

1977-1978 SEASON REVIEW

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Ross girls team opens at Sandusky

Potentially, Ross's girls basketball team could be a fresh looking lot this year . . . potentially that is.

Coach Sue Wolf is looking at it that way at least.

"We lost three starters," she pointed out in Friday conversation, "and we are going to miss them."

Roxie Price and Diane Flickinger, both three-year varsity starters for the Ross girls, plus Karyl Solze are the departed starters and Wolf readily admits that it's "really a rebuilding year in the backcourt" for Ross.

"There are nine players this year that were on the varsity last season," the Miami graduate said as she assessed her team. "But they are not that experienced."

Still, Wolf has an optimistic look at the season which begins Monday when the Little Giants travel to Sandusky for a non-conference clash. The junior varsity game will begin at 6:30 p.m.

"Potentially (there's that word again), we will not be giving anything away when I substitute," she said. "Depth-wise, we should be all right and I will be able to keep a fresh team on the floor."

The ability to stay fresh causes Wolf to say, "I think we can be tough this year. I hope that we are able to contend for the Buckeye Conference title. In the past we would have been and I hope that holds true."

Wolf was referring to the emergence of girls basketball competition in the prestigious Buckeye. The girls play, unlike the boys, will be divided up into

two divisions — Ross, Findlay, Mansfield, and Marion Harding in the west and Sandusky, Elyria, Lorain, and Admiral King in the east.

Each division will play a double round robin among its members. The winners of each division will play on Feb. 16 for the conference title. The second, third, and fourth place teams will also play to determine the other positions in the final standings.

Little Giants girls court sched

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 5	at Sandusky	6:30 p.m.
8	Bowling Green	6:30 p.m.
13	Perkins	6:30 p.m.
15	Wolmer	6:30 p.m.
20	at Oregon Clay	6:30 p.m.
27	at Toledo Central	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Northview	6:30 p.m.
10	'Mansfield'	6:00 p.m.
14	Upper Sandusky	6:30 p.m.
19	Findlay*	6:30 p.m.
23	Marion*	2:00 p.m.
26	at Bellevue	6:00 p.m.
28	Sandusky	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Marion*	6:00 p.m.
4	at Mansfield*	10:30 a.m.
9	at Findlay*	6:30 p.m.
16	BC playoff	6:30 p.m.
18	at Columbian	6:30 p.m.
	*Buckeye Conference games	

Getting back to the nine returnees, which includes four four-letter winners, Wolf feels the reason for the potential improvement of her team goes back to the girls working over the summer. That practice has brought forth a good deal of improvement among last year's varsity subs.

Wolf's team played primarily zone defense a season ago but that is likely to change. Although admitting that she used the zone, Wolf intends to get more use out of the "woman-to-woman" defense.

"That's going to be a marked improvement," she opined about her intended defense.

Offensively, Wolf said, "We think we are going to be able to run more because of our quickness."

Getting the starting jobs Monday for Wolf should be Barb Bliss, 6-5 senior and Debbie Link, a 5-7 junior, at the guard slots. At the wings will be 5-9 sophomore Margaret VanGilder and 5-8 Kim Myers, a senior. Paula Zimmerman, 5-9 junior, will be at center.

Bliss, Myers, and Zimmerman, along with Jenny Bowes, a senior, are the Ross letter girls.

Bliss was a wing last year but moves out to the backcourt this season. Zimmerman, Myers, and Bliss were the top three rebounders for the Little Giants in '76-77.

Bowes figures to be one of Wolfe's top subs. Also on the bench are seniors Cheryl Carter, 5-5, and Lynn Kellogg, 5-4. Lori Lawrence, 5-4, Daye Stout, 5-1, and Lisa Swidersky, all juniors, and sophomore Judy Shetzer, 5-0, round out the Ross varsity members.

While being optimistic about the coming season, Wolf ticked off two items she would like to see improved this season.

"I hope that the JV team will improve," she began. "During the scrimmages I have seen improvement."

Then she added, "I hope some people come out to support us — we could really use some."

Ross's first home game will be Thursday, Dec. 8, when Bowling Green rolls into town. The JV game will begin at 6:30.



MEMBERS OF THE ROSS girls basketball team for 1977-78. Front row (left to right): Debbie Link, Judy Shetzer, Kaye Stout, Lori Lawrence, Lisa Swidersky, Debbie Clark; back row: Coach Sue Wolf, Lynn Kellogg, Jenny Bowes, Paula Zimmerman, Kim Myers, Barb Bliss, and Cheryl Carter.



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ROPPING



Findlay's quick start start stops Ross

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

FINDLAY — A vicious rumor flowed through the crowd gathered at Findlay High School Tuesday night but where and why it surfaced was a complete mystery.

The rumor is meaningless today and the Findlay High School Trojans basketball team used Fremont Ross to dispell the hollow slant of words.

Going into the game, Findlay 3-1 and 1-0 in Buckeye Conference play, was reputed to be a poor shooting team despite the season record and a 43 percent field mark during those four games prior to the conference clash with Ross.

Ridiculous!

Findlay drilled in its first six shots of the game, eight of its first nine, and 10 of 12 in the first quarter, while picking up the momentum to knock off the Little Giants 68-51 in a game which Findlay never really got rolling.

"We have not played a whole, good game yet," Trojan tactician John Stozich said calmly while sitting in the nearly deserted Findlay gym after the game.

"Jefferies (Kurt) did a good job tonight,"

the cagy Trojans coach said as he gazed over his team's stats. "It's been that way this season — someone always comes around to pick us up."

"Tonight, it was Jefferies and," Stozich added. "Repligle (Dan)."

Biz Paeth, Ross coach, was a little shocked after the first quarter string singing show put on by the Trojans.

"They scored on those first six possessions," he said quietly, "and then it was catchup the rest of the way. It seemed like we were behind by 12 all the way."

He was one off.

Ross closed to within 11 early in the final period thanks to a sticky man-to-man press that forced several Findlay miscues. The Little Giants, trailing 52-36 at the end of three, outscored Findlay 7-2 in the first half of the final period and had a shot at getting closer.

"We had two possessions," Paeth recalled. "but they could not score and it went right back up to 15."

The final margin was the biggest lead that the tall and talented Trojans had over the stubborn Little Giants.

With 65 Dave Rieker and sharpshooter

Steve Dean working over Ross on the inside and the outside, respectively, the Little Giants trailed seven seconds into the game on Dean's 18-foot jumper. Five shots later, Findlay was on its way with a 12-6 lead.

Ross could not contain the Trojans on the boards, surrendering several second and third shots to Findlay, while not being able to get a second shot at its own basket.

"We'd 'front' Reikler so that he could not get the ball but then he would roll around and get the rebound," Paeth described the inside dominance of the burly Findlay junior.

Reikler finished with 20 and Dean 16 and the Trojans finished with 31 of 61 shooting. Ross hit 19 of 60.

Ross played better offensively but Paeth praised his pressing defense, a tactic also employed by the Trojans.

"They did not score any breakaway baskets off (press)," he praised.

Stozich discounted the question of whether he felt that his team should have blown the smaller Ross squad off the floor.

"Not with that defense," he retorted. "You can say that for them — Ross worked like the dickens out there on defense."

Tim Price led Ross in scoring with 16 points, two more than Steve McGilton. Randy Hammer dropped in 12.

Ross was outrebounded 44-34.

The Little Giants will be back home Friday to host Lorain.

In the JV game, Findlay broke away from a 55-45 lead early in the final period to stop Ross 75-56.

VARSITY GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	12	9	15	51
Findlay	20	14	18	58

SCORING

ROSS — McGilton 6-14, Hammer 4-12, Burel 1-3, Price 6-4-15, Shetzer 0-0, Brown 0-1, Williams 1-3, Cook 1-2, Moyer 7-5-13, Geyer 0-0.

FINDLAY — Bell 2-4, Jefferies 4-8, Rieker 9-2-20, Dean 6-18, Weiselman 3-6, Gase 2-0-4, Hayes 2-0-4, Repego 2-4, Pulchon 1-2; total 6-68

Season records: Findlay 2-0, Ross 1-2

JAYVEE GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	10	14	17	55
Findlay	15	19	21	56

SCORING

Ross — Bury 2-24, Weiselman 2-1-5, Held 3-0-6, Caskey 1-0, Moyer 7-5-14, Ameling 2-0, Berger 1-0-2, Heden 5-1-11, Hollenbacher 2-2-6; totals 25-56.

FINDLAY — Acock 6-14, Beach 3-0-6, Benedict 1-0-2, Dean 2-2-6, Gaylor 1-0-2, Geyer 4-8-16, Hutton 2-0-4, Maroney 10-2-22, Shaheen 0-1-1, Wilcox 1-0-2; totals 29-24-75

Season records: Findlay 2-0, Ross 1-1

SCORING

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Findlay	15	19	21	56

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Season records: Findlay 2-0, Ross 1-1

Sloppy, but still a win

By CHRIS CELEK
N-M Staff Writer

Yes, it was the season's opener for both the Ross and Perkins girls. And yes, the Little Giants won by 20 points, but it was a very sloppy game for both teams.

