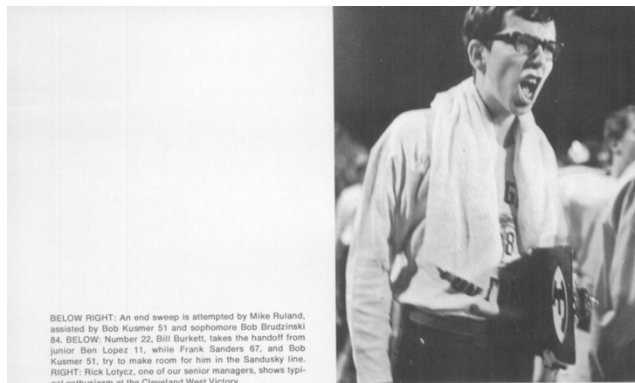


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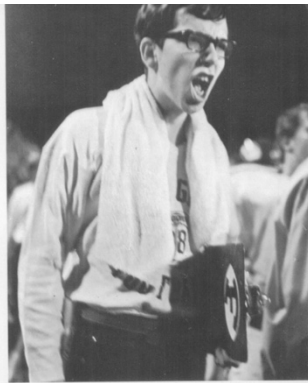


ROW ONE: Coach Dorman, Bill Burkett, Randy Arndt, Frank Sanders, Mike Ruland, Tom Nighswander, Chuck Miller, Scott Johnson, Bob Kusmer, Gary Butdorf, Coach Shuff. ROW TWO: Coach Hammon, Chuck Serfozo, Rick Roach, Jim Thiessen, John Szymanowski, Mike Tooman, Gary Tatsak, Perry Shenk, Mike Stanley, Barry Hawk, John Heidelberg, Coach Long. ROW THREE: Jeff Werling, Mike Roach, John Werling, Dale Shoemaker, Mike Sherman, Andy Sale, Mike Feasel, Ted Kreilick, Denny McKoy, Chuck Lindsey, Tom Liggins, Ben Lopez, Dave Mierke.

ROW FOUR: Mark Allan, Brian Shenk, Rob Lytle, Bob Brudzinski, Jerry Johns, Scott Merritt, Bob Weiler, Larry Johns, Marshall Graham, Chuck Celek, Scott Berlekamp, Don Moore, Tim Shimer. ROW FIVE: Junior Palomo, Denny Weikert, Bernie Proietty, Lamor Johns, Julius Simms, Jon Smith, Paul Branko, Bob Koebel, Steve Holman, John Haff, Mike Beiler, Tom Pitts, Ed Pihall, Rick Koebe, Jeff Tschumy. ROW SIX: Steve Lotycz, Dick DeMars, Coach Biggs, Coach Fields, Mr. Lotycz, Coach Wade, Coach Armstrong, Rick Lotycz, Dave Lawrence, Dave Geib.



BELOW RIGHT: An end sweep is attempted by Mike Ruland, assisted by Bob Kusmer 51 and sophomore Bob Brudzinski 84. BELOW: Number 22, Bill Burkett, takes the handoff from junior Ben Lopez 11, while Frank Sanders 67, and Bob Kusmer 51, try to make room for him in the Sandusky line. RIGHT: Rick Lotycz, one of our senior managers, shows typical enthusiasm at the Cleveland West Victory.

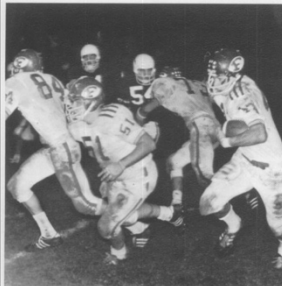


## 1970 Season Final One For 19 Seniors; Burkett, Liggins Named Buckeye All-Stars



ROW ONE: Jim Thiessen, Barry Hawk, John Szymanowski, Frank Sanders, John Heidelberg, Chuck Serfozo. ROW TWO: Randy Arndt, Gary Tatsak, Bob Kusmer, Rick Roach, Scott Johnson, Gary Butdorf.

