

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

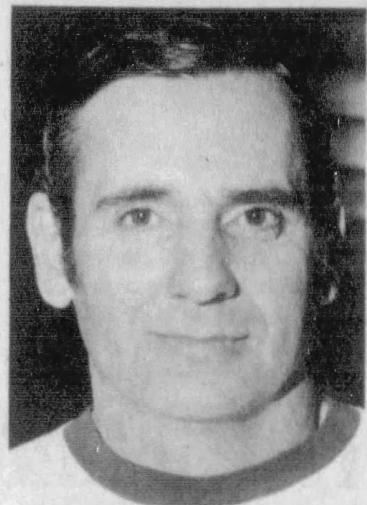
CENTERS

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)



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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 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.

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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 Dilllett 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 ball-hawking 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).

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

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

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 Dillett 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."

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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.



OPENING ACTION — Ross High School junior Mike Reardon (33) leaps in vain against the outstretched arm of Mansfield Dillett 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)

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.

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 Schles 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 Schles. 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 Rhood, 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 Gold-

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 Slepston. "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 Jerman, 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 unbeatens, 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

Marion Comeback Spoils Ross' Home Opener

Little Giants Fall For Third Time, 48-45

By DICK KINNEY, N-M Sports Editor

If the Little Giants of Fremont Ross learned a lesson about charity last night, it may prove well worth the price in the long run.

The price was a stunning 48-45 basketball loss to visiting Marion Harding, which brought up the thought that there must be less expensive lessons on the market.

A near-capacity crowd of more than 900 turned out to watch Ross' indoor gymnasium for 1972-73 and for three-quarters of the game it was just what the doctor ordered and come to — Ross taking firm command from the opening tipoff.

After taking quarter leads of 11-6, 21-16 and 35-25, the Little Giants pulled in their offensive antennae, however, and the rejuvenated Presidents were ready and willing to put on the mantel of success. Marion, behind the suddenly hot shooting of 6-1 guard Bob Hill, put

on scoring bursts of six, six and eight points over the final eight minutes and gained the terminal advantage of 44-43 with 1:09 left in the game on a layup by substitute forward Tim Garver.

Fellow sub Mel McGary put the lead at three points on a fast-break when President's Steve Smith had narrowed the gap to a single point with 17 seconds showing. Hill fed it on the last of his fourth-period goals.

Ross held the Prefixies to an improbable eight-43 from the foul line over the final minute, but the visitors had the last laugh in the final 15 seconds during the final four. And Hill, who had missed nine straight, found the range for a perfect six in the last stanza — one on a fast break and the other five from the 17-22-foot range.

And the Little Giants, who had gone nearly the entire game suffering minimal discomfort from Marion's on-again off-again foul

court crisis, finally succumbed and committed eight turnovers in the fourth quarter — the last five all transformed into two-pointers by Harding.

It wasn't that the Giants began missing on shots they'd been hitting previously, they still were, but rather just stopped putting the ball into the air around the basket where two points might result. They managed only one goal (by Smith with 17 seconds left) in the final quarter.

For a while, it seemed as though free throws would keep Ross in the game, but the Giants came up eight of 10 for an overall 17 of 19. But the Prefixies finally got on "their own" feet and caught Ross flatfooted.

Fremont's Mike Reardon scored 10 of his game-high 14 points in the first half. He and Bob Brudzinski accounted for all of the 11

points. The 6-5 center finished with 19 points before fouling out with 1:32 left in the game. Guards Smith and Jim Thomas wound up at eight and nine respectively after pacing Ross to its largest lead (35-22) with several long-distance bombs in the third quarter.

McGary's 12 points served as the beacon for Marion as McDuffie and McGary each had 10.

Ross Coach Ken Miller summed up the game and that final stanza, stating, "We seemed to stop trying to score. We turned timid around the basket and Marion turned very aggressive. We lost momentum and couldn't regain it.

"Their press didn't bother us until it got down to the final minutes and we became afraid we were going to lose. They forced us into mistakes we shouldn't have made."

It was a good night for Marion, which, at the Giants' helm, has to be somewhat pleased over their work at both ends of the court for the first three periods. During that time they worked to a perfection unequalled even in their opening loss (43-41) to Fostoria. The game plan was sound and they were executing it. Marion's zone and shifting man-to-man defenses were being beaten and all was well with the world — until.

So to the white pinstripe home tags of Ross, which seemed for a while to have a touch of Irish green, we have to wait another week for a victory.

"But we're certainly not going to call it quits," Miller stated. "We did a lot of things right tonight. We'll just keep working at it."

In the reserve just, Coach Jim Hammann guided his Ross charges to their third straight victory in a nail-biting overtime thriller, 60-59. Mike Patterson paced Ross with 17 points and Jim Flower added 14. But it was Jim Open and Bob Ford sharing eight extra-period points to end the session.

Raymond Gipson of Harding (24) topped all scorers with 23 counters on eight goals and seven of nine from the charity stripe.

The game got under way 15 minutes late to begin with as the Marion charge was pulled into the parking lot at 6:30 and the Jayvees took over just after 7 o'clock.

Streaks Register First League Win

By JERRY ROSEN
N-M Staff Writer

"It was a 'blah' kind of game," said St. Joseph Coach Pete Guerrera as he slouched in a bridge-like chair in the coaches' locker room.

His Crimson Streaks just had squeaked past the Sandusky Pirates, 51-46, in an overtime thriller at the home-town crowd Friday night. It was St. Joe's opening league game and moved their overall record to 1-1.

"The biggest thing," he complained, "was that Perkins controlled ball against us and stopped us from running."

When the Streaks did try to run, they ran into more trouble that points by forcing passes inside, many of which were picked off. Both teams were more than returned the favor to the quick-handed Streaks.

Jerry Yeager, a 5-10 senior guard, had a game-high 15 points, several on floor length drives to finish off St. Joseph steals. Jim Mathews, put on an outstanding show for the team as he scored 12 of his 15 points. Mathews, at 6-1, did everything for the Pirates, including narrowing the 31-40 St. Joe lead to 46-45 with his six points in the last 30 seconds.

St. Joe looked as if it were

going to take control almost midway through the first quarter when it had a 9-2 lead and quickly built that to 13-4. Turnovers started to crop up in the second quarter, and Mathews hitting only a pair of free throws. Perkins closed the gap to 13-9.

Then the Streaks started finding the cords of the second quarter, and when Mathews hit a couple from the free-throw line, Perkins got all of his 10 points in the first half, six in this quarter. Rangy Rick Bush hit two hoops in the last minute of the half and the Streaks went to the locker room with a 23-21 advantage.