In its 36-16 victory Tuesday night, the Ross girls' team dominated the visiting Perkins Pirates team from the opening tipoff. The Little Giants controlled both ends of the court, completely shutting off the visitor's offense inside.

It was a poorly played game, though, with both teams committing turnovers and fouls, one right after another. In the first half alone, the Little Giants lost the ball 15 times.

"We won by 20 points, but it was just a sloppy game," said Ross Coach Sue Wolf, happy with the initial win, but not so satisfied with the way her young team played.

Ross took a 7-0 first quarter lead, and outdistanced the Perkins girls for the rest of the game. The Pirates seemed to forget their offensive plays as they passed the ball around the outside of the Little Giants' man-to-man coverage. Rarely did Perkins penetrate inside.

"Offensively, our girls froze," said Perkins Coach Peggy Range. "There was no movement without the ball." Looking for a reason as to why her team could not work the ball inside the Ross defense, Range said:

"The Ross girls were more aggressive. They just outplayed us."

The Little Giants were tough on defense, forcing as many turnovers as they gave up.

"Defensively, we did a good job of keeping them off the boards and grabbing rebounds," explained the Ross coach, adding that her team had only to concentrate on shutting down the Perkins offense in close to the basket since the visitors couldn't score from the outside. Other than the hot fourth quarter shooting of Perkins' Laura Wolfe, who scored six points, four of which came of shots of about 18 feet, the Pirates rarely came near the basket.

A sparse crowd looked on as the Ross girls utilized their own hybrid "man-to-man" defense. When Perkins tried to move the ball inside, the Little Giants

the field (11 of 52); in the final period, Ross could manage only one bucket in 18 attempts.

Ross fared better from the foul line, sinking 14 of 25.

The Little Giants play Toledo Witmer Thursday night before beginning Buckeye Conference play.

The Ross girls' reserve team also won, downing the Perkins' JV's 32-8. Sophomore Cindy Binkley scored a game high 10 points. Judy Shetzer had seven and Kim Kelly scored six.

VARSITY GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	0	5	8	18
Perkins	7	10	11	8-36

SCORING

PERKINS — Laura Wolfe 2-0, Jacque Mathias 2-0-4, Cindy Weaver 1-1-3, Kay Barone 1-0-2, totals 6-2-18.

ROSS — Barb Bliss 5-6-16, Paula Zimmerman 2-4-8, Margaret Van Glider 1-2-4, Jenny Bowes 1-0-2, Debbie Link 0-2-2; totals 0-16-36

Season records: Perkins 1-0, Ross 0-1

JAYVEE GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	0	2	4	2-8
Perkins	14	7	6	5-32

SCORING

PERKINS — Tania Deal 1-0-2, Beth Lopco 0-2-2; totals 3-2-4.

ROSS — Cindy Binkley 5-6-10, Judy Shetzer 3-1-7, Kim Kelly 3-0-6, Kelly Batsche 1-0-2, Amy Troike 2-4, Judy Hazel 1-0-2, Kim Myers 0-1-1; totals 15-2-32.

Season records: Perkins 0-1, Ross 1-0

Clyde twins hit 51 in 63-40 victory

Kathy and Kelli Aman, Clyde's identical twins, combined for 51 points to pace the Fliers to a 63-40 win over Port Clinton in one of two Fremont area girls basketball games Tuesday.

In the other contest, Bucyrus stopped Bellevue 45-33.

Kathy Aman popped in 36 points and sister Kelli had 15 for the high flying Fliers but it took the Clyde team a quarter to lift off the runway.

Port Clinton, behind Vicki Carnicom and Chris Fries, led after one period 9-8 but Clyde turned red hot in the second stanza, bombing in 28 points, double that of the Redskins to jump to a 36-23 lead at the half.

Clyde canned 24 of 54 shots from the field and 15 of 29



GIMME THAT BALL. Perkins' Cindy Weaver has a good grip by Margaret Van Vilder (right), Debbie Link, middle, and Paula Zimmerman, left, of Ross move in to attempt to change

Ross basketball teams to host Whitmer, Lorain

Ross's girls basketball team will be bidding to notch its second win of the season tonight while the Ross boys cage squad will be attempting to get back on the winning path by hosting Lorain Friday night.

Toledo Whitmer, a team that beat the Little Giants girls twice by six and four points last season, will be in two tonight.

"They have two starters back from last season," Ross Coach Sue Wolf said. "One of them scored 21 points against us in one of the games."

Wolf is approaching the game apprehensively.

"The kids are looking forward to the game," she said. "The girls we have on the varsity now have never beaten Whitmer before."

After Tuesday's light practice, Wolf got a reason for her apprehensiveness. Barb Bliss, Ross's leading scorer in Tuesday's 36-16 walkaway win over Perkins in the season opener, left practice saying that she did not feel well.

"She did not look too good either," Wolf confirmed.

Bliss scored 16 points for the Little Giants in the Tuesday win.

Starters for the Ross girls tonight will be Paula Zimmerman at center; Kim Myers and Margaret Van Gilder at the wings with, tentively, Bliss at one guard and Deb Link at the other guard slot.

Lorain, 1-2 and 1-1 in the Buckeye Conference will play the Little Giants boys Friday. The Steelmen are coming off an impressive 88-74 win over Admiral King on Tuesday night.

"We have scouted them twice," Ross Coach Biz Paeth pointed out Wednesday. "They start two kids who are 6-2, another at 6-3, one is 6-1, and the other, 5-6."

The 5-6 Steelman is just a sophomore.

Big guns for Lorain are a trio of seniors who ac-

counted for 64 of Lorain's points in a 71-70 loss to Findlay 13 days ago.

Lee Svet, 6-3, Greg Pille, 6-2, and Mike Pozega, 6-2, carry the brunt of the Lorain offensive fireworks.

Defensively, Lorain sticks mainly to the man-to-man and has not pressed that much this year.

Ross, winners of the season opening game over Fostoria which stopped a 20-game losing streak, has lost two consecutive conference clashes and getting back on the right track would boost the Ross program immensely.

"We told them (the Ross team) at practice Wednesday," Paeth revealed, "that they have to stick together and plug away at it. If they do that, they are going to pick up some wins."



Ross girls now 2-0

Rebounds KO Whitmer

By CHRIS CELEK

Sports Writer

Ross girl's basketball coach Sue Wolf was the queen of understatement Thursday night after her team rebounded its way to a 44-33 win over visiting Whitmer.

"We really controlled the rebounds," she flatly stated. "I'm really happy with what our 'big' people did."

All her 'big' people — 5'7" Kim Myers, 5'9" Margaret Van Gilder and 5'9" Paula Zimmerman — kept the Whitmer girls away from the boards most of the game, and helped Ross outrebound the visiting Panthers 50-39.

Whitmer took an early first period lead, but the Little Giants, on their rebounding strength, responded with a 4-40 run remaining in the quarter and never relinquished the lead.

Outstanding individual efforts from Myers, a senior who scored 17 points and nabbed 13 rebounds, sophomore Van Gilder, 13 rebounds, and junior Zimmerman, 10 rebounds, were the key to the Ross girls' second straight win. Captain Barb Bliss, obviously battling the flu bug, contributed 10 points.

The visitors played very aggressive defense, using a full court press most of the game, frustrating the Ross ball handlers.

Early in the game, the Little Giants had trouble breaking through Whitmer's defenses, nearly causing their coach to suffer apoplexy.

Some loud, to-the-point instructions from Wolf, and nifty ball handling by Bliss opened up Ross's offensive movement as the game continued.

The flu and the tough Panther defense slowed down Bliss in the second half. Several times she could barely pick herself up from the floor.

"Bliss was ill, but I couldn't take her out," said Wolf, noting that her senior guard broke away from defenders at times when the other Little Giants could not.

Whitmer's Harry Will was not at all pleased with the game's outcome.

"Fremont is a good team, but they got outplayed tonight," he claimed, possibly thinking his team's hustle forced many of the 42 turnovers Ross forked over.

Whitmer worked the ball inside the Little Giant defense (something Ross rarely was able to do against the Whitmer defenders), but the visitors lost the game under the boards.

"Their (Ross) rebounding was the difference in the game," said Will. "They were

getting shots from the outside and followed through shots through."

Will said the officiating left much to be desired, but refused to elaborate.

"I don't want to take anything away from the Ross girls. They're a good team," he said.

Fremont's Myers had her "best game ever," leading all scorers with 17. The Little Giants sank 10 of 50 shots (20%), and 12 of 17 free throws. Ross gave its opposition plenty of opportunity from the charity stripe, but the Whitmer girls failed to cash in, sinking only 1 of 16.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Whitmer 8 10 5 10—33
Ross 16 15 7 6—44

SCORING

WHITMER — Saunders 6-13, Spencer 4-6, Cook 3-6, Van Gilder 1-2, Postlewait 1-2, Summerville 1-2; totals 16-32.

ROSS — Myers 7-17, Bliss 3-10, Van Gilder 2-6, Link 2-6, Zimmerman 2-4, Lawrence 6-2, Bowes 6-1; totals 16-32.