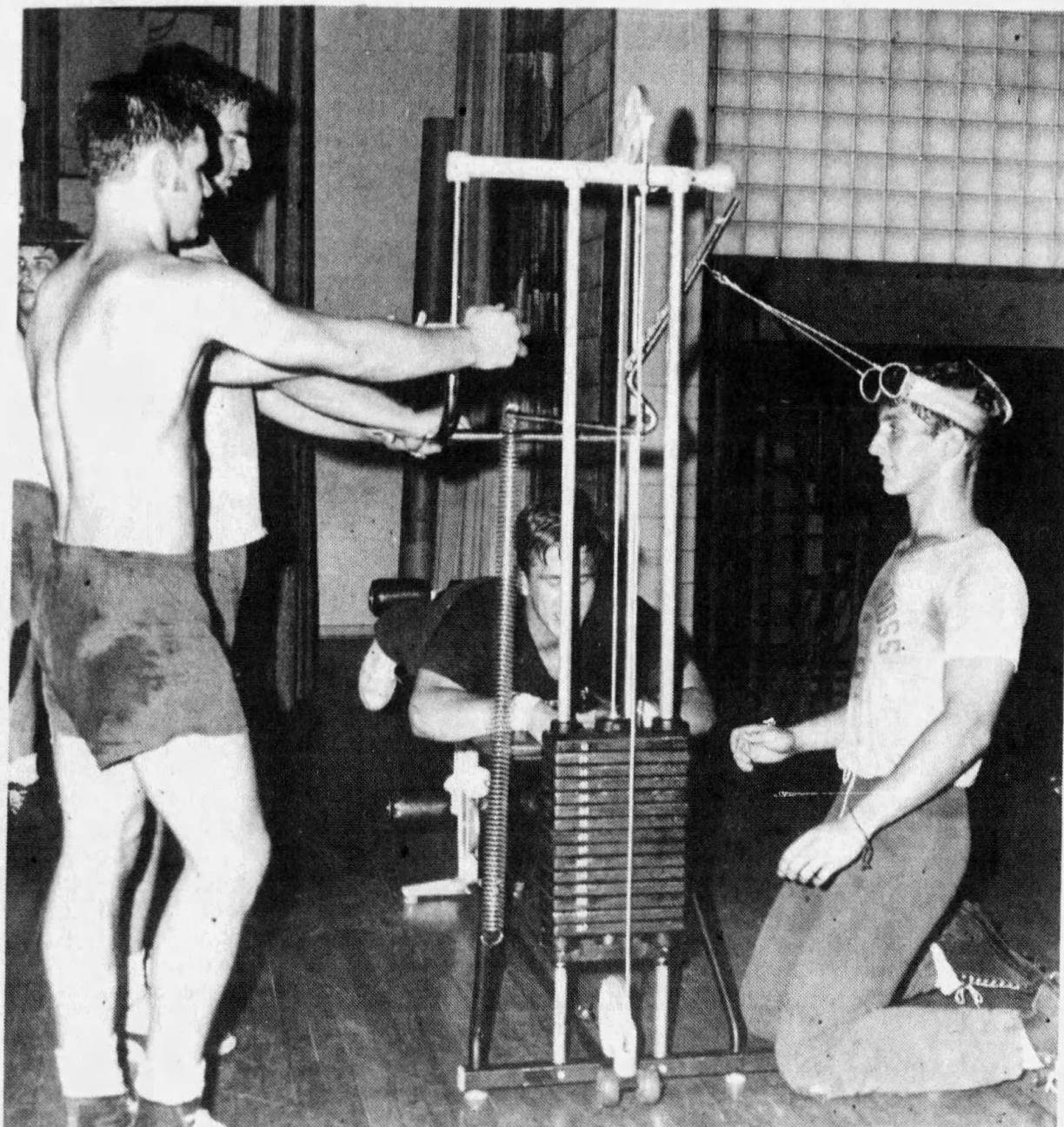
ROW THREE: Perry Shenk, Bill Burkett, Tom Nighswander, Chuck Miller, Mike Tooman, Mike Stanley, Mike Ruland.



