaks managed to hold on for a 64-63 basketball victory.

## 'Y' Crew Tops Lima

The Sandusky County YMCA boys swimming team of Fremont turned in a strong 124-115 victory Saturday and Terry Nitschke followed Sunday with a fourth-place finish in the third annual West End YMCA Aqua Pentathlon at Willoughby.

Nitschke picked up a trophy for his performances in the 50 and 200-yard freestyle, plus 100-yard distances in the butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke which make up the pentathlon. His 26.6 clocking in the 50-free set a new team mark.

Against Lima, the Fremont Cadets turned in seven firsts paced by Jim Casey's double victory. In the Juniors, Alan and Terry Nitschke won a pair of events each along with Brett McKittrick and Hal Hawk to cement the team and division wins.

### YMCA SWIMMING

**At Fremont**  
**SCORE:** Fremont 124, Lima 115.  
**FREMONT WINNERS**  
**Cadet Division**—Jim Casey (50-breast, 100-individual medley); Nate Morley (100-free); Bob Kirwin (50-fly); Neil Morley (50-free); Mike Mowry (200-free); 200-medley relay team, Kirwin, Casey, Mowry and Nate Morley.  
**Junior Division**—Alan Nitschke (200-free); Terry Nitschke (200-individual medley, 100-back); Brett McKittrick (400-free, 100-fly); Hal Hawk (50-free, 100-free); Kevin Casey (100-breast); 200-medley relay, A. Nitschke, Casey, T. Nitschke, McKittrick; 200-free relay, A. Nitschke, Hawk, Dave Stein, Kevin Halliwell.

winner for Marion although several other individual winners competed on winning relays.

Ross next meets Sandusky in a road test tomorrow afternoon.

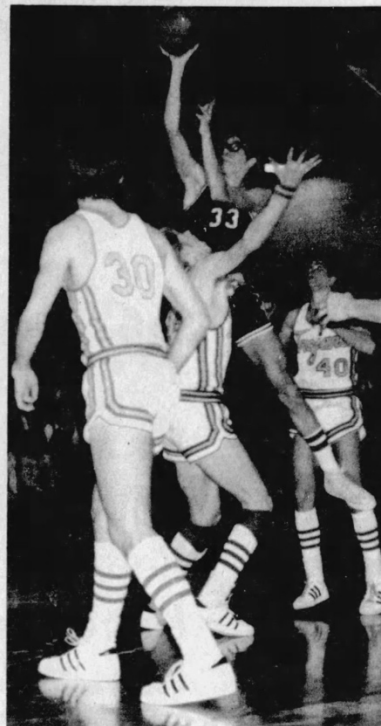
## Harding Tankers Defeat Ross High

Fremont Ross hosted Marion Harding in a high school swimming meet Saturday and the Presidents made the most of the hospitality by taking home a 58-37 victory.

The Little Giants managed only four first-place finishes while Marion touched first in seven events to build the margin. Ross fell in the opening relay and never recovered fully although it did close the gap to 20-23 when Rob Serwin and Vandergrift finished one-two in diving.

Hess captured two of the Ross firsts, taking the 200 and 400-yard freestyle events. His time in the 200 of 1:58.9 was the only clocking under two minutes.

R. Wakely was the only double



**REPEAT GESTURE**—Fremont's Mike Reardon (33) goes high over the head of Ted Hipsher for two of his points during the game Saturday. Hipsher and Reardon had a hot duel going through most of the game with Hipsher hitting for a game-high 43 points and Reardon pacing Ross with 28. Findlay won the game, 81-64.

## Bruins Set Standard

**SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)**—UCLA Coach Johnny Wooden was more pleased with the Vietnam cease-fire and more concerned over the upcoming Pacific-8 Conference basketball race than he was with the fact his Bruins now hold the all-time collegiate record of 61 straight victories.

"I'm not downgrading the record," Wooden said, "but the Vietnam cease-fire has overshadowed this moment for me. My primary concern now is resuming our conference schedule."

The top-ranked Bruins eclipsed the old record of 60 straight victories, set by San Francisco in the mid-1950s, with an 82-63 romp over Notre Dame Saturday.

"The record was not one of my goals," Wooden said. "But it is a tribute to the poise and consistency of the players on our teams the past three years."

The streak was started in January 1971 after an 89-82 loss to a Notre Dame team that was then led by All-American Aus-

tin Carr. The winning string included 30 games without a loss last year.

Wooden said this year's team has shown great character but is not as good as the 1972 national championship squad.

"We aren't as strong this year," he said, "because we lack the outside shooting threat Henry Bibby gave us last year."

## St. Joe Frosh Defeat Bears

The St. Joe Freshman basketball team ended a seven-game win streak by Gibsonburg Saturday by downing the Golden Bears, 51-49.

St. Joe led through most of the game, but watched the Bears take a 45-44 advantage late in the fourth period. Key foul shots by Greg Kuns, Ken Haynes and Tony Paradiso and a bucket by Mike Opre regained the lead for St. Joe and iced the decision.

Keith Krotzer of Gibsonburg (7-2) and Kuns each hit for 17 points to tie for game honors. Opre added 10 for the Streaks (7-4).

### AT FINDLAY

Ross-64	FG	F	MF	PF	T
Reardon	10	5	2	2	28
Oberholzer	3	2	0	1	8
Brudzinski	4	4	2	3	12
Flower	1	2	2	2	4
Smith	3	2	5	5	9
Hurless	0	0	2	3	0
Thomas	1	0	1	0	2
Ford	0	2	0	0	2
Totals	22	20	15	16	64
Findlay-81	FG	F	MF	PF	T
Hipsher	19	5	2	4	43
Spitler	5	2	2	2	12
Longberry	5	0	0	3	10
Dysinger	0	0	0	3	0
Hamlin	1	5	1	3	7
Inbody	4	1	1	5	9
Mowery	0	0	0	5	0
Edelbrock	0	0	2	1	0
Orians	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	34	13	8	28	81
Ross	17	10	17	20	44
Findlay	27	16	23	15	61

### RESERVE GAME

Ross-35	FG	F	MF	PF	T
1	3	0	0	0	6
1	1	3	0	0	3
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	2
3	3	0	0	0	6
0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	1	1	0	0	2
0	0	0	0	0	0
2	12	1	0	0	24
0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	7	0	0	14
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0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
10	15	35	Totals	21	57
Ross	3	9	12	11	35
Findlay	3	9	12	17	37

# Key Contests On Schedule For Giants

A vastly improved Fremont Ross High basketball squad will take on a likewise improved Sandusky quintet tonight at the North Street plant and meet a mysterious Toledo Whitmer cast on the road tomorrow in what Coach Ken Miller terms, "an important weekend for us."

Trying to reverse an earlier 45-43 Buckeye Conference defeat by the Blue Streaks will be the Little Giants' first order of the two-game slate.

"We've seen Sandusky improve quite a bit since our last engagement," Miller stated. "But it should be a pretty exciting basketball game because we feel we've improved a great deal, too."

"Sandusky had its share of injuries during the first half of the season, but seem to have their team pretty well set. They've managed to reverse some of their first-round losses — like Marion and Lorain — and have been coming on lately."

The Streaks have been using Pat Kelley in the middle with Dwayne Swopes and sophomore Stan Johnson at the forward spots with Steve Bauerle and Tony Randleman at guard for their new image. Bauerle was the highest scoring of the remaining Streaks in the first game with a dozen points. Substitute Willie Jordan reportedly has left the team. He also scored 12.

"We have certain goals established for the second half of the season (after going winless through the first 10 games) and we're not exactly on that schedule right now," Miller said. "We could help it out this weekend."

"I would imagine Sandusky will continue its pressure-type defense on us and recently they've been dropping back then to a 2-3 zone. But they're quick enough to go man-to-man on us so we'll just be ready for whatever they want to use."