Season records — Whitmer 0-3, Ross 2-0

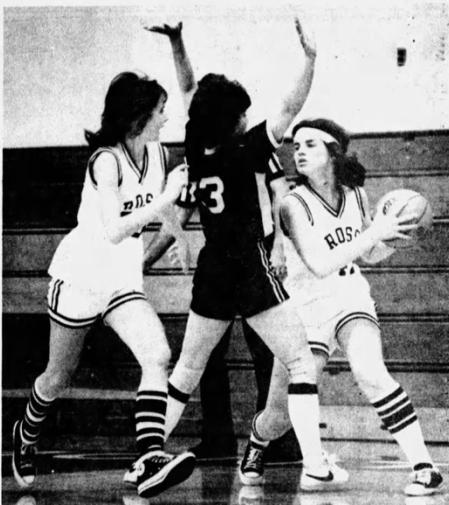
JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Whitmer 10 8 6 8—32
Ross 8 0 2 4—14

SCORING

WHITMER — Cesana 3-2-8, Warka 4-0-8, Wereshoff 2-2, Pitch 2-0-4, Elliott 1-0-2, Kellie 1-0-2, Lehmann 1-0-2; totals 14-4-32.

ROSS — Shaffer 4-0-8, Binkley 1-0-2, Hazel 1-0-2, Howell 1-0-2; totals 7-0-14



IT'S MINE! Kim Myers of Ross gives a defiant look at Whitmer's Becky Aumiller (13) after she grabbed a rebound during second half action.

Thursday evening at Ross High School. Deb Link of Ross is getting into position to help her teammate.

Judge puts crimp into Davis' grand plan

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal court judge has put a crimp in any plans

The order also prohibited the principals from seeking American League approval for an expansion team based only on

his attorneys were "not upset at all" by the suit.

Ross Basketball

Girls beaten

Melissa Chase burned Ross for 29 points as Bowling Green handed the Ross Little Giants girls loss number one after two season opening basketball wins.

Chase's outburst helped put the Bobcats on top 60-43 in a game at Ross High School Monday evening.

The quick Bowling Green lady dropped in 12 first half points but Ross, behind a balanced scoring attack, trailed by only a 26-17 count. In the third period, Chase began to warm up and Bowling Green stretched its halftime lead from nine to 10 points.

In the third stanza, Chase dropped in four buckets and added nine more markers in the final period as the Bobcats outscored the Little Giants 21-12 in the final eight minutes to break the game wide open.

Barb Bliss paced the Little Giants with 14 points and sophomore Margaret Van Gilder added 11 more for Ross.

The Little Giants hit only 18 of 57 from the floor and seven of 19 for the line. Ross was guilty of 28 turnovers, six more than Bowling Green.

Alyson Young gave the Bobcats a good one-two scoring punch by backing up Chase with 18 points.

In the junior varsity game, Ross lost its second straight 27-20. Judy Shetzer had 12 points for Ross.

On Wednesday evening, Ross will travel to Oregon Clay.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Bowling Green	12	14	13	21	-60
Ross	5	12	12	14	-43

SCORING

BOWLING GREEN — Vannett 2-1-5, Frees 0-2-2, Chase 14-1-29, Kretzschmar 2-0-4, Young 8-2-18, Dunlap 1-0-2; totals 27-6-60

ROSS — Bliss 5-4-14, Zimmerman 3-1-7, Myers 1-0-2, Van Gilder 5-1-11, Bowes 0-1-1, Lawrence 1-0-2, Clark 3-0-6; totals 18-7-43

Season record: Ross 2-1

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Bowling Green	2	12	6	7	-27
Ross	3	5	8	4	-20

SCORING

BOWLING GREEN — Appelbaum 1-0-2, Milligan 1-0-2, Gonyer 3-0-6, Hartz 1-0-2, Biesoit 2-0-4, Singleton 1-1-3, Herringshaw 0-2-2, Frees 3-0-6; totals 12-1-27

ROSS — Kelly 1-0-2, Shetzer 4-4-12, Hazel 1-0-2, Howell 1-0-2, Myers 1-0-2; totals 8-4-20

Season record: Ross 1-2

DAN HOFFMAN DRIVES A

Ross High girls beaten by Clay

OREGON — The Ross High girls basketball team couldn't hit the mark Wednesday night and as a result dropped a 39-24 decision to Oregon Clay.

With their shooting as cold as the weather outside, the Ross girls scored just nine points in the first half as they saw their record dip to 2-1 for the year.

The Ross girls hit just 10 of 43 field goal attempts and 4 of 17 free throw tries. Clay also was cold from the field, but had 70 attempts, sinking 17. The hosts made 3 of 8 free throws.

Sophomore Margarett Van Gilder was the leading scorer for the Ross girls hitting three field goals for six points. K. Gallagher canned 10 points to lead Clay.

The Ross reserve team also lost Wednesday, dropping a 35-18 decision to Clay. Judy Shetzer scored 16 points for the Ross team.

VARSITY

Ross	3	6	6	9—24
Clay	8	6	8	17—39

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

ROSS — Bliss 2-0-4, Link 2-0-4, Zimmerman 0-1-1, Myers 1-3-5, Van Gilder 3-0-6, Clark 1-0-2, Lawrence, 1-0-2, totals 10-4-24

CLAY — Morrison 2-0-4, Franke 2-0-4, Szabo 3-0-6, Gallagher 5-0-10, Zunk 1-0-2, Jaco 2-0-4, Imhoff 0-1-1, Mencer 1-2-4 Tansha 2-0-4 totals 18-3-39

RESERVE

Ross	4	2	8	4—18
Clay	12	6	8	9—35

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

ROSS — Shetzer 6-4-16, Troike 1-0-2, totals 7-4-18

CLAY — Ward 6-0-12, Buehler 4-0-8, Crosskill 3-1-7, DeArmone 1-0-2, Peacock 0-2-2, Myers 1-0-2, Szabo 1-0-2, totals 16-3-35

Men in the new women's athletic world

Ross point of view

By CHRIS CELEK
News-Messenger Staff Writer

Not so long ago, a woman teacher's place was in the classroom and schoolgirls joined the cheer block if they wanted to get near a basketball court. No longer.

Many area high schools, including Fremont Ross, have expanded their athletic programs to include varsity teams for girls. Changing contemporary attitudes and Title IX, (federal legislation hanging over athletic directors' heads, which requires schools to provide girls "equal" opportunity for athletic participation) have opened up many gymnasiums previously thought to be strictly male domains.

Women have moved into the coaching ranks to direct the increasing number of girls' sports activities, but according to Dick Sherman, Ross High athletic director, not enough "qualified" women are available to meet the demand.

Fremont Ross met its need by hiring a man, Jack Goldston, to serve as the girls' varsity assistant. Sue Wolf, a Ross graduate with four years coaching experience, is the Little Giant's head mentor.

"I came to this program to help where I can help," said Goldston, who also teaches biology. "I'm here to help build basics."

Goldston was brought up from the junior high school, where he coached eighth grade boys the past four years. Although he has no other coaching experience, he said he has developed a good knowledge of basketball fundamentals by coaching the eighth graders and working as a scout for the Ross boys' varsity.

It is this "basics" knowledge that he was hired to share with the Ross girls, who are lacking many fundamental skills and competitive experience. Whereas most members of the boys' basketball team have participated in basketball and other sports since as early as the sixth grade, athletics, particularly basketball, is something foreign to the Ross girls.

"They don't know what it means to go (total effort) until it hurts (physically)," Goldston said after a practice Friday morning. They haven't had this drilled into them."

A big difference between working with girls and boys, besides the obvious — "You don't do locker room talks," he explained, is that the girls do not always produce what Goldston and Wolf, think are the girls' "best" efforts. This results from the girls not knowing what "their best efforts are," said Goldston adding, that the girls simply have not had enough competitive exposure.

Goldston said he rarely yells at the Ross girls, though his boss does frequently, and in no uncertain terms. Goldston prefers to explain in a more subdued manner.

"A lot of times the girls will make a mistake and quit. I'd rather tell them to 'get back in there and play. Forget the mistake, but don't quit,'" he said.

The Ross assistant can scream; he just doesn't like to.

"With the boys," he recalled, "I may have gotten a little louder."

His quieter approach is more of a personal style rather than "taking it easy because they're girls," Goldston said. Still, men working with female athletes often handle their duties differently.

When the Ross girls played Toledo Whitmer (coached by two men) a week ago, Fremont won the contest with aggressive defensive play, causing the Whitmer team to make many mistakes.

One visiting Panther was pulled from the game after being charged with a foul she apparently didn't think she committed.

The girl broke into tears after returning to the Whitmer bench and her coach, Bill Laudick, tried to settle her down. He crouched in front of the bench, put his hands on her knees and began to speak. Then he quickly pulled his hands back, possibly worrying about what parents and spectators would think.

Wolf said she never assumes that men's behavior while coaching girls will be the same as their coaching manner when working with boys.