The muddy deadlock at Lorain Admiral King marked the end not only of another season of football, but also closed the high school football careers of the squad's senior members.

Beyond their honors earned while playing for Ross, seniors Bill Burkett, Chuck Miller, and Tom Nighswander were named to all-star teams of the Buckeye Conference. Burkett was placed on the first team and Miller and Nighswander on the second.

Junior Tom Liggins, leading scorer of the conference, was also placed on the first team and Ted Kreilick, also a junior, gained a position on the second Buckeye team.



**LETTERMEN GETTING READY**—Ross high's football candidates are meeting daily at the school for conditioning exercises prior to the start of practice August 19. Part of the conditioning program involves work on the Gladiator, a new \$2,800 weight-lifting apparatus purchased by the Booster Club and

Athletic Department. A total of 15 persons can work out on the machine at one time. Shown during their daily workout on one part of the machine (left to right) Dan Johnson, Chuck Miller, Gary Butdorf and Bill Burkett. All four are returning lettermen. (News-Messenger Photo)

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MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR work on buildings and equipment in advance of the opening of Fremont public schools is moving forward, according to Business Manager Ed Celek . . . The new scoreboard for Harmon field is expected to arrive daily . . . The new electric board was donated by a soft drink company and is being shipped here from Chicago . . . It will be set on standards installed by employees of the schools . . . The new scoreboard will be located on the south or Miller street side of the field instead of at the location of the old board . . . Also being installed on the field are the regulation pedestal type of goal posts . . . The school board is still awaiting delivery of four new school buses ordered earlier this year, but they may not arrive in time for the opening of classes . . . Meanwhile the garage employees are working on replacing seven sets of fenders on buses before opening day . . .



**"HERE IS HOW I WANT IT DONE" —** Fremont News-Messenger photographer Larry Sollazzo explains to Ross high school linemen how he wants them positioned for a photo during Friday's picture day at Harmon Stadium. The linemen are Chuck Miller

(second from left), Gary Butdorf and Tom Nighswander (right). Sollazzo was taking photos for the Second Annual News-Messenger Football Tabloid which will be distributed Tuesday, September 8. (News-Messenger Photo)



# Little Giant Coach Cites Improvement

Fremont Ross completed its second week of pre-season football drills with what head coach Chuck Shuff termed a "real good" scrimmage against Toledo Whitmer Tuesday.

"I thought we improved quite a bit over what we did Saturday," Shuff said. "Our running game looked real good and we seem to be getting our pass timing down.

"Tom Liggins did a real fine job running. Ben Lopez threw a touchdown pass to Don Moore. The offensive line did a whale of a job. They were really moving kids out of there.

"All of the boys seemed to be more relaxed than they were Saturday. They were ready to play football. I think we have all the basics in now. We will begin adding a little more to our offense and defense."

Ross scored six touchdowns in the controlled scrimmage compared to Whitmer's one. Whitmer had another TD called back because of a penalty.

The Little Giants have begun one-a-day practices since school started Tuesday. Their final foreign scrimmage before the opening game will be staged on the practice field against Sylvania Saturday morning.

Ross opens the 1970 campaign at Harmon Stadium Friday, September 11, against Toledo Rogers.

# Ross-Rogers Meet Friday

Fremont Ross high school Athletic Director Dick Sherman said Wednesday the Little Giants will open their 1970 football campaign with Toledo Rogers Friday as scheduled.

There has been much speculation concerning the game since Toledo teachers went on strike Wednesday morning.

"I've talked with Rogers officials and they told me their team will be here to play," Sherman said. Hilton Murphy, commissioner of Toledo high school athletics, said Tuesday the teams would be coached by administrators if the strike isn't settled.

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Student and adult tickets will be sold for the Ross high games at the high school, Junior high school, Vanguard and Tremper's for all home and away games.