Miller said the Whitmer ballclub has been scouted once and reports "not outstanding height, but they have some quickness and speed. They look toward the inside for a lot of their scoring and I'm not too sure about their outside shooting."

In the Giants' camp, Miller reflects, "It's been kind of an unusual week for us. The problems other teams are facing have hit us, too. The flu is still

hanging around. Jim Thomas and Mike Reardon have missed some practice, we sent Steve Smith home Wednesday and Dave Hurless is out for four weeks with a broken toe suffered in the Findlay game."

"We've spent a light week in workouts, but have concentrated mainly on consistency at both ends of the court. We have to start hitting the offensive boards. Sandusky is a physical team and we'll have to be physical to stay with them. I don't think there's been a game this year that we haven't been outrebounded offensively. This is a good time to turn it around."

## Three Tests Played In Clyde Loop

CLYDE — Whirlpool Green and Blue teams and Pearce Insurance came out on the long end of basketball results here last night in the Clyde City League.

Top individual effort came in a losing cause as former Ohio University player Tom Riccardi fired in 31 points for French Nursery as it fell to Pearce, 65-54. Clayton Keegan and Bob Frobose combined for 44 Pearce counters.

Mike Baker tallied 23 for Fiser Funeral Home, but three double-figure outputs by Blue teammates made up the difference as Blue copped a 54-47 test. Green topped Berlekamp Construction, 56-45, with Jim Davis and Bob Patterson hitting 19 and 18 respectively for Green.

### RECREATION BASKETBALL

#### CLYDE CITY LEAGUE

WHIRLPOOL GREEN—Davis, 7-5-19; Pennington, 3-0-6; Patterson, 9-0-18; Garry, 4-0-8; Gerber, 1-0-2; Weems, 0-2-2. TOTAL: 24-7-55.

BERLEKAMP CONSTRUCTION — Messecar, 6-0-12; R. Berlekamp, 5-0-10; Shireman, 3-0-6; S. Berlekamp, 4-1-9; Preston, 3-0-6; B. Berlekamp, 1-0-2. TOTAL: 22-4-45.

Whirlpool Green 15 12 10 18-55  
Berlekamp Const. 14 9 12 10-45  
WHIRLPOOL BLUE—Romick, 3-3-9; Wollenslegel, 6-2-14; Brown, 6-1-13; Ferrell, 2-0-4; Clapp, 4-5-13; Keegan, 0-1-1. TOTAL: 21-12-54.

FISER FUNERAL—Gregg, 3-2-3; Mathews, 3-0-6; Baker, 11-1-23; Dickman, 3-0-6; Archer, 2-0-4. TOTAL: 22-3-47.

Whirlpool Blue 8 11 24 11  
Funeral Home 12 12 9 14  
PEARCE INSURANCE—Tea, 3-1-7; Dewey, 1-0-2; Keegan, 9-6-24; Frobose, 9-2-20; Miller, 1-3-5; B. Keegan, 1-3-5; Ball, 1-0-2. TOTAL: 25-15-65.

FRENCH NURSERY—Laurendau, 1-0-2; Andrews, 5-0-10; Riccardi, 15-1-31; Shaw, 3-0-6; Wott, 1-3-5. TOTAL: 25-4-54.  
Pearce Insurance 16 16 6 27-65  
French Nursery 18 10 15 11-54

### AREA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SLATE FRIDAY GAMES

Sandusky at Fremont Ross

Clyde at Margaretta

Lakota at Eastwood

Elmwood at Woodmore

Otsego at Genoa

Oak Harbor at Gibsonburg

Bellevue at Tiffin Columbian

Port Clinton at Fostoria

Bettsville at Seneca East

Spencer Sharples at Old Fort

### SATURDAY GAMES

Fremont Ross at Toledo Whitmer

Margaretta at Fremont St. Joe

Sandusky St. Mary's at Clyde

North Baltimore at Woodmore

Vanue at Bettsville



# Third Win In Last Four Outings Ross Jolts Streaks, 57-49

By DICK KINNEY, News-Messenger Sports Editor  
Ross High took the lead only twice last night in its Buckeye Conference basketball rematch with Sandusky. And after their second surge to the front the Little Giants held firmly en route to a 57-49 revenge victory.

After a "flat" first quarter, which Sandusky dominated by a 16-8 margin, the Giants began to sharpen up. After trailing 18-10 and 20-10, they put on an 18-point burst which was answered by only three Blue Streaks' goals.

"The turning point came about midway through the second quarter when Coach (Don) Burgess called for a change in the defense," stated Head Coach Ken Miller after watching the Giants sweep their third triumph in four games.

"We were flat tonight and it was tough getting our game into gear. But we were obviously improved over the last time we played them (a 46-43 Sandusky win)."

But through most of the first quarter and the opening moments of the second the Ross fans who packed the hometown gymnasium were forced to watch a Little Giants squad which seemed to be reverting back to the form which sent it to 10 straight losses.

Taking an extra split second to set up a shot and allowing the Streaks' defense to close in; missing

connections on hurried passes; taking a fear-seated view of most rebounding action; missing assignment switches on defense. All of that plagued Ross over the first 10 minutes — and then disappeared like magic.

Through the second and third periods, as Ross built slim leads of 28-20 and 30-26, the uneasiness was missing, but the Giants' shots weren't.

And then it was fourth-quarter time again. As in the past three games, Ross played it like it was just part of the game. As in two of the last three, the Giants held on to win impressively.

Showing perhaps their best overall balance, the Giants served up four players in double figures and sophomore forward Neal Oberholzer missed by an inch at nine. Mike Reardon and Bob Brudzinski each tallied 13 for Ross while guards Steve Smith and sophomore Jim Flower were matching 10s.

"We were pretty consistent on the backboards once we got started," Miller said, "and that was when we began to pull away—when we started to get the second and third shots. Bob and Mike gave us a most consistent game on the boards and Obie had some key rebounds for us. It was also encouraging to see him look to the basket when he got the ball on offense."

"But our offense sputtered at times, especially when

Sandusky changed from zone to man-to-man on defense.

It just seemed as though when we went ahead in the second quarter the players knew they were going to win—and then went through the motions. They played serious when they had to."

Miller also was encouraged by the guard work of Smith. Flower and substitute Jim Thomas. "They worked well together at both ends of the court," he commented.

After pulling to within a point, 33-31, beginning the third stanza, Sandusky seemed to lose its offensive spark. But not coincidentally the Ross defense became a powerful force at the same time. The Streaks largest surge over the final three periods was four points which came with less than a minute remaining.

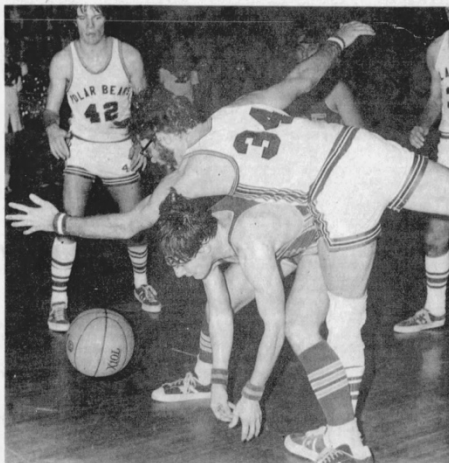
Sandusky's Dwayne Swopes captured individual scoring honors with 18 markers while Kelley and Randleman chipped in 13 and 10 respectively. None of the Streaks' subs scored.

Both teams managed 21 field goals, the Giants' coming on 46 shots and Sandusky trying 32 times. But Fremont's free throw work, which has been a source of embarrassment on occasion, came through last night as the Giants connected on 15 of 23 one-point tries. The Streaks led the line just 10 times, hitting seven.