"I don't think they (the men coaches) should be touching them on the rear, though," she said about coaches' common game time mannerisms, including congratulatory slaps to the behind.

In her second-year as head coach, Wolf said she has found coaching against men to often be an advantage for her team. Some of the men, she said, feel they know more about the game and tend not to concentrate as hard when playing Ross.

Working with men (Goldston, Sherman and boys' coach Biz Paeth) has been a big help, Wolf added.

"Working with men and coaching against them has forced me to work harder," said the Little Giants' coach. "It has helped me to improve."



SUE WOLF
... An advantage

Girls play Tuesday

Ross's girls basketball team will be in action Tuesday at Toledo Central Catholic against the tough Fighting Irish.

The Little Giants of Coach Sue Wolf are on a two-game losing skid after opening the season with two straight wins.

The JV game will begin at 6 p.m.

Ross in Medina tourney

The transplanted Medina Wrestling Tournament is the next step of the season for Al Voggenthaler's Ross wrestling team.

Switched to Baldwin-Wallace College because of the closing of the Medina school, the two-day tournament will be held on Dec. 28-29.

There are 23 teams in the big high school tourney including such powers as Maple Heights, Cleveland John Marshall, Worthington, and Toledo St. Francis. Ross finished eighth out of 18 teams a year ago in the tournament.

The Little Giants had one championship, Jesse Heidelberg at 105, and third place finishes at 155 (Clarence Parks) and heavyweight (Jim Smith) in the '76 meet.

No times have been finalized as of yet for this year's tournament but will be set sometime today.

Tickets for all four sessions are on sale through Voggenthaler. Tickets are \$5 and are good for all four sessions. Call Voggenthaler at 332-5859 to purchase the tickets.



Jack Goldston: assistant girls basketball coach

Elyria 'big men' in town Tuesday

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Surprising Ross will have only a few days to savor its longest basketball winning streak in more than a year and one-half when Buckeye Conference power Elyria rolls into town Tuesday.

The Pioneers (trees would be more fitting nickname) bring a lineup into the Ross gym to face Biz Paeth's team that may have the maintenance workers at Ross raising the height of the entries.

"We give up 15 inches to them," gulped Paeth who has guided the Little Giants to a 3-3 overall record and 2-3 in the rough and tumble conference. Both Ross marks are more than surprises for the residents of the Buckeye.

The Little Giants had an ultra successful week, knocking off previously unbeaten Sandusky 68-62 on Tuesday and then escaping Marion Harding 62-55 despite playing what Paeth termed a "flat game" on Thursday night.

"Gee whiz," the Ross coach said boyishly, "they (Elyria) certainly are taller than us."

Steve Lindquist, a 6-6 senior, is the biggest of the Pioneers and operates out of low or high post for Coach Mike Riley's crew. Brian Balser, a 6-4 senior, is the point guard but, according to Paeth, "runs inside" most of the time.

Mike Underman, 6-3, is described by Paeth as Elyria's best player and will start at one of the wings or a post spot. Wayne Ross, 6-1, and 5-11 Jamie Gilbert round out the usual Elyria starting five.

The sixth man for Riley's crew is 6-4 Stan Page.

"They have four players who usually do most of the scoring," Paeth said. "Ross is the rebounder . . . a real workhorse on the boards but he has not been scoring much."

Defensively, Elyria has used a tenacious zone press in past seasons, but has not used that tactic too much this season according to the Ross scouting report.

"Against Marion (Elyria lost 55-51), they used a '2-2-1' press," Paeth ex-



plained, "but it was more of a token press."

"So I really don't know what to expect."

What the Ross first year leader does expect is for Elyria to go inside as much as it can on offense.

"What I'd like to do," Paeth chuckled, "is play the entire game on our side of the 10-second line. My feeling is that we have to go after them — I don't want them to come after us with all those big guys."

Paeth disclosed that he had told his team Thursday before the game with Marion that he felt that particular game was very "meaningful."

"I felt that the winner of that game could be a contender," he said, "because a lot of the really good teams in the conference have already lost two games. We are 2-3 but everybody in the conference has lost and we are still in the first round."

Continuing, Paeth said, "This game Tuesday will be a very important one for us in that respect."

Game time is 6:30 Tuesday for the junior varsity game with the varsity game beginning at approximately 8:15 p.m.

ROSS NOTES — Tim Pettorini's Ross JV team broke a three-game losing streak Thursday by stopping Harding 75-55. The Little Giants outscored Harding 24-12 in the telltale third period.

Steve McGilton is the Little Giants' leading scorer with a 17.8 ppg. The 6-0 junior tops a threesome of Little Giants in double figure scoring . . . Randy Hammer, who played possibly his finest all-around game for the Little Giants Thursday is next with a 14.7 and Tim Price, Ross's floor general, is carrying a 13.7 ppg.

McGilton is also Ross's leading rebounder with 46 and Price leads in assists with 29 in six games. The best field goal shooter is McGilton with 40 of 83 for 48 percent.

Bill Burel and Hammer are tied for second in rebounding with 41. Hammer has 19 offensive rebounds.

TCC hands girls third loss

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross's final quarter charge fell short as Toledo Central Catholic handed the Little Giants girls their third loss in a row 48-40.

Ross outscored the Fighting Irish 18-12 in the final eight minutes but the shooting of TCC's Chris Tuhle kept Ross in the hole. Tuhle tossed in 10 points in the first half and after being held scoreless in the third period, dropped in four buckets in the final eight minutes of play.

The Little Giants, hitting only 14 of 52 shots in the game, had trailed 36-22 after three periods. Barb Bliss, who wound up with 13 points, dropped in four points and Debbie Clark added four more in Ross's last quarter spurt.

Ross was hurt by 31 turnovers, nine more than TCC. A 1-2-1-1 press helped the Irish force Ross into numerous mistakes.

Besides Bliss' 13, Ross got six points apiece from Margaret Van Gilder and Clark.

The Little Giants also lost the JV game 26-23.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	8	10	4	18	—40
TCC	4	22	10	12	—48

SCORING

ROSS — Bliss 4-5-13, Link 1-2-4, Zimmerman 0-2-2, Myers 1-1-3, Van Gilder 3-0-6, Clark 3-0-6, Bowes 1-1-3, Lawrence 1-1-3; totals 14-12-40

TCC — Tuhle 9-0-18, Snyder 3-0-6, Czerniak 3-0-6, Lagger 2-1-5, Bialorucki 1-0-2, Wiczynski 4-3-11; totals 22-4-48

Season record: Ross 2-3

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	6	7	4	6	—23
TCC	7	6	6	7	—26

SCORING

ROSS — Shetzer 4-1-9, Binkley 2-4-8, Swidersky 1-0-2, Stout 1-2-4, Kelley 0-0-0; totals 8-7-23

TCC — Leahy 1-0-2, Durzynski 1-0-2, Zitzman 2-1-5, Clark 3-4-10, Desmond 2-0-4, Potrzebowski 1-1-3; totals 10-6-26.

Northview faces Ross girls squad tonight

Fremont Ross's girls basketball team will kick off a full slate of action involving Ross athletic teams over the next three days.

Sue Wolf will send her Little Giants girls squad up against unbeaten Sylvania Northview tonight at the Ross gym. The JV game will get underway at 6:30 with the varsity game at approximately 8:15.

Ross's girls are currently 2-3 with the losses coming in a row after opening the season with two wins.

The Ross boys court squad will return to Buckeye Conference action Friday when it travels to Lorain Admiral King. Biz Paeth's team, 3-5 overall and 2-4 in the conference, will be going against an always tough Admirals team.

The Admirals are 5-3 overall but 3-3

in the conference and one game ahead of the Little Giants in the standings.

On Saturday, the Little Giants swim team will travel to Napoleon. It will be the first action for Art Bucci's squad since the Purple-White meet Dec. 17.

The Mal Mackey Junior Varsity Wrestling Tournament will also be held at Ross on Saturday. The Little Giants JVs will host the eight-team tournament.

ROSS NOTES — Barb Bliss leads the Ross girls in scoring after five games with an 11.4 ppg. Steve McGilton leads the boys with an 18.5 and is third in the BC with an 18.7 clip for conference games only. Randy Hammer and Tim Price are 13th and 14th, respectively in the conference scoring race with 13.7 and 13.2.

Price is fourth in the BC in assists.

Bad timing for Ross

Ross would have liked to have been Father Time Thursday.

If the Little Giants' girls basketball team could have pulled that switch, the team would have elected to keep the first eight minutes of the game and the first nine minutes and three seconds of the second half and thrown out the other ticks of the clock.

Instead, Coach Sue Wolf's team faced reality and absorbed a 56-42 defeat at the hands of unbeaten, 6-0, Sylvania Northview. The loss was the fourth in a row for Ross and dropped the team to 2-4 for the season.

"We went out of our offense," Wolf said while trying to control her emotions. "We did that in the second quarter and again in the last quarter."

The Little Giants roared off to a 14-7 lead after one period as Northview's attack frizzled. In the second period, it was a new Northview team.