After trading baskets in the opening minute of the third quarter, the two clubs settled down to trying to keep the ball.

Both were cold and neither team scored again until the 4:23 mark when Bushold converted a 30-second drive to 27-23 edge. Perkins closed it to two points with a hoop, but the Streaks went on a 7-2 run and appeared to be building its fast break up with the last 10 seconds of the third quarter.

The hosts added another 7-3 burst opening the final frame but fell to their last lead of the night at 41-39 with less than six minutes left. Perkins began peaking away as Mathews held off a 10-2 run to 49-47. In the final three quarters, started getting hot. He hit six of seven foul shots and connected on six field goals in the final 10 minutes. The Streaks won to the locker room with a 56-54 win.

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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 Drvodelich 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 Spitzer 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

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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."

Good

Ross Offers Improved Performance Elyria Surges Past Fremont

By DICK KINNEY, News-Messenger Sports Editor

ELYRIA — A smattering of memories nearly provided the Buckeye Conference with a major upset here last night.

Fremont Ross "forgot" that it was through five games. Elyria "forgot" that it had romped past six opponents in seven decisions.

But both had come back to reality midway through the third period — plenty of time for the Pioneers to wear out the Little Giants, 64-47.

Defense played an important part for Ross (6-5 in BC) through the first 20 minutes, holding Elyria (5-1) to scans of 12-13, 12-12 and 22-23. 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 19 of 35 free casts, but Elyria wound up with 29 of 32 including an 18-6-26.

With 6:59 remaining in the third quarter, sophomore forward Neal Oberholzer followed a Mike Reardon two-pointer with a goal of his own to put the giants up by 27-17.

It took the Pioneers a minute and a half of playing second fiddle before elongated forward John Mongerson scored six points in a row to tame the basket.

Four-foot which gave Elyria its final lead.

Love Sellers, 6-6 giant Jay Underman and Jerry Gilbert added quick Elyria goals as Mongerson zeroed in on two more before Ross again found the range — with 1:07 left in the period. But by that time the Little Giants had 10 points by shot 36-37.

Paired with the bruising task of checking Underman and the lanky Mongerson were Ross insiders Bob Brudzinski (a bit short of 6-5), Oberholzer (6-4) and E. Cardon (6-4) who combined along the back line of the Giants' zone defense.

Overall, the job rendered came off well. Although

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 descended to a 36-30 tune of 10 to 11.

Despite all superlatives — and Ross was built enough to rate some — Elyria's height, speed and pressure defense finally paid off. The full-court press which failed to face the Giants in the first half, suddenly left them fumbling in the second. Mongerson and Underman, who could not get an unhampered view of the basket in the first half, were 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 coach Ken James. "When we foul out that the Giants had only two more, 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 and then when you're trying to establish a starting five, you're not as flexible as normal. But the kids are hanging together and we're going to win some ball games."

Ross began with the ball that has to be one of the longest squads in the Buckeye Conference, a senior (Brudzinski), two juniors (Reardon and Jim Thomas) and a pair of sophomores (Oberholzer and Jim Flores).

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

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makers including eight in the first half to help keep the Giants within striking distance. And 5-10 guard and 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," Reardon added. "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 depth for the Rossers, who had to play the first stanza with their Elyria counterparts were racking up 16. Over the next two periods, Ross played on slightly more than even terms with the Pioneers' jayvees (27-25), but a substance-filled fourth quarter saw Ross lose seven of eight points before winding up on the losing end of a 53-37 final.

Jeff Openhaver (6-3) was called on to head Ross. Sharing the game and team honors for Elyria were Clint Harris and Fred Balser with 16 apiece. Fifteen Ross jayvees saw action in the preliminary with eight affecting the scoreless tie. Nine of the dozen Elyria jayvees saw action.

"It was a good game," said Elyria coach Jim Burnett. "I didn't see it," moaned Coach Jim Hanman 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."



TALL ORDER — Bob Brudzinski (35) of Elyria is held below his double-figure scoring average, but managed the backboards against the Pioneers. (News-Messenger Photos by Dick Kinney)

Wooster Falls In Classic

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cleveland State sophomore Gary Johnson scored 26 points and led Cleveland to a 76-72 victory over Wichita in three overtimes in nonconference Friday night basketball.

Robert Wilson sank a pair of foul shots to tie the score for Cleveland at 72 and 10 of regulation time. At the end of the first overtime Wichita's Vince Smith put in two free throws to tie the score 84-84.

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 Jousts

In the Wooster Classic Defense College was paced by Charles Nafziger's 31 points as they downed Wooster 79-71 for the tournament title.

In the consolation round at Wooster Davis-Elskin beat Blackburn 89-86.

In the first round of the Case Western Reserve Tourney Wittenberg outpointed Heidelberg 52-48 and Case Western Reserve beat John Carroll 67-67.

The Queen City Tourney's

Kent State Flashes Fail In Bowl Clash

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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 gynmasium 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

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.

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 tilt.

The Admirals located 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 quick and aggressive defense.

The game's leading scorer with 30 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 bet he got eight to 10 points on easy buckets after taking the ball from the Little Giants."

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 place 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 a lack of experience," Miller pointed out, admitting that the fact 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 he has been there before, to penetrate the press 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 Admiral King five. "We were going to the basket better tonight. It took about 2 1/2 quarters, but we did begin to do it."

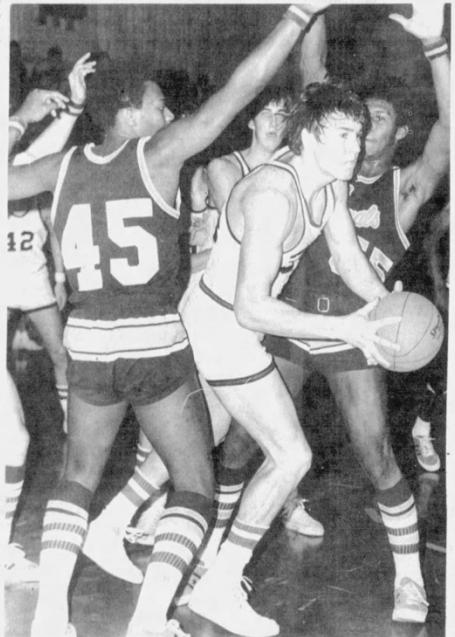
Senior center Bob Brudzinski did about the best job of going to the basket and as a result, he was the top scorer for the hosts. The burly Brudzinski hit six field goals and a pair of free throws for 14 points.