Junior and Senior high school students must have I.D. cards to sit in sections A and B at the stadium. Only grade school students allowed in these sections will be those with their parents. All other grade school students must sit in the bleachers at the south end, east of the scoreboard. No grade school students will be admitted through the gates unless accompanied by an adult. No student tickets will be sold at the game unless the student is accompanied by an adult.

The entire stadium will be reserved for the Sandusky game.

# Who Will Coach Rogers? Little Giants Ready For Rams

The game will go on.

Even though Toledo Rogers high school football coach Tom Lyons is picketing like many other teachers in that city, the Rams will invade Harmon Stadium Friday at 8 p.m. to help Fremont Ross open the 1970 gridiron campaign.

If the Toledo teacher strike isn't settled by Friday evening, Rogers will be coached by two assistants or the principal and athletic director.

Assistant coaches Lee Wood and Bob Lover sent the team through practice Wednesday. If they don't join their fellow teachers on the picket lines, they will pilot the Rams. If the assistants do join the strike, the coaching chores will be taken over by principal John Parsons and athletic director Dale Hepler.

Parsons is a former Ottawa Hills football coach. Hepler was an assistant at Rogers for a number of years.

Fremont Ross head coach Chuck Shuff will take a wait-and-see attitude.

"We won't change anything," Shuff says. "If Rogers does something different we will change our plans during the game. We know how coach Lyons thinks in different

situations. We don't know what the other fellows would do."

Shuff reports the Little Giants are ready for the opening bell.

"As far as techniques and timing go we are ahead of where we were the last two years," Shuff said. "Our passing game has improved."

Shuff won't announce his starting lineup until Friday. But if pre-season practices are any indication plenty of veterans should be in front line posts.

The starting quarterback will probably be junior Ben Lopez. Shuff has stated several times since practice opened that he's pleased with the way Lopez has taken over the controls of the offense.

Hard-running Tom Liggins will certainly get the call at tailback. Liggins was All-Buckeye Conference as a sophomore in 1969. Shuff has said Liggins will run the ball at least 30 times a game.

Bill Burkett was receiving the call at starting fullback in pre-season scrimmages. Two sophomores—Rob Lytle and Don Moore—are slated to see plenty of action at wing back.

Across the front line the coaching staff is expected to use

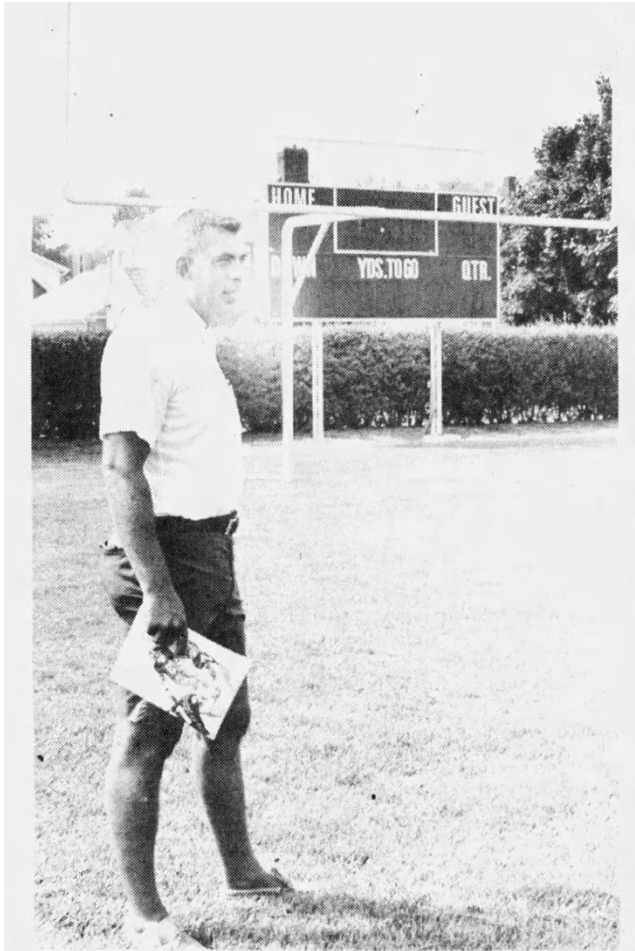
Chuck Celek (tight end), Tom Pitts (split end), Chuck Miller and Tom Nighswander (tackles), John Szymanowski and Frank Sanders (guards) and Bob Kusmer (center). Pitts and Lopez are the only non letter winners in the offensive group.