With Anne Armstrong tossing in six points and teammates Laurie Schnee and Julie Hoehing scoring four apiece, the visitors outscored Ross 18-6 to take a 25-20 lead into the intermission break.

"We tried to run with them," Wolf explained, "in the second quarter and in the final quarter."

That's when Ross would have liked to down a Father Time role. The Little Giants would have settled for the third quarter and the 63 seconds in the final period.

Lori Lawrence keyed a Ross drive with 10 points in the third period and Barb Bliss added five more to pull Ross to within three at 38-35.

A jumper from 15-feet out on the left side by Bliss brought Ross to within one a minute into the quarter and two free throws by Lawrence just three seconds later gave Ross a 39-38 lead. Lawrence was fouled on one of her five second half steals to set up the tying and go-ahead charity tosses.

But Ross gave up the clock and Northview, with Sue Ziegler canning eight points and Schnee six outscored Ross 18-3 over the final 6:57 and that was that.

"I don't think they forced us out of our offense," Wolf pointed out, "it was just us trying to run with them."

Bliss was high for Ross with 16 points and Lawrence added 14, a

dozen coming in the second half. Armstrong had 17 for Northview and Schnee added 16. Ziegler ended up with 12.

Ross was outrebounded 44-29 and had 22 turnovers to Northview's 21. The Little Giants were 18 of 53 and Northview 24 of 62 from the floor.

The Little Giants went down to the wire in the JV game before recording a 23-22 victory. Judy Shetzer had 13 for Ross.

Ross is idle until next Tuesday when it hosts Mansfield in the first game of divisional play in the Buckeye Conference.

VARSITY GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Northview	7	18	13	18	56
Ross	14	6	15	7	42

SCORING

NORTHVIEW — Armstrong 7-3-17, Ziegler 5-2-12, Schnee 7-2-16, Hoehing 3-1-7, Gee 2-0-4; totals 24-8-56

ROSS — Bliss 6-4-16, Zimmerman 1-0-2, Myers 3-0-6, Van Bilder 1-0-2, Clark 1-0-2, Lawrence 6-2-14; totals 18-6-42

Season record: Northview 6-0, Ross 2-4

JV GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Northview	1	0	13	8	22
Ross	8	8	5	3	23

SCORING

NORTHVIEW — Hardin 3-3-9, Hyma 1-1-3, Boudouris 2-0-4, Wells 2-0-4, Kreuz 2-0-4; totals 9-4-22

ROSS — Shetzer 5-3-13, Stout 0-2-2, Binkley 1-0-2, Myers 0-1-1, Swedersky 1-0-2, Tucker 0-1-1, Howey 1-0-2; totals 8-7-23

Ross girls have prolonged vacation

One of these days, Sue Wolf will get to coach again . . . maybe.

There hasn't been a lack of games for the Ross girls basketball team, just a lack of cooperation from Mother Nature.

"We haven't played since the fifth (January)," Wolf managed to chuckle as she bundled herself up in preparation for another flight from Ross. Wolf was getting ready to fight the elements one more time after learning that the snow and winds had forced Ross to shut its doors at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

With the closing went the postponement of yet another game — the third straight — and immediately put Thursday's hoped for clash with Findlay in doubt. The Little Giants were to have traveled to Sandusky Tuesday night but the weather forced that game to be moved back to Feb. 7.

On Jan. 10, Ross was to have played its first game in the Buckeye Conference but that fell victim to the weather and was rescheduled for Jan. 30. The Jan. 14 game with Upper Sandusky was also whitewashed and moved back to Feb. 11.

The delays, especially the game with Mansfield, took a bit of the edge off the conference opener. It is the first year that the girls teams will be competing in conference play and the final outcome will be figured into the standings of the conference's "all-sports" award.

"The kids have something more to work toward," Wolf said talking about the advent of conference girls play. "Before, all they had was to get ready for the tournaments."

Ross is grouped with Mansfield, Marion Harding, and Findlay in the Western Division of the conference. Elyria, Sandusky, and both Lorain schools are in the Eastern Division.

Thursday's opponent, Findlay, is a bit of a mystery to Wolf but then she admits that every team that her girls play is a "scouting" system.

"With the girls games being scheduled during the week," the Ross coach explained, "it's hard to get coaches out to see other teams."

Most of the scouting for the boys games is by coaches of various junior high teams while Wolf faces the problem of those weekday contests. This creates the problem of the Ross varsity playing the same night as some junior high games and so there are no coaches available to scout future opponents.

The lack of seeing a team beforehand does not necessarily displease Wolf.

"There are times that I feel the kids should not know what to expect," she said while agreeing that should a team do something different, it could cause confusion.

"I like to know what the other team is doing, though," she quickly added.

The long layoff could help or hurt her team — Wolf says its hard to tell.

"The practices have been going well . . . up to the point where the kids want to play."

For the Findlay game, Wolf has moved sophomore Judy Shetzer, the junior varsity's leading scorer, into the varsity lineup against Findlay. Shetzer will be teamed at the guard slot with Lori Lawrence who dropped in 14 points in the last game Ross played, a 56-42 loss to unbeaten Sylvania Northview.

The forwards will be a pair of seniors, Barb Bliss and Kim Myers. Bliss is producing points at a 12.6 rate, tops for the team. The center will be 5-9 junior Paula Zimmerman.

Wolf said that Debbie Link will be back after missing the final game because of illness.

Although juggling her starting lineup, Wolf says she will utilize all the players she has on tap.

The junior varsity game will begin at 6:30 Thursday with the varsity game at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Ross girls win first conference game



ROSS GIRLS basketball coach Sue Wolf is not at a loss for words or directions when it comes to watching and coaching her team in a game. At the top left, Wolf ponders a move against Findlay and in the middle she

lets her team know what to do vocally. In the right photo, she points to where she wants a particular player to go. (News-Messenger photos by Dan Borelli)

Mathews' views:

'Others belong'

NEW YORK (AP) — The newest member of baseball's Hall of Fame thinks some of the modern players belong in the Hall of Shame.

"The one thing I'm proudest of is that every day I played, I gave the best I had," said Eddie Mathews, the latest pledge in the fraternity of stars at Cooperstown, N.Y. "I don't think the players today do that."

"And I don't think they're as happy as we were. I feel sorry for them. Every day you read about how they don't like the way the uniform fits or their locker is too close to the shower. For the money they make, I don't think the production or attitude is there."

Mathews, the slugging third baseman of the Boston, Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves in the 1950s and 60s, made the Hall of Fame because of his skill with the stick, blasting 512 home runs in a 17-year career. His three years as manager with Atlanta were much less distinguished and they have obviously left a sour taste in his mouth.

"I have no desire to manage or coach again," said Mathews, now a scout with

the Milwaukee Brewers. "Basically, it's because of the attitude of the players. They're making good money, but they can't run a first base. You ask them 'Why?' and they say 'I can't get my head together.' You ask them to take extra batting practice, and they say they have to go to the grocery store."

Mathews said his top salary was \$67,500, which he made "fairly steady most of my career. I considered it a darn good salary."

The Baseball Writers Association of America felt he had better than a darn good career, voting him into the historic shrine in his fifth year of eligibility. He received 301 votes out of the 379 cast, a comfortable margin over the 285 (75 percent) required to gain entry into the Hall.

"This is the most exciting day of my life," said the lifetime .271 batter and the fifth third baseman to gain immortality. "I think last year I was a little more excited. This year I fought it. I used reverse psychology. I just didn't want to go my hopes up again. Last year was very disappointing, but this was well worth waiting for."

Pardee quits Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears found themselves without a football coach today after Jack Pardee resigned and headed for greener

pastures.

Pardee, who had been bidding his time in signing a new contract, asked permission to talk to the Washington Redskins and

shortly after that the Bears issued a release saying Pardee had resigned.

Pardee, who had been at the Bears' helm for the last three years and had been reluctant to sign again, said this morning, "I nearly fell out of bed when I heard the news Wednesday night."

The news was that George Allen had been fired as coach of the Redskins.

Pardee left for Washington to talk to the Redskins, and the Bears were in line searching for a new head coach. When asked whether he had been fired or quit, Pardee said: "Well, no, I'm just talking to Washington. Nothing has changed." Told the Bears had said Pardee had resigned, he replied, "Well, whatever they said."

Jim Finks, general manager and vice president of the Bears, was on his way to Tampa, Fla., for the National Football League meetings and unavailable for comment.

Pardee, reached at O'Hare International

Airport before leaving for



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BIRD FEED

Bliss hits game winner against Findlay

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Barb Bliss swished two free throws with 29 seconds to play in the game to give Ross a come from behind 43-41 win over Findlay in a Buckeye Conference girls basketball game Thursday.

Bliss went to the line after being hacked by Findlay's Lynne Hoppe. The two charity tosses were the final points of a 16-point night by Bliss who led the balanced Ross attack.

The win snapped a four-game losing streak by the Little Giants and was the first in conference play. Ross is now 3-4 and 1-2 while Findlay slipped to 4-2 and 1-2 in the B.C.

"Yes," Ross Coach Sue Wolf smiled when asked if the return to the winning column felt good. She then added, "I hope that this will start us off."