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

Ross was never ahead in the game. After ties at 2-2 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 starters.

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.



LONDON BRIDGE: All was not well and in their Buckeye Conference contest 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 (55) last night

St. Joe Falls To Mohawks In Overtime

By DICK KINNEY, N.Y. Sports Editor

Festoria St. Wendelin kept its record when things got hot last night and it paid off with a 60-67 overtime basketball victory against the determined quintet 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 the pace with the undefeated Mohawks and battened down the hatches in a virtual standstill.

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 15-point lead, 57-42, and it proved quite

effective as the Streaks banged in 10 straight to knot the count at 57-57, Faeth moved inside. Wagner wound up with a dozen.

Wagner, Faeth and in the final half Mike Smith, continued to harry the Mohawks. It paid off during the fourth-quarter run along with Barrington's work behind the scenes.

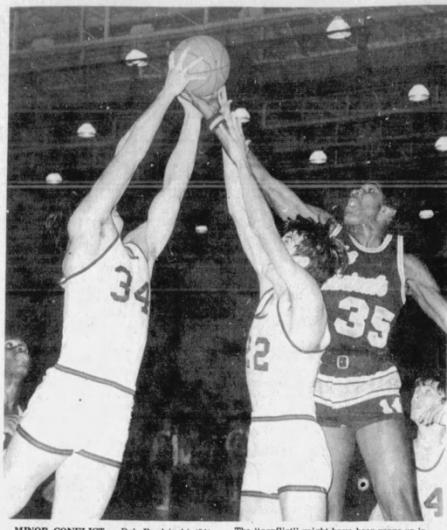
"John (Barrington) did a good job defending Faeth and held him below his average," said Guerera. "One of our downfalls has been Wade, but Wade, Bryan Ohm was the great defensive job on him, but collected some quick fouls and we had to replace him with a shorter man. Wade just took him to the boards then and made the difference."

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 3:19 left in the game. Karg made a 25-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 it down, Faeth and 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 batted



MINOR CONFLICT — Bob Brudzinski (34) and Neal Oberholzer (22) of Fremont St. Joe and 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 rarely loses a rebound after latching on. This case was no different. (News-Messenger Photos by Roy Wilhelm)

Stockton Putter Warms Up For Slim Lead In LA Open

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "I'm

not a natural scrambler," Stockton said. "I'm not a natural scrambler, but I'm not a natural player either. I'm not a natural player either, but I'm not a natural player either."

"I'm playing horrible but putting fantastic."

"That's the way I played a couple of years ago, but 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 former PGA champion and a long-time member of the tour, 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 100th round of the \$135,000 Gilmore 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 70-137.

At 138 were Australians David Graham, Vietnam war hero Buddy Allin and tour regular Dan Bies. Allin had a 67, Bies and Graham 69.

Jack Nicklaus, the 1972 Player of the Year and pre-tournament favorite here, remained in a threatening position at 138, 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 140, but both British Open Champion Lee Trevino and England's Peter Jackie failed to qualify for the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday.

Gets Comical

"I played just horrible," said the articulate Stockton. "I felt the ball was hitting 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 hitting 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 Margaretta
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
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Norwalk at Bellevue
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Shelby at Willard
Tiffin Columbian at Galion
INDEPENDENT
Margaretta at Edison
Woodmore at Elmwood
Anthony Wayne at Port Clinton
McComb at Bettsville
New Riegel at Arcadia
Maurice at Sylvania
Springfield at Oregon Clay
Perrysburg at Fostoria
Lake at Bowling Green
Mansfield at Madison
Lorain at Lorain Southview

Bloomville 8th Tops Bettsville

BETTSVILLE — 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 Oberholzer 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-rebouted 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 during the night. And 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 20-8 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 begun 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.

Ross Box

AT FREMONT

	G	F	MF	P	T
Hurless	2	0	1	3	4
Ford	2	0	0	0	0
Reardon	5	3	3	0	13
Oberholzer	2	0	1	3	4
Thomas	1	1	1	1	3
Butler	1	0	0	3	2
Smith	1	0	0	0	2
Lowery	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	6	7	15	34
Mansfield-74					
Tate	5	0	0	4	9
Butler	2	2	1	1	6
Montgomery	2	1	1	3	5
Feagin	6	2	0	3	14
Brookins	1	0	0	2	2
Reardon	0	0	1	1	0
Tillman	2	3	4	4	7
Wells	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	18	18	74	
Ross	6	7	10	34	
Mansfield	12	19	26	74	

INDIVIDUAL SHOOTING

FREMONT ROSS — Hurless, 2 of 7; Ford, 2 of 5; Reardon, 5 of 14; Oberholzer, 2 of 5; Thomas, 1 of 3; Lowery, 0 of 3.

TOTALS: 14 of 42.

MANSFIELD SENIOR — 33 of 63.

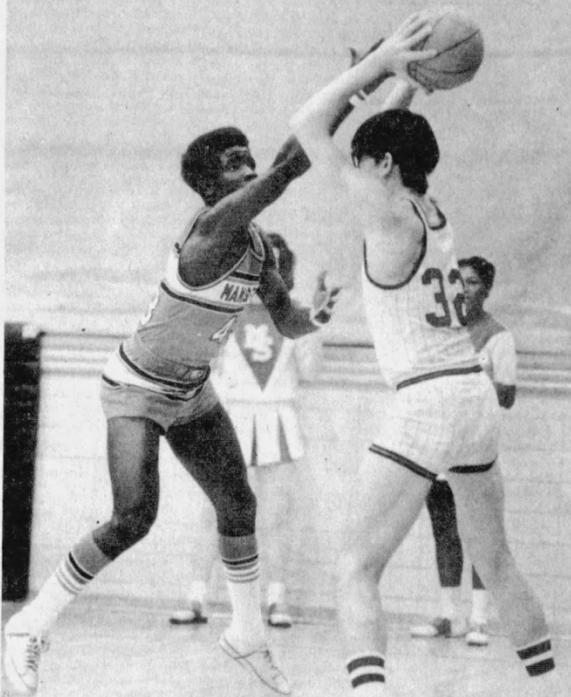
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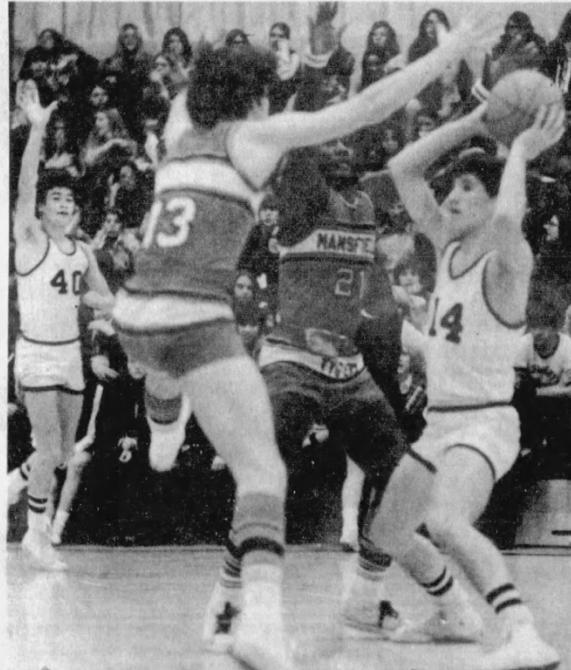
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RESERVE GAME