**SQUEEZE PLAY**—Sandusky guard Tony Randleman (21) employs the aid of teammate Steve Gentry in trying to escape pressure put on by Fremont Ross defender Steve Smith (24). Smith offset Randleman's quickness

with tight defensive work to hold the talented Blue Streak to 10 points while scoring 10 himself in the Little Giants' Buckeye Conference basketball victory last night. (News-Messenger Photos by Dick Kinney)



**BASKETBALL BALLET**—Margaretta forward Tom Kennedy (34) puts on a graceful move over the back of Clyde's Keith Nofz during their game last night in Castalia as

Bears Eric Hanson (42) and Denny Phillips (32) frame the action with Dale Caudill of Clyde in the background. (News-Messenger Photos by Roy Wilhelm)

## Bears Defeat Clyde, 66-55

By ROY WILHELM

CASTALIA — Margaretta's young and scrappy Polar Bears pulled themselves up off the floor, avoiding the knockout, and came bouncing back to beat the Clyde Flyers, 66-55, in a Sandusky Bay Conference basketball game Friday night.

The Polar Bears trailed by 11 points as the first half drew to a close and they appeared to be about ready to go down for the count.

But junior Tom Kennedy 39. He then connected at the alipped in a bucket at the buzzer, buzzer to put the Polar Bears in Coach Jim Yeckley applied the proper direction at the half and the Bears came charging back.

Hitting a blistering 53 per cent from the floor for the second half, the Bears battled back from a 32-21 deficit to take a 45-44 margin at the third quarter break and then pulled steadily away in the final period.

**Missed Chance**  
The Flyers missed an opportunity just before the half to stretch an 11 point lead to 13 and when they missed, Margaretta scored, cutting that deficit down to nine.

Both coaching staffs felt that that final first half bucket by the Bears and the missed opportunity by the Flyers might have been the point where the game turned around.

But, while Clyde Coach Ron Ray and his staff pointed directly to sophomore Eric Hanson as "one man pulling out a ball game," Margaretta's Yeckley praised his squad's "team effort" in that blistering second half.

**Tried Everything**  
Ray tried about everything but a rifle to stop Hanson in that crucial third quarter, but the efforts of three different Flyers failed to stem the tide. Hanson, who earned nine field goals in 16 attempts in the game, scored 14 of his markers in that third quarter.



**SETTING UP**—Fremont Ross junior forward Mike Reardon (right) looks around to receive a pass from a teammate during third-quarter action last night at Ross High. Sandusky's Dwayne Swopes (15) obviously hadn't learned a lesson this far into the game and was still

playing back on Reardon. The sharp-shooting Giant ace went up for a field goal seconds later to give Ross a 35-29 lead en route to a 57-49 triumph. Reardon and Bob Brudzinski paced Ross with 13 points apiece.

## Ross Box

AT FREMONT

Fremont Ross—57	PG	F	MF	PF	T
Reardon	4	1	2	0	13
Oberholzer	4	1	1	0	9
Brudzinski	4	1	3	4	13
Smith	3	4	1	2	10
Flower	2	0	1	3	8
Thomas	0	2	0	0	2
Totals	21	10	8	9	67
Sandusky—49	PG	F	MF	PF	T
Swopes	4	2	1	1	16
Gentry	3	0	0	5	4
Kelley	4	1	1	3	13
Randleman	3	0	0	3	8
Haurie	1	0	0	1	2
Johnson	0	0	0	1	0



# Whitmer Stops Ross High, 58-51

By JERRY ROSEN  
News-Messenger Staff Writer  
TOLEDO — Ken Miller paced disappointedly in the halls outside the Ross dressing room at Whitmer High School Saturday night.

Miller had just seen the Little Giants drop what was a crucial contest as far as maintaining momentum was concerned, 58-51. It was the Panthers' hustling defense and strong all-around rebounding effort which combined to drop the Giants, whom Miller had expected to dominate both boards because of height advantage.

Whitmer started a front line of Jack Dermer, 6-1, Rich Puckett, 6-1, and Mike O'Reilly, 6-3, against Ross' Mike Reardon, 6-3, Neal Oberholzer, 6-4, and Bob Brudzinski, 6-5, yet outrebounded the Giants 28-24.

**Very Disappointing**  
"This was an extremely disappointing game for us," Miller said. "We were counting on it to retain our momentum. "It was a game in which we felt we could outrebound our opponents because we were bigger, but we were outrebounded. We've got kids who can jump a lot better than they did tonight."

The game was close throughout, as Whitmer looked for the long shot rather than the drive against a stingy Ross zone, while Ross found the Whitmer switching man-to-man hard to handle.

A three-point play by Bob Sparks on a neat drive past Jim Flower, gave Whitmer the largest lead of the first half at seven points, 22-15, with 3:27 left in the half. Sparks finished with 15 points.

Ross battled back on the strength of two consecutive Jim Thomas jump shots to cut the lead to one, but two straight one-and-one conversions by Whitmer took them out at halftime with a 28-24 edge.

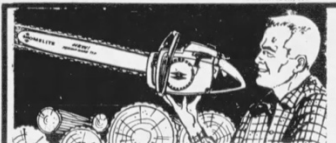
**Disaster Time**  
The third quarter was disastrous for Ross as the Giants could sink only six points to Whitmer's 12 as the Panthers built a 40-30 edge.

Three quick buckets, one each by Smith (who was to score six of his ten points in this quarter), Brudzinski (who finished with a game-high 17 points) and Oberholzer, cut the lead to 40-36 in less than a minute and a half as the fourth quarter started.

Whitmer called time-out to

## WHA Results

Saturday's Games  
Chicago 4, New York 2  
Houston 7, Minnesota 1  
Sunday's Games  
Los Angeles 4, New England 3  
Winnipeg 5, Alberta 3  
Cleveland 3, Ottawa 2  
New York 5, Quebec 4



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regroup and the clubs traded hoops for a short time afterward. With 4:11 left, Oberholzer hit a foul shot, then Puckett, who finished the game with 13 points, scored a bucket and three foul shots as he paced a 7-0 Whitmer burst which gave the Panthers the longest lead of the night, 53-



**LOOKING FOR TWO** — Mike Reardon (33) gets off a short jump shot over Toledo Whitmer's Jack Dermer (jumping with Reardon) and Mike O'Reilly (44) during Saturday night action in Toledo. Neal

Oberholzer heads in for the rebound (left) as Bob Brudzinski (35) and Rich Puckett, (right) wait on the opposite side of the lane. Ross dropped a 56-51 decision. (News-Messenger Photos by Jerry Rosen)

## Schlee Ends Win Drought In Hawaiian Open Tourney

HONOLULU, Hawaii (AP) — John Schlee's wife Sherri was sunning complacently on a beach when a hastily dispatched messenger informed her that her husband was coming up to the 71st hole leading the Hawaiian Open Golf Tournament.

When Schlee, the lanky, raw-boned veteran, holed a birdie putt on the final hole for his

first victory in eight years on the pro tour, the pretty blonde rushed into his arms and told him:

"I can't believe it." It was the end of almost a decade of struggle and frustration for the Schlees and left the usually articulate John at a loss for adequate words. "It's something I've always dreamed of. For 28 years I've been playing golf every time I got a chance. I always wanted to be a player on the tour. "A lot of times it didn't look like this was where I belonged."

"Sometimes when we were dead, absolute, completely broke, my wife thought I was crazy. But she stuck with me." He's broke no longer. The 33-year-old Schlee picked up \$40,

000 after his final round 68, four-under par on the picturesque Waialae Country Club course.

His 273 total, 15 under par, made him a two-stroke winner over Ol' Sarge Orville Moody, a runner-up for the second time in as many weeks. Tom Watson, the 23-year-old tour sophomore who led or shared the lead through the first three rounds, slipped to a 75 and third at 276.

Former Masters champion Gay Brewer, at one time linked with Schlee, Moody and Watson in a four-way tie for the top, bogeyed two of the last four holes and was fourth with a 69-277. J.C. Snead was alone with a 278 total after a closing 69 but really wasn't in the four-man scramble for the lead.