Ross had trouble getting any sort of a start against the Trojans. Findlay, with Hoppe tossing in three buckets, poured in seven of 12 shots to grab a 15-10 first quarter lead.

"I think that is the only quarter that they really outplayed us," Wolf said.

Ross began to rev up its meter in the second period. With Debbie Link coming off the bench to score six points, Ross trailed by only a 23-21 count at the half. A minute and one-half into the second half Ross

took the lead. A free throw and a tip by Bliss turned the trick for Ross.

The biggest margin that the Little Giants could open up in the period, however, was only three on two occasions. Findlay managed to take the lead at the quarter break 31-30 on back-to-back buckets by Beth Kruse and Laurie Smith.

The Trojans stretched their lead to 37-32 with 5:10 to play on a pair of buckets by Smith and another by Kruse. A tip by Kim Myers started the Little Giants on the comeback trail at that point.

Bliss hit a one-hander from the left of key to cut Findlay's lead to 37-33 at the 3:30 mark but Smith canned a layup to give the Trojans a three-point lead a minute later.

It was all Bliss from that point. The 5-6 senior scored the rest of the Little Giants' points and left Findlay reeling.

A bucket and the front end of two free throws tied the game at 39 with 1:43 to play. A shot from the middle of the lane gave Ross a 41-39 lead 18 seconds later. Hoppe gave Findlay a short-lived reprieve at that point with a layup with 1:02 to play.

Ross worked the clock down to the 29-second mark before Bliss was fouled by Hoppe to set up the winning charity tosses. From that point, the Little Giants survived a desperation 15-foot shot from the side by Laura Petterson for the win.

"That game was too long," Wolf

said as she drew out the "too."

"It was just too long for comfort. We forgot to start playing until the last of the game," she offered.

Ross hit 17 of 54 shots while Findlay tossed in 19 of 44. Both teams grabbed 26 rebounds.

Lori Lawrence, Link and Myers canned eight points apiece to back up Bliss' 16. Smith ended up with 18 for Findlay.

In the junior varsity game, Findlay remained undefeated by Findlay back to back. Jayne Brim had nine for Findlay and Lisa Swidersky had six for Ross.

Ross will host Marion Harding Saturday afternoon in another conference clash. The JV game will get started at 2 p.m.

VARSITY GIRLS
SCORE BY QUARTERS

Findlay 15 6 6 10-41

Ross 10 11 9 13-43

SCORING

FINDLAY — Karen Hemker 4-1, Lynne Hoppe 4-1, Laurie Smith 8-2-18, Beth Kruse 2-4-4, Laura Peterman 3-6, Sherry Shingler 1-4-1.

ROSS — Judy Shetzer 0-0, Lori Lawrence 4-4, Barb Bliss 5-16, Paula Zimmerman 1-1, Kim Myers 4-4-8, Debbie Link 3-2-8, Cindy Carpenter 1-1, Debbie Stevens 1-2-1.

Season records: Ross 3-4 (1-0), Findlay 4-2 (1-2).

JV GAME
SCORE BY QUARTERS

Findlay 6 6 6 6-24

Ross 0 4 4 2-10

SCORING

FINDLAY — Jayne Brim 4-1, Susanna Duncan 1-2, Beth Belser 0-1, Julie Fox 3-6, Deb Hemker 1-2, Diane Meldeback 1-0, Brenda Bostick 1-1, Debbie Stevens 1-2-1.

ROSS — Kim Kelly 1-2, Amy Tolke 1-2, Lisa Swidersky 3-0-5; totals 10-10

Sports Briefs

TENNIS

TOKYO — Defending titlist Australia took a 2-0 lead over Japan in the Davis Cup Eastern Zone semifinals as Geoff Masters outclassed Jun Kuki 6-1, 6-3 and 6-2 and Phil Dent beat Kenichi Hirai 6-2, 10-8, 6-0.

HOUSTON — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova and three other favorites won second-round matches in the \$100,000 Women's Pro Tennis tournament.

Navratilova, the defending champion, overcame second set errors to defeat Marise Kruger, 6-2, 6-4. Fourth-seeded Virginia Wade defeated Francoise Durr, 6-3, 6-2; sixth-seeded Betty Stove ousted Lea Antonopolis, 6-2, 7-5; and eighth-seeded Wendy Turnbull struggled to a 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 decision over Greer Stevens.

COLLEGE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — The National Collegiate Athletic Association has placed Oklahoma State University on probation for a two-year period for a multitude of football recruiting infractions.

The probation period covers the 1978 and 1979 football seasons and prohibits the Big Eight school from appearing on television or going to bowl games.

BOWLING

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Johnny Petraglia led a group of 24 bowlers into the match play portion of a



BARB BLISS (24) and Deb Link (20) of Ross put the squeeze on Findlay's Laurie Smith during Thursday night game at Ross High School. The

defensive play worked when Smith lost control of the ball during fourth quarter action.

Girls: Ross whips Mansfield

MANSFIELD — The Ross girls basketball team erupted to a 20-10 halftime lead and coasted to 39-28 Buckeye Conference victory over host Mansfield here Saturday.

"It's the best we have played this season," said Ross Coach Sue Wolf. "It was a great team effort."

Barb Bliss led the Ross attack with 21 points, including 14 in the big first half.

The Little Giants had a good shooting day with 16 of 37 field goals for 43 percent.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	11	9	14	5—39
Mansfield	6	4	8	10—28

SCORING

ROSS — Bliss 7-7-21, Zimmerman 1-0-2, Myers 3-0-6, VanGilder 3-0-6, Lawrence 2-0-4; totals 16-7-39

MANSFIELD — Black 3-0-6, Roessler 2-2-6, Holzwarth 1-1-3, Curry 1-0-2, Hriesik 1-0-2, Wappnerx 3-0-6, Valdry 1-1-3; totals 12-4-28

Season records: Ross 4-5 (2-1)

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	2	5	8	5	0—20
Mansfield	4	2	10	4	2—22

SCORING

ROSS — Kelley 5-0-10, Stout 0-1-1, Batesole 1-0-2, Binkley 0-2-2, Troike 0-1-1, Tucker 2-0-4; totals 8-4-20

MANSFIELD — Selmon 6-1-13, Burnell 0-1-1, Rice 1-0-2, Cameron 1-0-2, Pulasky 1-2-4; totals 9-4-22

Ross girls thrash Sandusky

SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross got strong scoring performances from Lori Lawrence and Debbie Link plus controlled the boards with Paula Zimmerman and Barb Bliss while evening its girls basketball record at 5-5 with a 47-40 win over Sandusky here

Tuesday.

The game was not as close as the score indicates. Ross was up 39-16 heading into the final quarter.

"They started to shoot from the outside," Ross Coach Sue Wolf explained, "and all the shots seemed

like they were going through."

Lawrence scored a season high 17 points and Link added 10 for the Little Giants.

"They had great games," Wolf praised Ross's two scoring leaders, but she quickly added that a big plus for her team came in the rebounding department.

Ross controlled that handily 54-41 with Zimmerman grabbing 16 and Bliss 11. Kim Myers also had 10 rebounds in addition to nine points for the Little Giants.

"Zimmerman and Bliss and Myers had complete control of the inside," Wolf said about her team's best night of rebounding.

In addition to the rebounds, Bliss had eight assists.

"Team-wise, I was pretty happy," Wolf said. "We stuck together pretty well. We did not have the great game like we did Saturday (a 39-28 win over Mansfield) but it was close."

Rosech 0-2-2, Miller 2-0-4; totals 15-10-40

Season record: Ross 5-5

JV Game

Score by quarters (OT)

Ross 9 0 0 7 5-21

Sandusky 0 10 4 2 6-22

Scoring

ROSS — Kelley 4-2-10, Batsotle 0-1-1, Almaguer 2-0-4, Troike 2-1-5, Tucker 0-1-1; totals 8-5-21

SANDUSKY — Hearn 1-0-2, Leaser 2-0-4, MacGregor 1-0-2, Swope 1-0-2, Carter 3-0-6, Wintersellar 3-0-6; totals 11-0-22.

College basketball

By The Associated Press

EAST

Clarion 78, Edinboro 68

Delaware Vly at FDU-Madison, ppd., snow.