Ross-48	Mansfield-58
0 2 2	Berlecamp
1 2 4	Ford
1 0 2	Celie
6 0 4	Fischbach
1 1 3	Smith
0 1 1	Gilberg
14 12 40	Shearon
Ross	Totals
Mansfield	11 20 10 17 58



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



ABA Results

Yesterday's Results
Virginia 103, New York 93
Carolina 102, Atlanta 94
Kentucky 104, Memphis 101
Denver 128, Indiana 119
Only games scheduled

Today's Games
San Diego at Indiana
Kentucky at Utah

, 117-98

pectively. Charlie Scott had 33 for

John Havlicek's 25 points, scored in t of Atlanta. Havlicek scored 12 in quarter runaway.

In a virtual tie with the Celtics for when Earl Monroe's 13-foot jump shots their squeaker over Houston, ints while Rudy Tomjanovich leads.

in the final two minutes to lead sky Buckwalter, the Sonics' new nine of his 13 points in the fourth assists.

Seattle with 36 points and Bob

in the first period enabled Buffalo land and the Braves coasted past Aduo hit a career high 31 points, locked seven shots. Sidney Wicks

hot with 1½ minutes left in the Roberston added two free throws and 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 Tornadoes.

"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

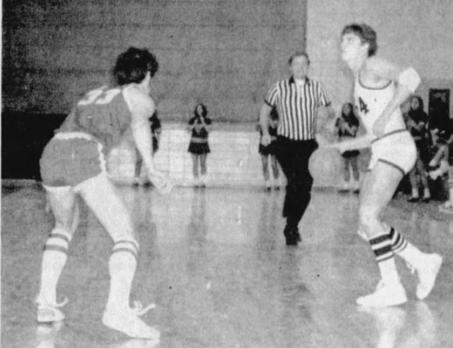
By DICK KINNEY, N-M Sports Editor

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 them behind, they led most of the way by sizable margins and didn't fall under the pressure of a fourth-quarter threat, they thrived on it.

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 a force to be reckoned with.

Suffering the brunt of the newly found Ross offensive was Tiffin Columbian which had fallen to undefeated Willard the night before by a 59-46 margin. The Saturday score was not even that close as the Giants picked up victory No. 1, 72-56.

"What's just as important to us as the victory is that Tiffin made a



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

Columbian Pressure Fails To Crack Giants

At us in the fourth quarter and we pulled it out," boasted Ross Coach Ken Miller. "We've been ahead after three quarters before only to lose the game. When Tiffin scored six points and cut the lead to 52-46, 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 6:27 remaining, the Giants hit a quick bucket on a sharp pass from Tiffin to Neal Oberholzer and it was on to the closing of the end. Columbia.

Mike Reardon, Steve Smith and Jim Flower helped open up the game with bombs from 15-25 feet away and 4-5 center Bob Brudzinski 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 rebounds for the night.

It was Reardon's outside jumper with 1:40 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 Brudzinski gave Ross an 18-15 lead at the first rest and the margin was never closer.

The Ross defense "tapped" on any kind of a consecutive point surge over the first three quarters, but just kept gradually putting the game out of reach. By half-time Ross led by 34-25 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 a well-timed half 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 18 from the charity stripe. Columbian had 12 of 31 goals against the Ross zone defense which had them boxed in for 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 to play it pretty close because we're a young team. We just opened up a little more tonight."

It was 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 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 over tired and we want to stay mentally and physically."

Fine Overall Effort

Following Reardon in the scoring column was Brudzinski with 16 and Smith with 10. Brent Bourchard headed Columbian with 14 while Ross hit for 11 and Thallman and Alan Setz scored 10 each.

"Collectively we felt that it was just an overall fine effort by our team," said Miller. "When you look at Mike Reardon with 24 points and 17 rebounds — that's a heck of a good night for anybody. And Bob gave us his best defensive night of the year."

Our thanks to Steve Smith and Jim Flower over the last two nights have been the most consistent this year and Jim Thomas had a good game coming off the bench. He and Dave Harless rebounded right into the lineup. Neal was strong on the boards and scored for us, and with more time and patience he'll be scoring more.

Summing up the evening, Miller stated, "It's always good to get the first victory. It's too bad it didn't happen sooner. Losing games isn't any fun and it's been tough on the kids. We've had to work like crazy to keep together, but it paid off tonight."

The Ross jayvees made the evening doubly joyous, but had to go into overtime before stopping the Tiffin reserves, 43-37. Mike Patterson's 16 points, paced the Giants including four in the extra stanza.

Streaks Charge Past Perkins, 78 To 57

By JOHN DONNAN

Newspaper Staff Writer

SANDUSKY — Joe charged past a scrappy Sandusky Perkins basketball team Saturday night to win an important Sandusky Bay Conference game 78-57. The game was no more important to the Streaks than a 75-57 win over 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 the Tiffin Indians, the Streaks had to "stop and take a look at themselves," said a proud Coach Pete Guerrera. "I have nothing but admiration for those kids, the way they pulled up and took control of the game."

Their smiles and congratulations came from everywhere for the Streaks and Guerrera.

"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 docile Saturday night. First-quarter action saw the Pirates hustle ahead to a 13-12 advantage with five of their seven points.

The Pirates came on the floor with only seven players, all junior and senior guards. The Streaks defense shut off the inside route that Enoch had used with the outside and the Pirates couldn't hit.

The Streaks were playing a penetrable zone defense in the first half and seemed to be concentrating on offense. Only in the second quarter after a minute or two did the Streaks really begin to click offensively scoring 10 points in 2 minutes.

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

post twice for sweetheart layups.

The Pirates just didn't keep up with the pace as Guerrera's boys and kept his boys running hard.