**ATTENTION**

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6 19 12 15-52

was one of the main problems Whitmer considered.

"We knew Reardon would hurt us from the outside," said Ermer. "What we planned to do was give Reardon his points and hold down the others."

The combination of the flu, back-to-back contests, and a long bus ride during which the team got lost, worked against the big Ross junior who had one of his poorer nights scoring only eight points.

### Patient Offense

On offense, Miller said Whitmer was "patient" and "waited to get the ball to the hot player."

Ermer agreed, saying, "We worked our control game and took the good shots. We work the ball for the 18-20-foot shots. We don't drive unless we have a clear lane."

Miller said he thought the back-to-back games for Ross when Whitmer hadn't played Friday night, had a lot to do with the outcome.

"They had better spring in their legs tonight," he said. "Whitmer didn't play last night (Friday). They were a little quicker than us and that can make up for the disadvantage in height."

Among Ross' problems were 20 turnovers, compared to only ten for Whitmer. "And they were lack of concentration turnovers, too," said Miller.

### 'Have To Regroup'

Ross now has a 3-12 record while Whitmer is 4-12. Ross now must do what it has done before this season, hang tough.

"We'll have to regroup," said Miller.

In the preliminary contest, the Giant reserves battled back from a horrendous first quarter to outscore Whitmer in the final three stanzas, but it wasn't enough as they fell to the Panthers 56-52. Whitmer outscored Ross 18-6 in that first eight-minute segment and Ross just could not make up the 12 points.

Mike Patterson with 12, Terry Shearon with 11 and Kevin Smith with 10 paced Ross while Graham hit 27 for Whitmer with scoring help from Levine who connected for 11.

AT TOLEDO	PG	F	MP	PF	T
Ross-51	3	2	3	4	8
Reardon	0	0	0	0	0
Ford	2	1	2	4	5
Oberholzer	7	3	2	17	7
Brudzinski	1	3	2	5	5
Flower	5	0	0	2	10
Smith	3	0	0	6	6
Thomas	19	7	14	51	

Whitmer-58	PG	F	MP	PF	T
Dermer	5	1	2	2	11
Puckett	3	7	3	13	3
O'Reilly	4	4	0	2	12
Harsha	1	0	0	5	2
Sparks	6	3	3	15	6
Barrett	2	0	0	4	4
Molder	0	0	0	1	0
Pruessel	0	0	0	2	0
Heiny	0	1	1	0	1
Totals	21	16	6	18	58
Whitmer	13	15	12	18-58	
Ross	10	14	4	21-51	

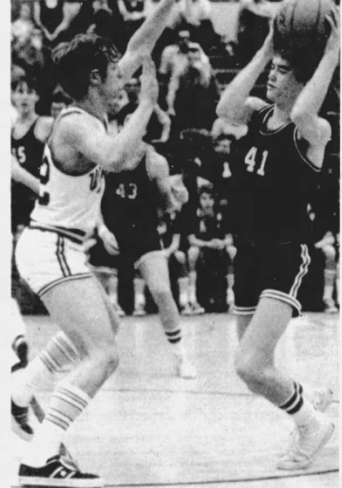
**INDIVIDUAL SHOOTING**  
ROSS — Reardon, 3 of 9; Ford, 0 of 1; Oberholzer, 2 of 4; Brudzinski, 7 of 12; Flower, 1 of 3; Smith, 5 of 10; Thomas, 3 of 5. TOTALS: 16 of 61.

RESERVE GAME	PG	F	MP	PF	T
Ross-32	0	0	0	0	0
G	0	13	0	0	0
F	3	0	6	0	0
Fabrich	4	1	8	0	0
Shearon	4	3	11	0	0
Gilberg	2	0	4	0	0
Smith	5	10	0	0	0
Orban	0	0	0	0	0
Creek	0	0	0	0	0

Whitmer-36	PG	F	MP	PF	T
Lewis	2	0	0	4	0
Kasper	0	0	0	0	0
Watkins	0	0	2	0	0
Haines	0	0	0	0	0
Levine	0	0	0	0	0
Orban	1	0	2	4	0
Smith	2	4	8	0	0
Hamilton	1	0	2	0	0

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**MOVING IN** — Ross' Bob Ford (41) throws up a fake as he starts to move inside against Toledo Whitmer's Rich Puckett during Saturday night's non-league encounter. Ross lost 58-51 in the game which Coach Ken Miller considered very important for Ross' momentum.

## 'Pearl' Sparkles As Cavaliers Fall

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — A little bit of Monroe magic was all the New York Knicks needed to puncture the balloon of the Cleveland Cavaliers Sunday night.

Earl "The Pearl" shook loose in the key seven times in the final 12 minutes, made all seven shots and turned a three-point Knick deficit into a 114-97 National Basketball Association victory that was a lot closer than the score indicates.

"He killed us — both nights," said Cavs Coach Bill Fitch who watched his club lose its second in as many nights to the Knicks.

Monroe just rejoined New York after missing four games because of the death of his mother and Fitch praised the backcourt ace, saying "there's a guy who's done a helluva job. Coming back like that after such a personal tragedy."

Cleveland put a big scare into the New Yorkers, charging from 16 down minutes into the second half to a 82-79 lead after three periods on a 38-point explosion.

Forward John Johnson had 12 of his 18 points and guard Lenry Wilkens 11 of his 23 points in the third period as the Cavs shot a blistering 64 per cent.

But Cleveland turned ice-cold the final 12 minutes, hitting just five of 19 field goals and not scoring a basket in the last 6½ minutes.

"Cleveland took offensive control of the game and played some good defense in that third quarter," said Knicks Coach Red Holzman. "Then we started to do some things right and Earl got hot."

Monroe wound up with 22 points and said he just thought the team "needed some points so I took it to the basket more."

Fitch said his club just got tired after the comeback and also said the Cavs had "a defensive breakdown."

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"We knew we were working as Bernard Fell, main spokesman hoping they could persuade the ex-Olympic Committee to award the

"We had only four days to prep and then come over here to argue the United Methodist Church. "If might have made it. Even the fil



# Ross Tripped By Bellevue

By DENNY RUEHLE  
N-M Sports Writer

**BELLEVUE** — Costly turnovers at the most inopportune times, cold outside shooting and some questionable official calls combined to send the Fremont Ross Little Giant cage squad to their fourteenth defeat in 17 outings as they fell to the Bellevue Redmen, 64-45, here Saturday night.

Ross jumped out to an early 2-0 lead when junior forward Mike Reardon hit on a jumper from ten feet out. It was the Little Giants only lead of the night, however, as the Redmen poured through fourteen straight tallies to grab a 14-2 lead.

Fremont finally scored again with 1:20 left in the first quarter when Bob Ford and Bob Brudzinski connected on goals, but the real damage had already been done.

At the beginning of the second quarter, a ray of hope began to show through for the Little Giants as they pulled within four, 14-10. Then the outside shooting began to fade for Ross and glow for Bellevue as the hosts raced ahead, 20-10.

Reardon's three-point play again pulled Fremont into a striking distance, but Bellevue's Jim Martin started a six point scoring binge to fatten the Redmen lead. It was never threatened again in the first half as the intermission came with the Bellevue squad leading 33-19.

The scrappy Giants came out of the locker room to begin the third period ready to undertake the huge task in front of them. And for a while, it looked as though they would succeed.

A team effort by the Giant shooters pulled Ross to within six, 35-29, before the surprised Redmen could revamp their offensive and defensive punch. Bellevue mentor Duane Warns quickly called time out with 4:29 gone in the third stanza to regroup his Redmen. Yet the hosts could only manage to get two of the points back as Ross had pulled within eight, 41-33 at the start of the final quarter.