Defensively, Andy Sale and Bob Brudzinski will probably get the call at end. Miller and Nighswander will see much of the tackle duty. They will be spelled by Kusmer, Ted Kreilick and Scott Johnson. One of these three will probably be the middle guard.

Gary Butdorf and Randy Arndt started at linebacker in most scrimmages. Arndt is the only player on the roster with an injury. He bruised his shoulder in last Saturday's scrimmage with Sylvania.

Jim Theissen, Lytle and Mike Tooman were tested at monster back. All three are expected to see action. The defensive secondary was a question mark throughout pre-season practices. But, it has been bolstered by the return of Chuck Lindsey, who didn't practice the first two weeks because of a muscle pull.

Others expected to see action as deep backs include Pitts, Burkett, John Werling and Liggins.



**FINAL CHECK** — Ross high school athletic director Dick Sherman recently made an inspection of Harmon Stadium, site of Friday night's Fremont Ross-Toledo Rogers football game starting at 8 p.m. Shown in the picture are the new scoreboard and one of the new goal posts that have been installed at the game site. (News-Messenger Photo)

## *Ross Hosts Rogers* **Grid Campaign Begins**

High school football returns to the area sports scene Friday night with seven games on tap.

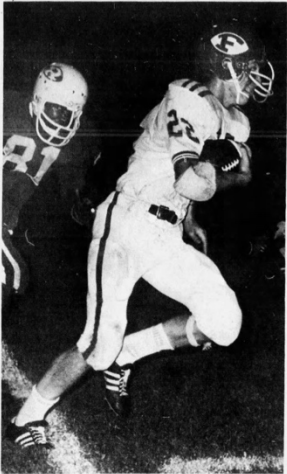
Fremont Ross will entertain Toledo Rogers at Harmon Stadium. Ross athletic director Dick Sherman expects a large crowd to jam Harmon Stadium for the contest. Gates will open at 7 p.m. Kickoff is 60 minutes later.

Two back yard rivals — Oak Harbor and Woodmore — tangle at Oak Harbor. Another neighborhood rivalry finds Port Clinton traveling to Bellevue.

Gibsonburg and Margaretta, which have been rated as contenders for the Sandusky Bay Conference title, have home engagements. Delta is at Gibsonburg and Vermilion invades Margaretta.

Clyde travels to Sandusky Perkins and Genoa is at Anthony Wayne. The opening weekend schedule extends through Sunday afternoon. Lakota will play at Fostoria St. Wendelin Saturday and Fremont St. Joseph hosts Lorain Catholic Sunday at 2 p.m.





**LITTLE GIANT TOUCHDOWN**—Ross high fullback Bill Burkett appears to be only a half-step ahead of Toledo Roger defensive end Joe Carroll as Burkett swept into the end zone in Friday's opening game at Harmon Stadium. Burkett carried the ball 13 times for 66 yards. (News-Messenger Photo)