"You could see we were tired," said Perrine of the game. "They had too much size, speed and depth."

Defense is the name of the game, and in the third quarter that's what we took it for us," said Guerrera.

Jerry Yeager brought his throwing arm with Guerrera as the Streaks were pulling away from the Pirates man-to-man line. Perrine said of Barrington, "There he is again...open."

"We just had a total collapse," said Guerrera of the game. "The Pirates are our worst defeat."

"It was one of our best games," said Guerrera. "Jerry took control of the offense. When he was open he fired and hit, when he wasn't open he passed it inside."

The reserve test was a thriller.

St. Joe won in overtime 54-48. A fast break drive that began with a steal and a layup for Perrine hit the tying two points. St. Joe couldn't get the winning two in four seconds and the game went into overtime.

St. Joe rebounded ahead by two with a minute gone and then moved the lead to three. With 50 seconds remaining the Streaks were up 51-48 and added a foul shot and a field goal. John Fey led the Streaks with 14 points while Tim Dave Kelley led the game with 16 points.

AT SANDUSKY

	FG	3P	FT	MP	PF	T
Barrington	12	9	2	2	33	
Goyer	1	2	2	4	4	
Reardon	1	0	0	1	1	
Yeager	3	0	2	3	7	
Smith	3	0	0	1	4	
Dunn	0	0	0	0	4	
Flower	0	0	0	0	0	
D. Wagner	0	1	1	1	1	
Haynes	1	0	0	0	2	
Total	30	18	10	10	78	
AT BARRINGTON						
B. Jackson	4	0	0	4	8	
Bender	5	3	3	3	13	
Freytag	4	0	2	3	9	
Harless	2	2	2	2	6	
McNeil	2	0	0	2	4	
Yeager	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	23	11	6	22	57	
Perkins	12	10	10	10	62	
Total	35	21	16	30	121	
Perkins	12	10	10	10	62	
Total	35	21	16	30	121	
Perkins	12	10	10	10	62	
Total	35	21	16	30	121	

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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 Drvodelich were the pacesetters in Lorain's initial win against the Giants. The 5-8 Saladin marked up 16 points from the outside while Drvodelich 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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Marion at Lorain King

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 held off a last-second rush by a more experienced Lorain team for a 57-55 Buckeye Conference win. It was Ross' second win in a row after the Little ones' complete the first half of the year 10-10.

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

Ross 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, the shot was there.

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.

Streaks Repeat Win Over Tiffin, 79-78

By ROY WILHELM

They did it again!

St. Joe's scrappy Crimson Streaks paled just another close one.

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

Started strong

"All you have to play for is the percentage shot and tonight we started hitting them," St. Joe Coach Pete Guerrera said of his Streaks' red-hot second half.

The Streaks kept working for the percentage shot and not particularly 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 percent in the second half, ripping the nets for 25 field goals for a 57-55 record. They paled nine 53-second-half points after netting only 38 in the first half.

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

Complete Game

The 5-11 backcourtman earned eight of nine goal attempts and effectively slowed down Calvert's forward, Rich Atwells (45).

Holmes, 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.

The Streaks were 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 second half's.

"It's tough to come back from 15 points down, but down we gathered our poise again after we made a few mistakes against the press in the second half. It was a real team victory."

That was.

While Smith stood on the bench of the second half, the Streaks had five men in double figures. "The kids really wanted to win this one."

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 carried down the action.

Yeager, who led all St. Joe scorers with 21 points, broke a 72-72 tie with 52 seconds remaining in the game when he sank the first of a one-on-one shot. When he missed his second he came up with the ball after a scramble for the rebound and was fouled again. This time he sank both shots for a 75-72 lead.

Out of Reach

Another one-on-one and gave the Streaks a three-point lead with 20 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 seemed 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 for a layup as the seconds ticked off on the clock. The shot was hoisted, but goal tend was called against Calvert. The Senecas then added an uncontested basket at the buzzer. Guyer finished the night with 10 points and hauled 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 75-72 lead with 149 left, finished the night with 12 points and led the St. Joe rebounders with nine.

The Streaks outrebounded the

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 the second half.

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 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." It was just that Ross was able to single out one ballplayer as the star of the show. "Mike Reardon did his best."

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

5 Mike Drvodelich, just about neutralized his men. Brudzinski hit from 13 feet.

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 leave 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 19-4-point-a-game man, 5-8 stop-and-pop artist Carl Saladin. After Saladin didn't win the game, Ross' pressure 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 Streaks charged home with 10 points in the 10-4 of the quarter as the club managed to score good up and down basketball.

Ross took over for good with just under three minutes left in the quarter when Dave Hurless made a nice move through the middle past Drvodelich 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 jump shot over Johnson to give Ross a 45-37 advantage and the edge was set for the final period. 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 53-53 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 scared 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 said. "But when they get in a game, they can't hit them."

"Lorain may have been sitting on a winning streak," according to Miller, Lorain was the second-best scoring team in the conference with a 68.8 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 determined, and when they get from here on in..."

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

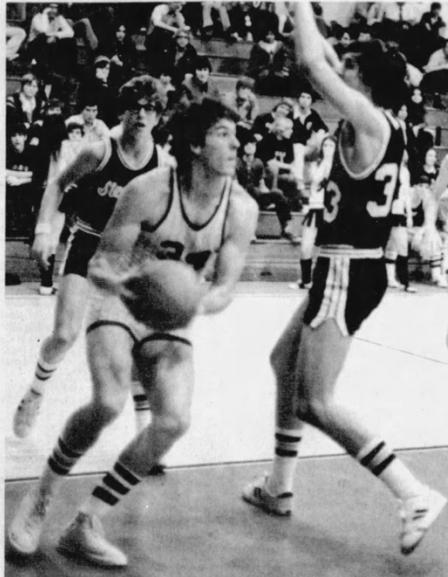
Miller switched his defense during the night and said the switches might have "kept them off balance." The defense which sent Reichert into fits was a triangle-and-one which, he felt, left men open in the corners, but the open men couldn't make their shots.

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

"We've turned the ball over only 27 times in the last three games, and I think 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 5-8, 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 a 6-6 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.



Baseline Drive—Bob Brudzinski gets set to uncold toward the hoop to finish a pretty baseline drive past Larry Vangeloff, rear, who was left with his mouth open, and Mike



WILD SCRAMBLE — Fremont St. Joe's Mike Dunn (40) and Tiffin Calvert players Rich Atwells (45) and Mark Sendlbach (21) 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.