That is when the roof caved in on the Little Giants. After Brudzinski hit on the second of a two-shot foul to begin the second half, Bellevue streaked ahead 51-34 before Ross knew what had

## Redmen Prevail, 64-45

happened. The Little Giant followers roared with disgust as the officiating, which had been spotty all night, became even more ragged.

Ross tried in vain to cut into the Redmen's lead, but every point they scored seemed to be answered by five from Bellevue. Whenever Fremont had a try for two, a turnover always seemed to pop up and the Redmen took advantage of most of them. By the end of the final period, the Redmen had fired through 23

points while Ross could only manage 12.

The story of the game seems to show up in the turnover department, where Ross lost the ball 18 times. Even though this is only four more than the Redmen, it played a big part in the first half where at one time Ross had eight compared to none for Bellevue. The hosts seemed to have the magic touch turning more than half of these mistakes into points on the scoreboard.

For Giant mentor Ken Miller, "It was just a bad night all the way around." The dejected coach had little to say about his team's gallant effort and was even more puzzled by a technical foul slapped on the Ross bench during the second quarter. The referee claimed one of the Giant's coaching staff left his seat after a disputed foul call, but observers, including Miller, saw none of his staff doing the accused.

The Little Giants' offense managed only 18 of 43 shots from the field while Bellevue hit on nine more, 27 of 64. It was also Bellevue from the foul line as they sank 10 shots to nine for Ross.

Ross did outrebound Bellevue, 34-26, but it wasn't enough for the Little Giants as Bellevue quickly proved.

In the reserve contest, Mike Patterson led the Giant attack with 14 points, but it wasn't enough as they fell to defeat also, 32-28. Norman Provonsil led a balanced scoring attack for the Redmen with his nine.

## Ross Gets Galion In Tourney Draw

**ASHLAND** — Fremont Ross has a date with Galion High School on Feb. 23 when the two teams take the court at Ashland College for a 7 p.m. basketball clash in the Class AAA Sectional Tournament.

Tournament drawings were held here yesterday under the direction of tourney manager Bob Stokes. Lee Kirkland of the Northwest District Board was on hand representing the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Following the Ross-Galion battle, Mansfield Malabar and second-seeded Tiffin Columbian will play at 9 o'clock to finish the first round of the upper bracket joust.

Lower bracket action begins Feb. 20 with a pre-round game between Sandusky and Ashland. The first round will conclude on Feb. 24 with the only split session when Bellevue meets No. 1 seed Mansfield Senior at 5:30 and Mansfield Madison takes on the survivor of the Sandusky-Ashland set.

"From the overall picture, we're satisfied with the way the pairings came out," said Ross Coach Ken Miller. One of the Little Giants' three season wins was a decisive 72-56 decision against the bracket-seeded Columbian Tornadoes and they, in turn, split a pair of games with Galion.

The Ashland Sectional teams are unlikely to set any scouts working overtime from other sites. Of the nine competing teams, six have losing marks against other triple-A squads with Mansfield, Tiffin and Ashland the only ones showing

above .500. Overall, Fremont (3-14), Malabar (4-12) and Sandusky (3-13) will wind up winning less than half their games and Madison stands 8-8.

Galion's Tigers have recorded a 10-6 mark with one weekend remaining to the regular season and have been an up-and-down team in the Northern Ohio League dominated by double-A Willard.

The Ashland Sectional winners will advance to District play at Bowling Green against the winners from the Lima Bath Sectional. The Lima draw is slated for tonight.

### CLASS AAA BASKETBALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

**At Ashland**  
SEEDED TEAMS—1. Mansfield Senior (14-2) in AAA, 15-2, overall; 2. Tiffin Columbian (5-2 and 10-7). (Seeds based on records against teams in class, six games required for consideration.)

**UPPER BRACKET**  
FEB. 23—Fremont Ross vs. Galion, 7 p.m.; Mansfield Malabar vs. Tiffin Columbian, 9 p.m.

**MARCH 2** (bracket championship)—Fremont-Galion winner vs. Malabar-Tiffin winner, 7:30 p.m.

**LOWER BRACKET**  
FEB. 20—Sandusky vs. Ashland, 7 p.m.  
FEB. 24—Bellevue vs. Mansfield Senior, 5:30 p.m.; Sandusky-Ashland winner vs. Mansfield Madison, 8:30 p.m.

**MARCH 3** (bracket championship)—Bellevue-Mansfield winner vs. Sandusky-Ashland-Madison winner, 12:30 p.m.

### AT BELLEVUE

Ross—45	FG	F	MF	PF	T
Reardon	4	3	0	2	11
Oberholtzer	2	0	2	3	4
Brudzinski	7	3	2	3	17
Thomas	2	2	2	3	6
Flower	1	0	0	0	2
Ford	1	0	0	0	2
Lowery	0	1	1	2	1
Shearon	1	0	0	5	2
Fahrbach	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	9	7	18	45

Bellevue—64	FG	F	MF	PF	T
Loudenslagel	4	3	2	4	11
Kegerries	3	0	0	2	6
DeLuca	1	2	0	4	4
Martin	7	4	0	3	18
Barr	4	1	0	3	9
Zimmerman	3	0	0	0	6
Eisenhauer	3	0	0	3	6
Runnerstrom	0	0	0	0	0
Wright	1	0	0	0	2
DeBlase	0	0	0	1	0
Chumley	0	0	2	0	0
Fritz	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	27	10	4	20	64

Bellevue 14 19 8 23-64  
Ross 6 13 14 12-45

**FIELD GOALS:** Ross, 18 of 43; Bellevue, 27 of 64.

**FOUL SHOTS:** Ross, 9 of 16; Bellevue, 10 of 14.

**REBOUNDS:** Ross, 34; Bellevue, 26.

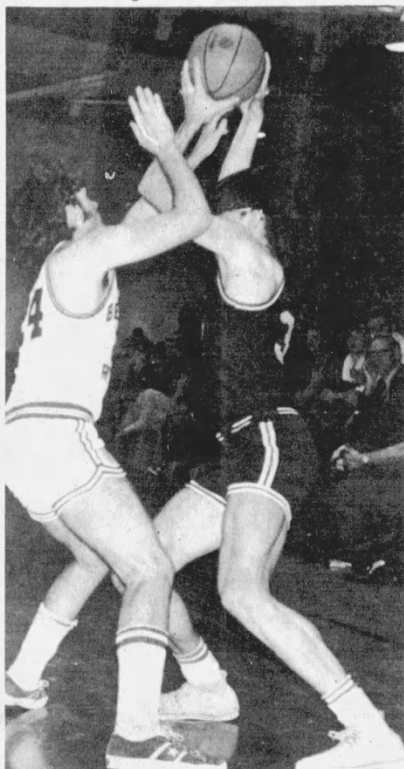
**TURNOVERS:** Ross, 18; Bellevue, 14.