Kean at Jersey City, ppd., snow

Massachusetts at Rutgers, ppd., snow

Medgar Evers at Upsala, ppd., snow

Mercyhurst 80, Gannon 66

Morgan St at Robert Morris, ppd., snow

St. John's at Rhode Island, cancelled

St. Peters at Iona, ppd., snow

Yale at Brown, ppd., snow

SOUTH

Albany St 71, Bethune-Cookman 66

Alderson-Broaddus 91, Salem 83

Berea 84, Georgetown, Ky. 78

Eton 80, Mars Hill 62

Glenville 71, Davis & Elkins 52

Gulford Col 92, Lenoir Rhyne 88

Hampden-Sydney 88, E. Men-

nonite 86, 2 OT

King Tenn 82, Emory & Henry

Tusculum 82, Clinch Vly 70

Virginia St 96, J.C. Smith 84

Virginia Union 98 St. Augustine's 97

William & Mary 70, Navy 62

Wingate 79, Lees-McRae 77

Winston-Salem 81, Hampton Inst 70

MIDWEST

Augustana 89, N Central 69

Bethel, Ind. 68, Ft Wayne 47

Bradley 98, Butler 82

Cedarville 77, Urbana 60

Concordia St. Minn. 60, Hamline 59

Concordia, Neb. 104, Nebraska Wesl 79

DePaul 83, Duquesne 58

Doane 61, Dana 52

Friends 82, Bethel 76

Goshen 90, Marion 78

Grace 71, Indiana Tech 70, OT

Hastings 81, Midland 68

Hiram 53, John Carroll 49

Huntington 71, St. Francis, Ind 70

Illinois Wesl 78, Elmhurst 47



LORI LAWRENCE
... 17 points

PAULA ZIMMERMAN
... 16 rebounds

Wrestling roundup

Lakota only

Findlay belts Ross

FINDLAY — The Ross girls basketball team dug itself a hole and never recovered Thursday night in dropping a 44-19 decision to host Findlay in a Buckeye Conference game.

The loss drops the Ross season record to 5-6 and 2-2 in Buckeye Conference division play.

“We never got started,” said Ross Coach Sue Wolf.

Findlay led 7-2 at the end of the first quarter and upped to 17-7 at halftime and 28-13 at the end of three quarters.

The shooting stats tell the story with Findlay hitting 15 of 35 from the field for 43 percent, to only seven of 36 for 19 percent for Ross.

Laura Peterman of Findlay was the only girl in the game to score in double figures with 13. She had six in the final period. Cindy Stefan and Laurie Smith had eight for the Trojans.

Barb Bliss and Lori Lawrence had four points apiece for the Little Giants.

Findlay also took the junior varsity game by coasting to a 39-17 decision.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	2	5	6	6-19
Findlay	7	10	11	16-44

SCORING

ROSS — Bliss 1-2-4, Link 1-1-3, Zimmerman 1-0-2, VanGilder 1-0-2, Lawrence 2-0-4, Carter 1-1-3, Kellogg 0-1-1; totals 7-5-19

FINDLAY — Kruse 3-0-6, Peterman 4-5-13, Stefan 3-2-8, Smith 3-2-8, McDowell 1-3-5, Shingler 1-0-2, Hemker 1-0-2; Totals 16-12-44

Season records: Ross 5-6 (2-2)

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	5	5	3	4-17
Findlay	7	9	12	11-39

SCORING

ROSS — Kelly 3-1-7, Batesole 0-3-3, Binkley 2-0-4, Troike 1-1-3; totals 6-5-17

FINDLAY — Brim 3-3-9, Duncan 1-0-2, Beisner 5-0-10, Fox 2-2-6, D. Hemker 2-1-5, Wortman 1-1-3, T. Hemker 1-0-2, Gerber 1-0-2; totals 16-7-39

Marion spurt tumbles Ross

MARION — Host Marion Harding broke a 21-21 tie going into the fourth quarter and defeated the Ross girls' basketball team 37-29 here Thursday night.

It was the first time the Ross girls had been in action since Jan. 19 and the loss lowered the Ross season record to 3-5.

Marion got a quick start on Ross by outscoring the Little Giants 11-4 in the first quarter. A 10-4 spurt in the third quarter enabled Ross to tie the game going into the final period.

Barb Bliss had 12 points in a losing cause for Ross. Mary Wigton of Marion led all scorers with 16 points, including eight in the crucial fourth period.

Ross only canned 13 of 47 field goals for 28 percent and the Presidents hit on 15 of 44 for 34 percent.

The Ross junior varsity team led 12-3 at halftime and hung on for a 24-15 victory over the hosts.

Ross will continue Buckeye Conference play Saturday at Mansfield.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	4	7	10	8-29
Marion Harding	11	6	4	16-31

SCORING

ROSS — Bliss 6-0-12, Link 2-0-4, Myers 1-1-3, Zimmerman 1-0-2, Lawrence 0-2-2, VanGilder 1-0-2, Bowes 1-0-2, Carter 1-0-2; totals 13-3-29

MARION — Wigton 7-2-16, Culp 2-2-6, Collins 3-1-7, Stewart 2-2-6, Gustin 1-0-2; totals 15-7-37

Season records: Ross 3-5

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	6	6	8	4-24
Marion Harding	2	1	4	8-15

SCORING

ROSS — Kelly 5-0-10, Binkley 1-0-2, Troike 4-2-10, Tucker 0-2-2; totals 10-4-24

MARION — Wolf 5-1-11, Henderson 1-0-2, Gorhain 1-0-2; totals 7-1-15



LORI LAWRENCE of Ross gets ready to go up for a layup but is fouled by Mansfield's Linda Wappner (13). Lawrence scored 20 points for Ross.

JIM LIPSTRAW, right, of the Fremont Purple wrestling team, has the advantage against St. Joe's Tim Cullen in the 138-pound finals Saturday in the John Tisworth tournament. Lipstraw scored on a nearfall just seconds from the end of the



Ross cages Tygers

Ross's girls basketball team turned defensive tyrants in the second half Saturday against the Mansfield Tygers to post a 45-29 Buckeye Conference girls basketball win and set the stage for a key clash tonight against Marion Harding.

"We have to win Monday (tonight) to tie for first in the conference," Ross Coach Sue Wolf said after the win over Mansfield.

If Ross should defeat Harding, the Western Division of the conference would cause a bit of a dilemma for the conference hierarchy. When setting up the girls conference roundball schedule and breaking it into divisions, the conference rulers never set tie-breaking provisions up for the standings.

Depending on the standings, the winners of the two divisions will meet on Feb. 16 for the overall conference title. As it stands, a Ross win could give the Little Giants, Harding, and Findlay identical 4-2 marks and put the tie-breaking burden on the conference officials.

In Saturday's win, Ross was sluggish in trailing Mansfield at the half 21-19.

"We were getting the shots in the first half but they would not fall," Wolf said.

ferred and then continued, "I don't know what exactly was wrong with our defense in the first half — perhaps we weren't blocking out but in the second half, the defense definitely looked much better."

Barb Bliss tossed in 17 points and Lori Lawrence had 20 for the Little Giants.

"Bliss and Lawrence had great nights," Wolf praised, "and the last three quarters were the best that we have played all season."

Ross is now 6-5 overall and 3-2 in the BC.

Tonight's junior varsity game will begin at 6 p.m.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	1-2	2-3	3-4	1-4
Mansfield	8	13	4	4	22			
Ross	6	13	16	10	45			
SCORING								
MANSFIELD — Shetter 1-2, Black 1-2, Curry 6-6-12, Wappner 2-4, Valdry 1-2; totals 14-1-29								
ROSS — Bliss 7-3-17, Link 1-0-2, Zimmerman 1-0-2, Myers 1-0-2, Lawrence 9-2-20, Swidersky 1-0-2; totals 20-5-45								
Season record: Ross 6-5 (3-2)								

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

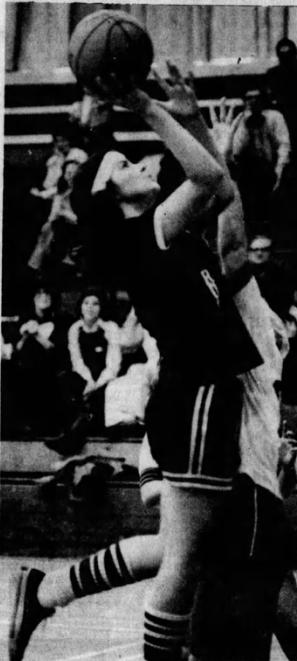
	1	2	3	4	1-2	2-3	3-4	1-4
Mansfield	7	4	11	6	23			
Ross	2	1	5	6	19			
SCORING								
MANSFIELD — Schaefer 5-5-15, Seymour 1-0-2, Butler 0-2-2, Rice 2-4-2; totals 8-1-22								
ROSS — Kelly 2-5, Almaguer 1-0-2, Bindley 3-0-6, Troike 1-1-3, Tucker 1-1-3; totals 8-3-19								
Season record: Ross 6-5 (3-2)								



DEB LINK of Ross watches the Mansfield defender just before starting to drive the base line Saturday at Ross High School.

Streaks on top

Fremont St. Joe rolled to the championship in the fifth John Tisworth Memorial Junior High Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Ross High School.



Little Giant girls put pressure on BC

The pressure is on the Buckeye Conference officials now and Ross's girls basketball team put it on them.

The Little Giants sent the Buckeye Conference Eastern Division into a three-way deadlock and now it's up to the conference to decide how the deadlock is broken. Whichever way it goes, one of the three teams — Ross, Findlay, or Marion Harding — will be left out in the cold when it comes to the first girls basketball playoff in the conference's history.

Ross knocked off Marion Harding Tuesday 44-36 to create the three-way tie. The top two teams will play the top two from the Eastern Conference (Sandusky, Elyria, and both Lorain schools) to determine the top four teams in the conference.