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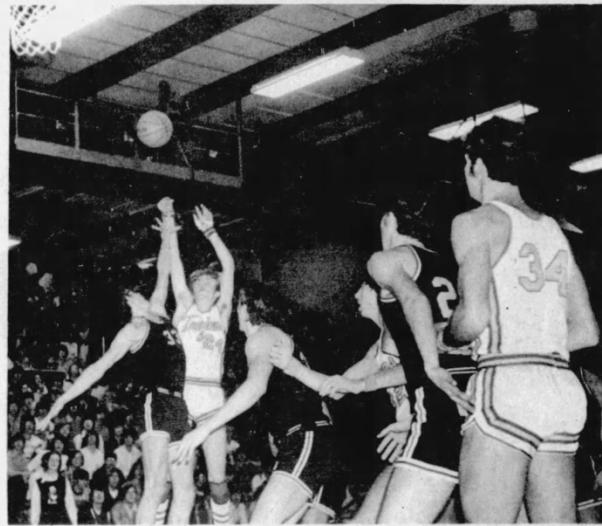
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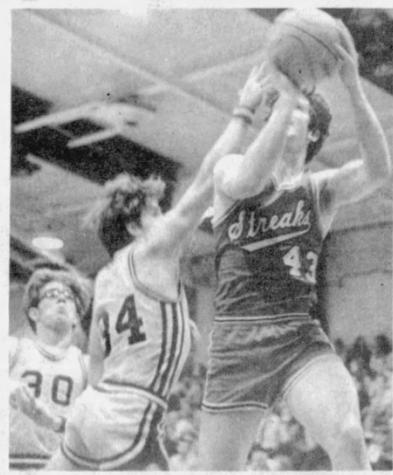
Findlay Rips Fremont In Wild Affair

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.



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 Flyers' court. Kim Kinnear (30) watches the struggle. St. Joe's Streaks managed to hold on for a 64-63 basketball victory.

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

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 8-6 Buckeye Conference victory over Fremont Ross.

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

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 setting 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.

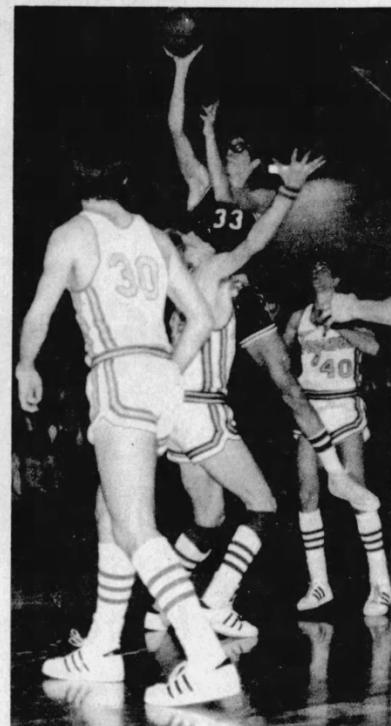
AT FINDLAY

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Reardon	10	8	3	22
Oberholzer	3	2	0	1
Brudzinski	4	4	2	3
Miller	1	2	2	4
Smith	3	2	0	5
Hurrell	0	0	2	3
Thomas	1	0	1	0
Ford	0	2	0	0
Totals	22	20	15	64
Findlay				

	F	M	PF	T
Hipsher	19	5	2	43
Longberry	5	2	2	12
Dysinger	5	0	0	5
Hamlin	0	0	3	0
Inbody	1	5	1	7
McMurry	4	1	5	9
Edelbrock	0	0	0	0
Orians	0	0	2	0
Totals	34	13	8	81
Ross	17	10	17	57
Findlay	27	16	23	81

RESERVE GAME

	F	M	PF	T
Reardon	1	1	3	5
Ford	0	0	0	0
Bericikamp	1	2	4	7
Colek	0	1	1	2
Huff	1	0	2	3
Patterson	3	0	9	12
Schaefer	2	2	5	9
Alberg	0	0	0	0
Lindberg	0	0	0	0
Parker	0	0	0	0
Wilson	3	2	8	13
Eckhart	0	1	1	2
Orians	0	2	2	4
Beard	0	0	0	0
Hill	1	2	4	7
McBach	2	0	0	2
Liske	0	0	0	0
Stevens	1	0	4	5
Shearon	3	1	7	11
Leddy	0	0	0	0
Dorman	0	1	1	2
Totals	21	15	57	83
Ross	3	9	12	31
Findlay	13	15	17	57



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.

'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 Aquapentathlon 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.

YOUTH DIVISION — Jim Casey (50-yard, 100-individual medley, 50-free, 100-free, 200-free); Terry Nitschke (56-free); Mike Mowry (200-free); 200-medley relay team, Kirwin, Casey, Mowry and Nite Morley.

JUNIOR DIVISION — Alan Nitschke (200-individual medley, 50-free, 100-free, 200-free, 200-medley relay team); Brett McKittrick (400-free, 100-fly); Hal Hawk (50-free, 100-free); Kevin Casey (100-breast); 200-medley relay team, Nitschke, McKittrick, 200-free relay, A. Nitschke, Hawk, Dave Stein, Kevin Hallowell.

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 Biggley gave us last year.

"I'm not downgrading the record," Wooden said, "but 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.

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 Austin.

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

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 Pardiso and a bucket by Mike Oprie regained the lead for St. Joe and iced the decision.

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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, 55-45, 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 —
Messerac, 6-0-12; R. Berlekamp, 5-0-10;
Shireman, 3-0-6; S. Berlekamp, 4-1-9;
Frobose, 3-0-6; B. Berlekamp, 1-0-2.
TOTAL: 22-1-45.

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, 3-2-8;
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;

Dwyer, 1-0-2; Keegan, 9-6-24; Frobose, 9-2;

Miller, 1-3-5; B. Keegan, 1-3-5; Ball, 1-

0-2. TOTAL: 25-15-65.

FRENCH NURSERY—Laurenau, 1-0;

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

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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 Gibsonsburg

Bellevue at Tiffin Columbian

Port Clinton at Fostoria

Bettsville at Seneca East

Spencer Sherrill at Port

Saturday Games

Fremont Ross at Toledo Whitmer

Margareta at Fremont St. Joe

Sandusky St. Mary's at Clyde

North Baltimore at Woodmore

Vanlue 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 lead to the front the Little Giants held firmly en route to a 57-49 revenge victory.

After a "flat" first quarter, both teams jolted Sandusky by a 16-4 margin, the Giants began to sharpen up. After trailing 18-8 and 20-10, they put on an 18-point burst which was answered by only three Blue Streaks' goals.