**RESERVE GAME:** Bellevue 32, Ross 27.

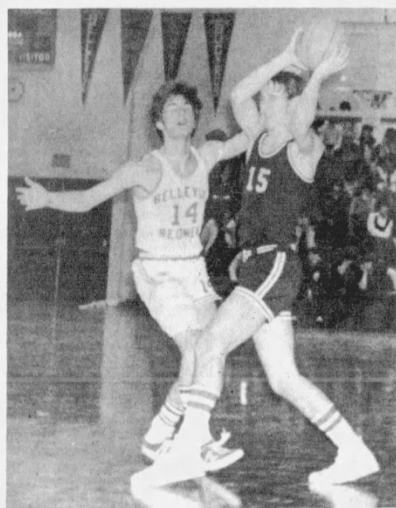
### RESERVE GAME

Ross—27					Bellevue—32				
G	F	T			G	F	T		
0	1	1	Ford			Fritz	3	0	6
5	4	14	Patterson			Snyder	1	0	2
2	0	4	Gilberg			Provonsil	2	5	9
0	1	1	Celek			Orwig	2	1	5
1	0	2	Berlekamp			Garman	2	1	5
0	0	0	Parker			Ball	2	0	4
0	0	0	Brawley			Wollensigl	0	1	1
1	2	4	Farbach						
1	0	2	Shearon						
10	8	28	Totals			Totals	12	7	32
Ross							4	7	24—28
Bellevue							8	3	11—32





**DOUBLE TROUBLE**—Fremont Ross basketball players Mike Reardon (top) and Jim Thomas (15 bottom) have their troubles against aggressive Bellevue defenders during their independent game Saturday. Jim Martin (24) gives Reardon problems with the ball and Kip Loudonslagel (14) hassles Thomas. Bellevue picked up an easy victory over the Little Giants, 64-45. (News-Messenger Photos by Denny Ruehle)



**Ohio College Basketball**  
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Saturday's Results

Minnesota 80, Ohio State 78  
Bowling Green 73, Western Michigan 69  
Toledo 72, Kent State 66  
Miami 68, Ohio University 65  
Dayton 84, Long Island 76  
Detroit 83, Xavier 81, ot  
Cincinnati 89, Florida State 62  
Capital 70, Baldwin-Wallace 65  
Ohio Northern 75, Marietta 52  
Mount Union 91, Kean 74  
Muskingum 76, Ohio Wesleyan 54  
Malone 106, Ohio Dominican 95  
Otterbein 89, Wooster 67  
Wittenberg 93, Denison 46  
Ashland 130, Wilberforce 78  
Akron 71, Brockport State 67  
Rio Grande 70, Cedarville 66  
Berea 80, Wright State 72  
Defiance 67, Findlay 80  
Bluffton 67, Wilmington 78  
Walsh 65, Tiffin 60  
Hiram 83, Oberlin 72

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# King Defeats Ross, Gets Buckeye Title

LORAIN—Fremont Ross fell behind early in the game, saw the margin fluctuate from between eight and 15 points during the middle quarters, and suffered while Buckeye Conference champion Lorain Admiral King romped to a season-ending victory, 80-56.

Ross, which returns to action against Galion next Friday in the Ashland College Class AAA Sectional basketball tournament, trailed at all rest stops, 16-9, 45-30 and 61-37. King thus gained the BC hardware as Sandusky stunned the formerly flying Tigers of Mansfield, 59-58.

In other Conference action, Elyria tied for second with Mansfield by trimming Lorain Senior, 72-56, and Findlay downed Marion Harding, 60-49.

"Our kids played a good game tonight," said Ross Coach Ken Miller. "By and large, they played hard and did as well as could be expected against a team that was fired up with the conference title in mind.

"We trailed by as many as 15 points in the first half, but cut it down to 10 in the third quarter before King got moving again. The final score was the widest margin and it included a long heave at the buzzer which went in. Coach (Mitch) Gillam said after that shot that he may later wish the kid (Bob Romes) had saved it for a tight tournament game."

Mike Reardon came within a point of garnering game-scoring honors which went to King's Tom Harris with 23. Reardon connected on 10 of 18 floor shots and added a pair of free throws

for the output. Harris found the mark only nine times in 27 casts.

"We had some moments in the second quarter when their full-court press rattled us," Miller stated. "We provided the turnovers and King turned them into points. It put us into a far-behind catch-up situation.

"You have to give King a lot of credit for coming along the way they did. After being picked in the pre-season poll to capture the title, they began with three straight losses—two of them in the conference. They've just plugged away and got the job done."

Besides Tom Harris, three other Admirals connected for double-figure totals. Jerry Kish, Monty Wicks and Jeff Solomon racked up 14, 13 and 11 respectively.

The Little Giants started a lineup with three sophomores including guards Jim Flower and Bob Ford and forward Neal Oberholtzer and the trio responded with 19 total points.

"It was Ford's first start and he really was under fire," said Miller when assessing bright spots. "He was defending against Tom Harris who is averaging 25 points and held him to 23. It was

quite a job for a sophomore.

"And Harris also took his fair share of shots to get the 23. I'd venture to say that four or five of his goals came on fast breaks or steals which doesn't leave a lot scoring directly against Bob.

"King made it to the Regional tournament last year and it wouldn't surprise me if they went at least that far again. They have a lot of quickness on that team."

## AT LORAIN

### Fremont Ross—56

	FG	F	MF	PF	T
Reardon	10	2	2	0	22
Oberholtzer	3	2	2	0	8
Brudzinski	3	1	2	3	7
Ford	1	3	2	4	5
Flower	2	2	0	2	6
Fahrbach	1	0	0	1	2
Thomas	1	4	1	4	6
Totals	21	14	9	14	56

### Lorain King—80

	FG	F	MF	PF	T
A. Harris	2	0	0	4	4
Solomon	5	1	1	3	11
Wicks	6	1	0	0	13
Kish	7	0	0	2	14
T. Harris	9	5	3	3	23
Barnes	2	3	1	4	7
Romes	2	0	0	3	4
Spencer	2	0	0	2	4
Rositano	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	35	10	6	21	80

### Fremont Ross

9 21 7 19—56

### Lorain King

16 29 16 19—80

REBOUNDS: King 36, Ross 25.

RESERVE GAME: King 56, Ross 33.

## INDIVIDUAL SHOOTING

Ross—Reardon, 10 of 18; Oberholtzer, 3 of 6; Brudzinski, 3 of 8; Ford, 1 of 7; Flower, 2 of 6; Fahrbach, 1 of 2; Thomas, 1 of 6. TOTALS: 21 of 53.

KING—35 of 71.

## Bruins' Winning Streak Hits 65

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Wooden didn't admit it but he was probably nervous about one of two things, and maybe he's scared about both: the probability of playing Long

"His knees don't affect his playing but he plays in pain. He has remarkable maneuverability."

Walton hasn't missed a UCLA game leading the Bruins to 50



# Reardon earns third-team berth Buckeye Conference all-stars named

Mike Reardon was named to the third Buckeye Conference All League Basketball team by coaches' at a balloting meeting in Fremont.

The 6-3 junior filled a forward slot for the Little Giants this season and averaged 14.3 points per game.

Selectors were announced by Dick Baron, Findlay conference commissioner.

Selected to the first team were Tom Harris of Lorain

Admiral King, Ted Hipsher of Findlay, Jay Underman of Elyria, Jerry Brookins of Mansfield and Chad Saladen of Lorain Senior.

On the second mythical five are John Mongerson of Elyria, Monty Wicks of Admiral King, Brad Longberry of Findlay, Therone Butler of Mansfield and John Scranton of Marion.

With Reardon on the third team are Pat Kelly of Sandusky,

Mike Drovodelich of Lorain Senior, Jeff Solomon of Admiral King and Bob Hill of Marion.

In the balloting for Coach of the Year, Mitch Gilliam of Admiral King and Vic Pfizenmayer of Mansfield Senior were selected as co-winners.

Gilliam's record this year is 15-3, to lead the Admirals to a league championship. His career record is 100-50.

Pfizenmayer had a 15-3 record also. The 1964 graduate of Wittenberg University is in his third year as head coach.