There was no provision made for breaking a tie so Coach Sue Wolf and her team must wait to see if they made the playoffs.

Against Marion, Ross trailed only briefly in the first quarter 7-6. The rest of the time the Little Giants had their heads above water.

Kim Myers of Ross scored 17 points and sophomore Judy Shetter had 10 for Ross. "I could not have asked for any more out of them," Wolf praised her team and then spoke of the possible tiebreaker.

"We're all 4-2 and it's too bad that one team will be left out in the cold."

The Little Giants were playing without number two scorer Lori Lawrence who was out with the flu.

"Margaret Van Gilder has bronchitis," Wolf explained as she added to her team's sick list. "And I could not play here that much."

Cavs beat Knicks in OT

RICHFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Campy Russell said he never enjoyed a game more in his life than Tuesday night's 136-127 double-overtime victory by

the Cleveland Cavaliers over the New York Knicks. Russell, who had 25 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, said he was "up and down" all night but "I enjoyed every minute of it."

Shetter away to trail 58-48 at the half and 79-73 after

the third quarters. A basket by Jim Chones with 8:16

left put the Cavaliers ahead 84-83 and the game

ended with a 106-105 win for the Cavaliers.

"We didn't execute well

in the second half, and you

don't expect a professional

team to go all night playing

bad," explained New York Coach Willis Reed. "We

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84-83 and the game

FOSTORIA — St. Wendelin rolled to its 13th win in 17 games 75-59 over Lakota in high school basketball.

Tony Lee tossed in 23 points and Pat Faeth had 19 for St. Wendelin.

St. Wendelin trailed by one, 11-10, after

one period but used the momentum of a

22-17 scoring margin in the second

shots (19-68) for the game.

Lakota was forced into 23 turnovers.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	1-2	2-3	3-4	1-4
Lakota	11	17	21	21	50			
St. Wendelin	10	22	15	26	75			
SCORING								
LAKOTA — Gable 4-4-10, Schaefer 2-1-5, Saalman 8-8-24, Smith 1-4-6, Kreals 1-0-2, Wiesner 1-2-4, Wiles 1-0-2, Hedge 1-0-2; totals 19-21-59								
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Tiffin stops Ross

TIFFIN — The first and third quarters were the downfall for the Ross girls basketball team Saturday in a 44-35 loss to host Tiffin Columbian.

Columbian led 10-2 at the end of the first quarter and outscored the Little Giants 14-4 in the third quarter to stretch a 17-11 halftime lead to 31-15.

"Their height really hurt us," observed Ross Coach Sue Wolf. "We had a cold hand both at the foul line and from the floor."

Ross sank 13 of 63 field goals for 20 percent and nine of 21 free throws for 43 percent. The Tornadoes were 19 of 77 from the field for 24 percent and six of 12 at the line. Columbian had a huge 68-35 edge in rebounds with Kim Myers hauling down 12 and Barb Bliss seven for the Little Giants.

"Barb Bliss and Kim Myers played very well," said Wolf. Bliss scored 19 points to lead all scorers, while Geri Hill and Tracey Bogner had 10 for Columbian.

The loss evened Ross's season record at 7-7. Columbian rolled to a 38-14 victory in the junior varsity game.

Varsity game
Score by quarters

Ross	2	9	4	20-35
Columbian	10	7	14	33-44

Scoring

ROSS — Bliss 6-7-19, Myers 3-1-7, Lawrence 2-1-5, VanGilder 2-0-4; totals 13-9-35

COLUMBIAN — Magers 3-0-6, Heyman 3-1-7, Hitchcock 2-1-5, Fisher 1-4-6, Hill 5-0-10, Bogner 5-0-10; totals 19-6-44

Season records: Ross 7-7

JV game
Score by quarters

Ross	2	2	8	2-14
Columbian	10	12	8	8-38

Scoring

ROSS — Kelly 4-0-8, Troike 2-0-4, Tucker 1-0-2; totals 7-0-14

COLUMBIAN — Dillard 6-0-12, Moninee 1-0-2, Moore 6-0-12, Magers 3-0-6, Lange 3-0-6; totals 19-0-38

Myers leads Ross win

Kim Myers scored 11 points and grabbed a dozen rebounds as Ross's girls basketball team dominated Sandusky 47-32 Thursday at Ross High School.

The Little Giants pulled away from Sandusky in the third quarter with a 13-6 margin on the scoreboard. Ross had led 21-16 at the half.

The Ross girls grabbed 52 rebounds and hit 19 of 43 shots for 44 percent in one of the better performances of the season. Myers led in both scoring and rebounding with Barb Bliss adding 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Paul Zimmerman and Margaret Van Gilder had nine rebounds apiece for Ross and Debbie Link grabbed another seven.

Lori Lawrence dropped in nine points as Ross edged a game over the .500 mark at 8-7.

Ross never trailed in the contest, moving out to a 13-10 lead after the first eight minutes and out-scoring Sandusky 26-16 in the final 16 minutes of the contest.

Kathy Schowe had 14 points for the Blue Streaks.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Sandusky	10	6	6	10	32
Ross	13	8	13	13	47

SCORING

SANDUSKY — Schowe 6-2-14, Gant 3-0-6, Turner 2-0-4, Shaw 1-0-2, MacGregor 1-0-2, Poy 1-0-2, McCarty 1-0-2; totals 16-0-32

ROSS — Bliss 4-2-10, Link 3-0-6, Zimmerman 3-0-6, Myers 4-3-11, Lawrence 3-3-9, Van Gilder 1-0-2, Kellogg 0-1-1, Swedersky 1-0-2; totals 19-9-47

Season record: Ross 8-7

Five Ross athletes win MVP awards

Five Ross High School athletes were awarded "most valuable" trophies Thursday evening during the Ross Winter Sports Awards Program.

Clarence Parks and Paul "Tex" Miller shared the MVP award for the wrestling team. Named the Mal Mackey Award, Parks and Miller earned

the honor for team leadership and accomplishments during the season.

Parks, a senior, was the sectional and district

champion, as well as a repeat winner in the Buckeye Conference Tournament at 155 pounds. Miller, a junior, was the sectional champ and runnerup in the district while also winning a conference title at 126. Both of the MVPS made it to the state tournament in Columbus.

Parks was also the recipient of a captain's trophy and shared the award for most takedowns with another senior, Dave Campbell.

Other wrestling awards went to junior heavyweight Troy Amor for most pins; senior Chuck Binkley for most improved; and Mike Pena, a junior, won the coaches' award for his attitude and effort. Pena was a surprise winner of a conference title at 119 pounds.

Paul Adams was named the most valuable JV wrestler.

Mark Porczak was named the most valuable swimmer. It was one of three trophies that the Ross senior took home. He also was named as a co-winner of the White Scholarship along with Doug Ackerman, a junior.

The White Scholarship is awarded in memory of Tom White Jr. by White Plumbing and Heating.

Other special award winners for the swim team went to Dave Stoven as the most improved while Ackerman won the coaches' award. Ackerman went through the season with a steel pin in his leg after an automobile accident last fall.

Jean McKittrick and Charlie Lease also received captain's trophies for the swim team.

Senior Kim Myers was tabbed as the girls basketball team's MVP. She also shared the co-captaincy with senior teammate Barb Bliss.

Bliss was awarded a trophy as the team's best defensive player.

Lori Lawrence, a junior, won two awards. She was the team's best free throw shooter and also won the most improved award.

Paula Zimmerman, a

junior, won the rebounding trophy while Amy Troike was the most valuable junior varsity player.

Randy Hammer, a three-year letterman for the Little Giants boys basketball team, was named the most valuable player. It was one of three trophies that Hammer took home. He was also tabbed

as "Mr. Defense" and co-captained the Little Giants along with Tim Price.

Price was awarded the team trophy as the best free throw shooter along with his captain's trophy.

Steve McGilton, a junior, won the rebounding award. Gregg Heiden, a sophomore, was the junior varsity's "outstanding" player winner.



GIRLS BASKETBALL award winners. Left to right are Lori Lawrence, Kim Myers, Paula Zimmerman, Amy Troike and Barb Bliss.

Golf courses open Saturday

Several area golf courses will be open for play this weekend, if the weather permits.

Those courses planning on opening Saturday are Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Fremont, Green Hills Golf Club in Clyde, and Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Clyde. The Oak Harbor Club may open Saturday or next week.

Nature Trails Golf Course in Bettsville is planning on opening Sunday. The Sugar Creek Golf Course in Elmore has been open this week.

'Down debut

CLEVELAND (AP) — Thistledowns will open Friday with a 10-race program to kickoff the summer thoroughbred racing season, officials said.

George W. Jones, Thistledowns general manager, has announced a \$1.2 million stakes program for the summer. The program's highlight will be the \$150,000 Ohio Derby June 18.

Minimum purses will be \$2,500 in Thistledowns races.

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WRESTLING AND BOYS BASKETBALL award winners. Seated at the table, left to right, are Mike Pena, Paul "Tex" Miller, Chuck Binkley, Campbell; Gregg Heiden; Steve McGilton.



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