"The turning point came at midway through the second quarter when Coach (Dale) Burdick called 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. It was a rough night on game night. But we were obviously improved over the last time we played them (a 6-6 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 rear-seat 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 a lead of 28-26 and 39-35, the uneasiness was missing,

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.

After pulling to within a point, 32-31, beginning the third stanza, Sandusky seemed to lose its offensive spark. But not so quickly, for 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 Raudenbush topped in 13 and 10 respectively.

"We were pretty consistent on the backboards once we got started," said Miller, "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 ball when he got the ball on offense."

"But our offense sputtered at times, especially when

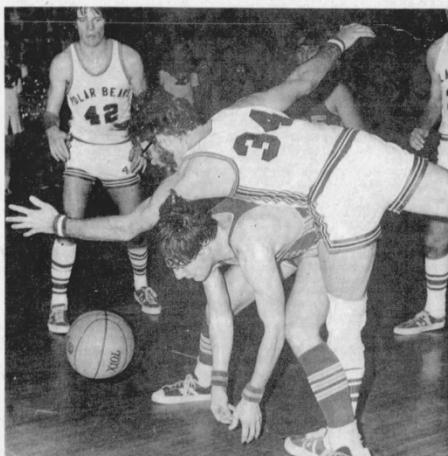
Sandusky changed from zone to man-to-man on defense. It just seemed as though when we switched over in the second quarter the players knew they were going to win — and then went through the motions. They played serious when they had to."

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

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Both teams managed 21 field goals, the Giants' coming on 45 casts and Sandusky trying 32 times. But Fremont's free throw work, which had been a source of embarrassment on occasion, came through last night as the Giants connected on 15 of 23 one-point tries. The Streaks tied the line just 10 times, hitting seven.



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

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By ROY WILHELM

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But junior Tom Kennedy (34) was then connected on a slip in a bucket at the buzzer, 32-31, the Polar Bears in Coach Jim Yekley applied the lead.

Both teams had a hard time getting the ball up the court, the Polar Bears being the chief hindrance.

Hitting a blistering 53 per cent from the floor for the second half, the Bears battled back from a 32-23 deficit to take a 45-44 margin at the third quarter break and then pulled steadily away in the final period.

Misled 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 Yekley praised his squad's "team effort" in that blistering second half.

Trials Everything
Hanson tried about everything but a rifle to score. Hanson in that crucial third quarter, but the efforts of three different Flyers failed to stem the tide. Hanson who canned nine field goals in 16 attempts in the game, scored 14 of his points in that third quarter.



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



SETTING UP — Fremont Ross junior forward Mike Raudenbush (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

Ross Box

AT FREMONT

Fremont Ross—57

	FG	F	MF	PF	T
Raudenbush	4	1	2	3	10
Brudzinski	6	1	3	4	13
Smith	4	0	0	0	4
Flower	2	6	1	3	10
Thomas	2	0	0	0	2
Totals	21	15	8	9	57
Sandusky—49	FG	F	MF	PF	T
Swopes	4	0	0	0	4
Gentry	3	0	0	5	8
Keller	1	0	0	0	1
Raudenbush	5	0	0	3	10
Baurle	1	0	0	1	2
Johnson	0	0	0	1	1
	of his points in that third quarter.				

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)



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 Warna 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

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.

AT BELLEVUE

	FG	F	MF	PF	T
Reardon	4	3	0	2	11
Oberholzer	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—44	4	3	2	4	11
Loudenslager	3	0	0	2	6
Keggeries	1	2	0	4	4
DeLuca	7	4	0	3	18
Martin	4	1	0	3	9
Barr	3	0	0	0	6
Zimmerman	3	0	0	3	6
Eisenhauer	0	0	0	0	0
Runnerstrom	1	0	0	0	2
Wright	0	0	0	1	0
DeBlase	0	0	2	0	0
Chumley	1	0	0	0	2
Fritz	27	10	4	20	64
Totals	14	19	8	23	64
Bellevue	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.

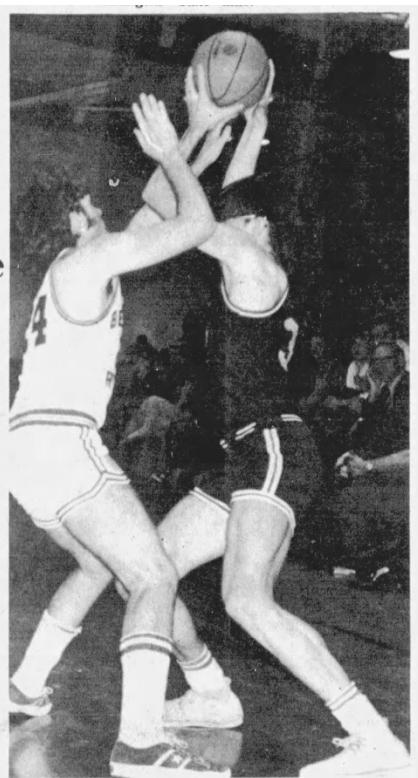
Rebounds: Ross, 34; Bellevue, 26.

Turnovers: Ross, 18; Bellevue, 14.

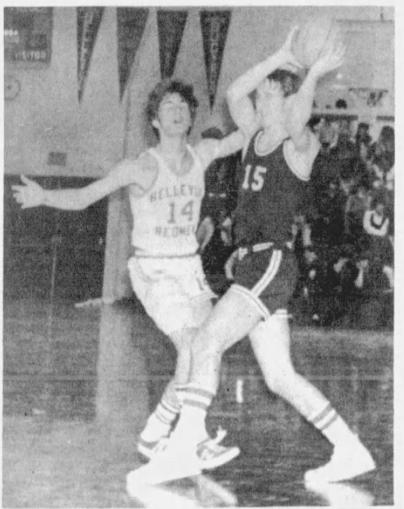
Reserve game: Bellevue 32, Ross 27.

RESERVE GAME

Ross—27	Bellevue—32				
G	F	T	G	F	T
0	1	1	Ford	Frits	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	Gaman	2 1 5
0	0	0	Parker	Ball	2 0 4
0	0	0	Brawley	Wollenslgl	0 1 1
1	2	4	Farbach		
1	0	2	Shearon		
10	8	28	Totals	Totals	12 7 32
Ross					4 7 2 14-28
Bellevue					8 3 11 10-32



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

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saturday's Results

Minnesota 80, Ohio State 78

Bowling Green 73, Western Michigan 69

Toledo 72, Kent State 69

Miami (Ohio) 65, University 65

Dayton 84, Long Island 76

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Cincinnati 89, Florida State 62

Capital 70, Baldwin-Wallace 65

Ohio Northern 75, Marietta 52

Mount Union 91, Kenyon 74

Muskingum 76, Ohio Wesleyan 54

Malone 103, Ohio Dominican 95

Otterbein 69, Wooster 67

Wittenberg 77, Ohio State 46

Ashland 130, Wilberforce 78

Akron 71, Brockport State 67

Rio Grande 70, Cedarville 66

Berea 80, Wright State 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 Tygers 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

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

Walton hasn't missed a UCLA

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, Theron 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 100-58.