## ALL LEAGUE SELECTIONS

### First Team

	YEAR	HT.	WT.	POST.	AVE.	POINT
Harris	Ad. K.	12	6'3"	165	F	24.0
Hipsher	Findlay	12	6'3½"	175	F	21.0

Underman	Elyria	12	6'8"	205	C	19.0
Brookins	Mansfield	12	5'9"	160	G	17.1
Saladen	Lorain	12	5'8"	160	G	18.9

### Second Team

Mongerson	Elyria	12	6'7"	170	F	13.5
Wicks	Ad. K.	11	6'2"	195	F	11.0
Longberry	Findlay	11	6'4"	185	C	12.1
Butler	Mansfield	12	6'3"	185	G	14.7
Scranton	Marion	12	6'0"	155	G	13.0

### Third Team

Reardon	Fremont	11	6'3"	170	F	14.3
Kelly	Sandusky	12	6'4"	195	F	13.0
Drovodelich	Senior	12	6'6"	210	C	11.5
Solomon	Ad. K.	11	5'11"	150	G	10.0
Hill	Marion	12	6'0"	150	G	12.0



MIKE REARDON

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## Barrington, Reardon, Nofitz gain honors

# Region 6 coaches select all-stars

Fremont St. Joe's strongman John Barrington, Clyde's Keith Nofitz and Ross's Mike Reardon were accorded first, second and second team honors respectively by the Ohio High School Region 6 Basketball Coaches' Association.

Barrington was named to the Class A first team, Nofitz was named to the Class AA second team and Reardon grabbed the second-team berth in the Class AAA schools.

Barrington received the first team honor largely because of his 16.7-point average per game and the 264 total rebounds he nabbed in season play.

Co-captain of the Crimson Streaks, Barrington maintained an "A" average at St. Joe High School.

"He's a leader in every sense of the word," said Coach Pete Guerrera. "He was also the runner-up for the Most Valuable Player Award in the balloting."

"I'm real surprised to hear about it," said Barrington. "Coach said something about it, but I wasn't sure. I'm very pleased."

Barrington is in the process of sorting out offers to play football and/or basketball at any one of 50 schools. "I think that I'm going to play football next year, but I haven't made a firm decision yet."

Barrington is waiting for the Ivy League schools to finalize their offers before making a decision. The Mid-American Conference schools look appealing to the 6-2 star.

"I think it's a great honor for John," said Guerrera. "I'm real happy for him and only sorry that I don't have him for three more years. He has gained the respect of many people this year."

About Nofitz's selection to the second team, Coach Ron Ray of the Clyde Fliers said simply that "He deserves everything he gets. He is a dedicated athlete and I'm very happy for him."

The 6-1 senior is in the preparation stages for this weekend's do-or-die battle with a mighty Lexington team in the first round of district basketball action.

Reardon captured his second such honor in a week. Last Thursday he was placed on the third team of the All Buckeye Conference.

"Well that's just great," said a surprised Ken Miller, coach of the Little Giants. "He's worked hard to get this far as a junior and it'll give him the reward he deserves." Miller said that he looks for a great year from Reardon next year, "if for no other reason than his dedication to the game and motivation."

Player of the year in the Class AAA was Jerry Brookins of Mansfield Senior. In Class AA it was Mike Buurma of Willard and in Class A it was Pat Mulhern of Mansfield St. Pete's.



TIME FOR THE KIDS—National League batting champion Billy Williams takes time from spring training practice in Scottsdale, Ariz., to give a young Chicago Cubs' fan some pointers with the bat. Bruce Fraser.

7-year-old Chicago youngster, listens to the advice. Williams batted .333 and hit 37 home runs to win the 1972 title. (AP Wirephoto).

## First 'designated hitter' helps Twins beat Pirates

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Doubleday supposedly invented American League owners, the sport. "I owe it all to my little st, created the "designated son," said Hsie, a 27-year-old former Philadelphia outfielder, put more sock into their game. "I was chasing him around the

League clubs were playing during spring training.

"It's not fair, playing nine men against 10," said Bill Vir-don, manager of the Pirates. "But it doesn't really matter

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## Fliers, Minutemen in District clash

CLYDE — The Clyde Fliers have a monumental task in store for them tonight in Class AA District basketball tournament at Ashland College. They have a date with last year's state runner-up, Lexington High School.

The Minutemen of Lexington have compiled a 15-4 overall record and last week bumped off the AP's second-ranked Willard in sectional play.

"We know we're the underdog in this match," said Ron Ray, coach of the Fliers. "As a matter of fact we've been the underdog in the last two matches and we've done fine. We're looking forward to the trip to Ashland very much."

Lexington is most noted for its super tight defensive effort. "We

saw them last week and they're very impressive on defense. They scrap and hustle. They use defense to stay in the game."

Lexington is primarily a man-to-man defensive squad featuring quick guards in senior Gary Aungst and junior Mike Sutter. "They like to press and if they do we'll be using our three guard offensive to bring the ball up court," said Ray.

Those three guards will be Keith Nofitz, Jim Patton and Kim Kinneer. "Depending on who they pressure, one of these men will get the job of ball-handling."

In tournament play Nofitz has excelled in ball control and floor leadership. In their win over Margaretta for the sectional trophy last Saturday Nofitz had

seven rebounds, eight assists and six points. Normally the high scorer for the team, he turned over those duties to Patton who has averaged 22 points in tournament play.

Under the boards both teams are about equal in size. Choya Hawn, a 6-4 junior who averages six points a game will get the job of closing out Dave Wrick, a 6-5 senior who hit 47 per cent from the field in season play. He averaged 12 rebounds a game this season and netted 16 points per game.

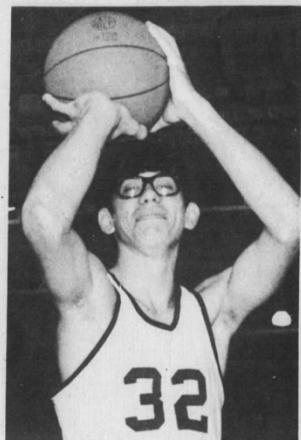
"Choya has been improving all season," said Ray. "His defense is getting stronger as the year goes on." Most noticeable said Ray was Hawn's offensive improvement. "He's going right to the bucket with the ball more than before."

Lexington has allowed only two teams to score more than 60 points this year. Clear Fork hit 62 and Fredericktown scored 64. Only six teams scored over 50 and seven teams failed to get the 40-point mark.

"We're going to concentrate



ST. JOE'S JOHN BARRINGTON



MIKE REARDON OF ROSS HIGH

# Ross High athletes honored

Ross High School's winter sports athletes picked up their honors Monday night and many of those who walked off with some of the top awards will be around again next year with a chance to earn some more.

The evening's festivities—a no dinner, no speaker awards program in the Ross cafeteria—gave promise of some potentially bright days ahead for the Ross winter sports programs.

Two of the three most valuable athletes were underclassmen.

The basketball team loses only two graduating seniors and the swimming team loses only three. Like the other two squads, the wrestling team has several underclassmen among its letter winners.

Senior Dave Mierke and juniors Rob Serwin and Mike Reardon received the top awards.

Mierke, who won his third wrestling letter, had an exceptionally fine season.

The rugged grappler lost only six matches all year. He placed second in the Buckeye Conference tournament, second in the sectional and second in the district.

The team captain represented the Little Giants at the state meet in Columbus.

He was a key factor in Ross High's second place finish in the Buckeye and 62 dual meet record and earned the team's most valuable member award.

Other wrestlers who received special awards during the program were:

—Terry Hoffman, most take downs and the coach's award for his attitude and coachability.

—Mark Cooley, most pins.

—Rob Stierwalt, most improved.

Head wrestling coach Al Voggenhauer also announced the co-captains for the 1973-74 squad.

They are Steve Reiter, Larry Parks, Mark Cooley and Don Westinger.

Serwin, who also was a state competitor, won the swimming team's most valuable award.

The junior diver finished 18th in the state—the highest of anyone from the district. His district performance, when he qualified for the state by finishing fourth, and his showing in Columbus against rugged, veteran competition, capped an excellent season for Serwin.

All the special awards in swimming were won by underclassmen.

Award winners were:

—Jim House, most improved.

—Dave Jones, coach's award.

—Kirk Hess, all events winner.

—Marty Mason, all events runnerup.

The all events winner and runnerup were determined by the annual end-of-the-year competition in eight events by all members of the team.

Hess and Mason are both sophomores.

House is a sophomore and Jones is a junior.