| Ross-Rogers Measurements     |       |                  |                  |                  |              |         |               |                  |       |
|------------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|------------------|-------|
| SCORE BY QUARTERS            |       |                  |                  |                  |              |         |               |                  |       |
| ROSS                         | 7     | 0                | 7                | 8                | —            | 29      | Ben Lopez     | 3                | 8     |
| ROSS                         | 6     | 0                | 6                | 8                | —            | 14      | Chuck Lindsey | 4                | 125   |
| SCORING                      |       |                  |                  |                  |              |         |               |                  |       |
| Rogers                       | —     | Kevin Wolff      | six yard run     |                  |              |         | Passer        | Att.             | Comp. |
| (Mike Cornachione kick 7:0)  |       |                  |                  |                  |              |         | Ben Lopez     | 4                | 2     |
| Rogers                       | —     | Mike Cornachione | eight yard run   |                  |              |         | Receiver      | Catches          | Yds.  |
| (Mike Cornachione kick 1:48) |       |                  |                  |                  |              |         | Tom Liggins   | 2                | 38    |
| Ross                         | —     | Tom Liggins      | 25 yard run      |                  |              |         | Bob Lyle      | 1                | 8     |
| (pass failed 6:14)           |       |                  |                  |                  |              |         | Chuck Lindsey | 1                | 7     |
| Rogers                       | —     | Mike Cornachione | seven yard run   |                  |              |         | PUNTING       |                  |       |
| (Mike Cornachione kick 2:14) |       |                  |                  |                  |              |         | Kicker        | Kicks            | Ave.  |
| Ross                         | —     | Bill Burkett     | one yard plunge  |                  |              |         | Bob Bradinski | 3                | 30.3  |
| (Chuck Lindsey run 14:25)    |       |                  |                  |                  |              |         | KICK RETURNS  |                  |       |
| Rogers                       | —     | Kevin Wolff      | ten yard run     |                  |              |         | Runner        | Returns          | Yds.  |
| (Wolff run 25:14)            |       |                  |                  |                  |              |         | Tom Pitts     | 1                | 1     |
| TEAM STATISTICS              |       |                  |                  |                  |              |         |               |                  |       |
| Ross                         |       |                  |                  |                  | Rogers       |         |               |                  |       |
| NET YARDS GAINED             |       |                  |                  |                  | Rushing      |         |               |                  |       |
| Rushing                      | 227   | 229              | 40               | 48               | Runner       | Curr.   | Yds.          | Ave.             |       |
| Passing                      | 45    | 22               | Mike Metting     | 14               | 66           | 4.7     |               |                  |       |
| FIRST DOWNS                  |       |                  |                  |                  | Rushing      | 14      | 17            | Mike Cornachione | 15    |
| Rushing                      | 18    | 17               | Mike Cornachione | 15               | 115          | 6.1     |               |                  |       |
| Passing                      | 2     | 4                | Kevin Wolff      | 15               | 71           | 4.7     |               |                  |       |
| Penalty                      | 2     | 1                | Dave Jones       | 1                | 0            | 0       |               |                  |       |
| PASSES ATTEMPTED             |       |                  |                  |                  | Passing      | 4       | 20            | 5                |       |
| Completed                    | 4     | 2                | Passer           | Att.             | Comp.        | Int.    | Yds.          |                  |       |
| Intercepted                  | 1     | 0                | Kevin Wolff      | 1                | 0            | 0       |               |                  |       |
| FUMBLES                      |       |                  |                  |                  | RECEIVING    |         |               |                  |       |
| Ball Lost                    | 1     | 0                | Receiver         | Catches          | Yds.         | Ave.    |               |                  |       |
| Penalties                    | 4     | 2                | Mike Cornachione | 1                | 36           | 4       |               |                  |       |
| Yards Penalized              | 4     | 1                | Mike Metting     | 1                | 36           | 4       |               |                  |       |
| PUNTS                        |       |                  |                  |                  | PUNTING      |         |               |                  |       |
| Average                      | 30.1  | 17               | Kicker           | Kicks            | Ave.         |         |               |                  |       |
| INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS        |       |                  |                  |                  | Al Woodard   | 1       | 17            |                  |       |
| Rushing                      |       |                  |                  |                  | KICK RETURNS |         |               |                  |       |
| Player                       | Curr. | Yds.             | Ave.             |                  | Runner       | Returns | Yds.          | Ave.             |       |
| Tom Liggins                  | 24    | 148              | 6.1              | Jan Morloch      | 1            | 16      | 16            |                  |       |
| Bill Burkett                 | 12    | 66               | 5.5              | Mike Cornachione | 2            | 35      | 26.5          |                  |       |

# Little Giants Bow, 29-14 Toledo Rogers Surprises Ross

By ROY WILHELM  
Ross high's Little Giants stumbled out of the starting blocks as the 1970 football season got underway at Harmon Field Friday night and it was a ball controlling Rogers high school grid team that tripped up the hosts. With their head coach and his assistants sitting in the stands watching, the Rams still had enough going for them to walk off with a 29-14 victory.