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				Second Team				Third Team			
		YEAR	HT.	WT.	POST.	AVE.							
Harris	Ad. K.	12	6'3"	165	F	24.0				Reardon	Fremont	11	6'7"
Hipsher	Findlay	12	6'3 1/2"	175	F	21.0				Kelly	Sandusky	12	6'4"

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, Noftz gain honors

Region 6 coaches select all-stars

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

Barrington was named to the Class A first team, Noftz 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-coach of the Crimson streaks, Barrington maintained an 18-1 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 before making a decision."

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

About Noftz'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 battle with.

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 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 Mulherin 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. faced with dwindling fan interest, created the "designated hitter," said a 27-year-old former Philadelphia outfielder. "I was chasing him around the

League clubs were playing during spring training.

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

News Messenger

Sports

Dick Kinney, editor

Fliers, Minutemen in District clash

CLYDE The Clyde Fliers have a new 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 won a 15-1 overall record and last week bumped off the AP's second-ranked Willard in sectional play.

"We know we're the underdog in this game," said Ron Ray, coach of the Fliers. "An important fact of 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 screen 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 Margerita and junior Mike Margerita. "They're going to do what we'll be using our three guard offensive to bring the ball up court," said Ray.

Those three guards will be Keith Notes, Pauline and Kim Kinney. Depending on who they pressure, one of these men will get the job of handling the ball-handling."

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

seven rebounds, eight assists and 10 points. He also had a high score for the team he turned over those duties to Patten who has averaged 22 points in tournament play.

Under the boards both teams have been outstanding in the Chagrin Falls tournament in which Chagrin Falls, a 6-4 junior, who averages

18 points a game will get the job of closing out Dave Werrick, a 6-5 senior who hit 47 per cent from the field in season play. He has had 12 rebounds a game this season and netted 16 points per game.

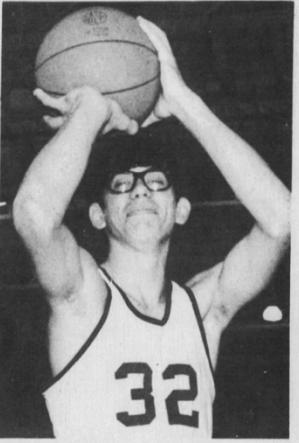
"Choya has been improving all season," said Ray. "His defense is getting stronger as the year goes on. Most noticeable is that Ray was hitting with offensive improvement. "He's going right to the bucket with the ball more than before."

Lexington has about 100 extra points to score more than 100 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. 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 especially good year.

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 tournament in Columbus.

He was a key factor in Ross High's second place finish in the Buckeye and 6-2 dual meet record and earned the team's most valuable member award.

Other wrestlers who received special awards during the year:

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 Vogententhaler also announced the co-champs for the 1973-74 squad.

They are Steve Reiter, Paul Fahrbach, Mark Cooley and Don Wensinger.

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

The junior divers finished 18th in the state—the highest finish of anyone from the district. His perfect performance earned the qualification for the state by finishing fourth, and his swimming 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.

—Larry 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.

—Kirk Hess, all events winner.

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 Zwierlein 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 7-2 record in dual meet, but finished fourth in the Buckeye. They then rebounded to finish sixth in the district competition.

Reardon actually earned three honors for his work in the basketball tournament.

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

He was a key factor in Ross High's second place finish in the Buckeye and 6-2 dual meet record and earned the team's most valuable member award.

Other wrestlers who received special awards during the year:

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 Vogententhaler also announced the co-champs for the 1973-74 squad.

They are Steve Reiter, Paul Fahrbach, Mark Cooley and Don Wensinger.

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

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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 Ross cheerleaders, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Gleer, 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 Hus, Gail Sibley, Debbie Boucher, Karen Driftmyer, and Karen Reardon.

Reserve cheerleaders are Karen Driftmyer, Barb Reardon, Jill Auxter and Dorene Migit.

Varsity award winners in wrestling were Mierke, Ed Farson, Paul Branson, Eric Weller, Cooley, Stierwalt, Parks, Reiter, Hoffman, Terry Hinkle, Kevin Haynes, Roger Fahrbach, Jim Thomas, Clinton Warren, Wyner, Steve Bunn, Ted Marquez, Eugene Reyes.

Reyes is only a sophomore.

Reserve team awards went to Mark Albrechta, James Briney, Donald Wensinger, Tom Carn, Christopher Cekel, Mark Cole, David Grabel, Chris Hahn, Gary Hahn, Larry Orskeff, Joe Rodriguez, Mike Steward and Roy Whisler.

The team manager was John Carter.

Swimming team varsity awards went to Darrell Mann, Dave Vandergrift, John Cramer, Dave Jones, Mark Schiefer, Rob Serwin, Kent Collins, Phil Havens, Ray Keyes, Kirk Hess, Marty Mason and Kevin Nitocic.

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 Hurles.

Reserve basketball awards went to Fahrbach, Terry Stegner, Herman Bader, Alan Brandt, Ken Gericke, Kurt Brueckey, Ronald Brookway, Mark Cole, Charles Conger, John Eckhardt, Robert Ford, Arthur Gilberg, William Lieske, Scott Livingston, Steven Oberst, Roger Parker, Michael Patterson and Kevin Smith.

Joe Leiby was the manager and John Kovalek and Joe Whisler are student trainers working with Dave Shore.



WRESTLERS HONORED during the sports awards night at Ross Monday were Dave

Mierke, Mark Cooley, Rob Stierwalt and Terry Hoffman.



BASKETBALL HONOR winners were

Paul Fahrbach 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, Kirk 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 personal coach, Gene Bartow, should be pretty well convinced today that they're all alike.

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

Athletic Association championship and their 73rd 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 28-point performance by the Friars' Kevin Stacom.

Ritter and Downing had 21 points each, and Downing topped all rebounders with 15.

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 field, 10 of them from beyond the arc, and capped his night with 44 points, a record for the championship finale.

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