The fact that so many of the top swimmers are returning has made head coach Ron Zierlein optimistic.

"With only three seniors, we have the potential for a Buckeye Conference Championship. This is our goal."

Swimming co-captains are Juniors Dave Jones and Mark Schiefer.

The swimmers had a fine 7-3 record in dual meets, but finished fourth in the Buckeye. They then rebounded to finish sixth in the district competition.

Reardon actually earned three honors for his work on the basketball team.

In addition to being named the most valuable player, Reardon was honored for his offensive efficiency and was named as one of the co-captains for the 1973-74 campaign. Paul Fahrback was named the other co-captain.

Other basketball honors were as follows:

—Jim Thomas, best foul shooter.

—Paul Fahrback, most improved, reserve.

—Steve Smith, defensive efficiency.

Smith and Bob Brudzinski, the only two seniors on the team, were the co-captains this year.

Head coach Ken Miller, who earlier said that he had a "lot of confidence that things are going to look up and get better," singled out Jim Flower and Neil Oberholzer as something "special" because they started throughout the year as sophomores in the tough Buckeye Conference. He added though, "It's what happens from here that counts."

Miller cited three reasons for his optimism, saying

that the Ross young men were dedicated, "solid" and coachable.

Probably the top group to be honored Monday was the cheerleaders.

The varsity squad, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Glier, was first in the state and ranked among the top 20 units in the country.

Members of the varsity cheering squad honored last night were Sheila Cooke, captain; Sue Hanover, co-captain; Barb Huns, Gail Sener, Debbie Boucher, Kathy Bultorf and Nancy Johansen.

Reserve cheerleaders are Karen Driftmyer, Barb Reardon, Jill Auster and Dorene Migh.

Varsity award winners in wrestling were Mierke, Ed Farson, Paul Branco, Eric Wolfe, Cooley, Stierwalt, Parks, Reiter, Hoffman, Terry Hinkle, Kevin Haynes, Roger Huff, John Crispin, Warren Wymer, Steve Billow, Tod Mazzocco, Eugene Reyes.

Reyes is only a sophomore.

Reserve team awards went to Mark Albrecht, James Briney, Donald Westinger, Tom Carr, Christopher Celik, Mark Cole, David Gabel, Chris Heer, Gary Horn, Larry Orndorff, Jose Rodriguez, Mike Stoner and Ron Whitcomb.

The team manager was John Carter.

Swimming team varsity awards went to Darrell Mamm, Dave Vandergift, John Cramer, Dave Jones, Mark Schiefer, Rob Serwin, Kent Collins, Phil Havens, Rick Keyes, Kirk Hess, Marty Mason and Kevin Nitchke.

Reserve swimmers honored were Jeff Adams, Doug Burn, Jim House, Gregg Jess and Mike Keller.

Varsity basketball awards went to Brudzinski, Smith, Reardon, Thomas, Flower, Oberholzer and Dave Hurless.

Reserve basketball awards went to Fahrback, Terry Shannon, Herman Bates, Alan Bead, Ken Berlekamp, Kurt Brawley, Ronald Brockway, Mark Colek, Charles Conger, John Eckhardt, Robert Ford, Arthur Gilbert, William Lieske, Scott Livingstone, Steven Oberst, Roger Parker, Michael Patterson and Kevin Smith.

Joe Leiby was the manager and John Kowalski and Joe Whisler are student trainers working with Dave Shone.



WRESTLERS HONORED during the sports awards night at Ross Monday were Dave Mierke, Mark Cooley, Rob Stierwalt and Terry Hoffman.



BASKETBALL HONOR winners were (standing) Jim Thomas, Mike Reardon and Paul Fahrback and (kneeling) Steve Smith and Bob Brudzinski.



SWIMMERS who received special awards Monday night were (seated from left) Jim House, Marty Mason and Rob Serwin, and (standing) Mark Schiefer, Kerk Hess and Dave Jones.

## Seventh straight NCAA title Amazing Walton leads Bruins

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Death and taxes—and UCLA.

The Memphis State Tigers and their personable coach, Gene Bartow, should be pretty well convinced today that they're all alike. You can't beat 'em.

The Tigers, perhaps with the highest hopes of any basketball team in a long while, set out to conquer the mighty Bruins Monday night and failed, losing 87-66.

The victory gave the big, bad Bruins their seventh consecutive National Collegiate

Association championship and their 75th straight triumph over a three-year span.

Indiana, led by John Ritter and Steve Downing, turned back Providence 97-79 for third place despite a 29-point performance by the Friars' Kevin Stacom. Ritter and Downing had 21 points each, and Downing topped all rebounders with 14.

The Bruin who did most to annihilate the Tigers was Bill Walton, a 6-foot-11 junior, who poured in 21-of-22 shots from the floor, many on tip-ins preceded by fantastic moves, and wound up with 44 points, a record for the championship game.

Gail Goodrich, a UCLA star of yesteryear, held the old record of 42 for eight years. Bartow, after it was all over, could do little more than m u b l e . . . w a l-

ton. Walton, Walton."

He give the Tigers a 39-39 tie at the intermission.

Finch fired two free throws as the second half got under way, and the Bruins led for the last time. Walton promptly answered the challenge by dumping in three straight baskets.

Besides his 44 points, Walton snared 13 rebounds, high for the game. Keith Wilkes was the only other UCLA player to hit in double figures. He had 16. Finch collected 29 points and Kenon 26.

Walton headed the all-tournament team. The others on the honor club were Finch and Kenon. Downing and Ernie Digregorio of Providence.

For awhile, it appeared that Larry Kenon, the Tigers' brilliant 6-9 forward, might be able to match Walton. He poked in Memphis State's first three baskets and four of its first five.

Walton was hot from the start. He made six of his first 10 points and 14 of their first 23, and the overflow St. Louis Arena crowd of 19,200 seemed to sense that Walton was giving a pretty fair signal of the way things were going to go.

Dorman, who is beginning his fourth year as head baseball coach at Ross, will have the opportunity to select one of his assistants. There are now nine members on the Nordanon football staff.

A 1966 graduate of Ohio Northern University, Dorman received his master's degree from Bowling Green State University in 1971.

After graduating from college, he served one year as baseball coach at Bluffton High School. In the spring of 1967, his team played in the district tournament and the following year he directed Mohawk High School to a 17-3 record which included the North Central Conference championship.

In his three seasons at Ross, Dorman's baseball teams have won 37 and lost 27 with a 1971 Buckeye Conference championship and a 1972 sectional title among the honors.

He has been a big part of the rejuvenation of Ross football program with Little Giant teams returning to state power ranking.

The 28-year-old coach told The

News-Messenger this morning that he had had other opportunities to leave Ross, but liked the situation here so well that he stayed. "I've always liked Fremont, the school, the people I work with and the kids in particular. This is a great place. But this job seemed so exciting. It seemed to be what I was looking for. I had to do it and now that I have, I have no regrets about leaving."

Nordanon High School has 1,560 students in the upper four grades. There were 46 players on the game squads and Dorman hopes for 60 to 70 taking part.

Dorman will be taking on an interesting challenge.

The program has been down for a couple of years after the Nordanon team won a league championship. Now, after a 3-7 record in 1972, Nordanon is joining a bigger conference. The league is to be known as the Metro League and will offer more of a challenge for the Nordanon footballers.

"I think it's a good opportunity. It's going to take a while to get our program going. We have some speed coming back from last year, but not much size. They have had size in the past. I'm going to try to build the junior high program."

Dorman, who is busy with his baseball team right now, adds quickly, "I'm going to try not to let this effect baseball. We still have a job to do here."

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HALL OF FAME DIES.

George Siler, above, a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, died Monday afternoon in Richmond Heights, Mo. Siler, admitted to the Hall of Fame in 1938, had a 15-year major league career batting average of .341. Siler turned 66 last Saturday. (AP Wirephoto)

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