Directed off the field by former coach turned principal John Parsons and on the field by a deft senior quarterback named Kevin Wolff, the Rams powered their way to one touchdown in each of the four periods of play. A hard charging offensive line and a carefully mixed variety of plays gave the Rams control of the football as they sustained touchdown drives of 36, 65, 42 and 51 yards. With Wolff directing the show from the quarterback position, the Rams mixed traps and bootleg sweeps to good advantage as Wolff, Mike Cornachione and Mike Metting churned up chunks of yardage.

Wolff and Cornachione scored a pair of touchdowns apiece and the two joined Metting in piling up 252 yards among them. Cornachione, a 171 pound senior halfback, scrambled his way for 115 yards in 19 carries, while Wolff picked up 71 and Metting bulled his way into the line for 66 more. Wolff also connected on five of seven passes — four to Metting and one to Cornachione.

The Rams broke the ice the second time they had the football, driving 46 yards in nine offensive plays and two penalties. Wolff went the final six yards with just 3:27 left to go in the first quarter. Rogers wasted little time in scoring again. The Rams halted Ross without a first down after the kickoff and then moved 65 yards in just nine plays scoring on an eight yard run by Wolff with 10:12 to go in the half.

The Ross offense made things interesting in the second half, but the defense couldn't slow the Rogers drive. The Little Giants moved 71 yards for a touchdown after taking the second half kickoff. The drive, which was helped by a 15 yard penalty against

Rogers, ended with Tom Liggins hustling into the end zone for the Little Giants' first score of the 1970 campaign.  
Ross held and got the ball back again deep in Rogers' territory when a punt went off the side of the kicker's foot, but the Rams picked off a pass and then moved in for what proved to be the deciding score.  
From there on, it was strictly catch-up football for the Giants and the Rogers offensive machine was more than equal to the challenge.

It was a bitterly disappointing defeat for the Giants and head coach Charles Shuff as all were looking for a good first game that might serve as a springboard toward a good season.

"We didn't look as sharp defensively as we did in our first scrimmage," Shuff said after the contest. "They just out-fired our defensive line, we weren't aggressive enough."

Although he was disappointed in the defense, Shuff reported that he was generally satisfied with the offensive performance of his squad, especially in view of the fact that the Rams played a good ball control game. He praised Tom Liggins and Bill Burkett for their performances in the backfield.

Liggins, last year's super-soph of the Buckeye Conference, blasted his way through the Rogers line for 146 yards in 24 carries and one touchdown. Burkett, an end turned fullback, gained 66 yards in 13 tries in his first varsity assignment in the offensive backfield.  
While Shuff was pleased with the running and the blocking of the offensive line, he was somewhat disappointed in the passing game, which netted just four completions in 16 tries and suffered two interceptions. The Ross mentor, however, expressed the opinion that there would be considerable improvement in this phase of the game as Ben Lopez, the Little Giants' new quarterback, and his receivers gained more confidence under game conditions.  
"I think they'll bounce back," Shuff said of the team's morale after the loss.



**GANG TACKLE**—Jim Morloch (15), Kit game at Harmon Stadium. Liggins carried the ball 24 times for 146 yards. Cartwright (12) and another Toledo Rogers player stop Fremont Ross tailback Tom Liggins following a short gain in Friday's

## Penalties Hurt Little Giants Several Plays Decisive

They say each football game has some key plays that really make the difference between winning and losing and Friday night's Ross-Rogers game had some plays that many might think are perfect examples of this belief.

The initial Rogers touchdown came at the end of a fine 86 yard drive, but that drive received a big boost by a personal foul penalty. The Rams had second down and one to go on the Ross 30 yard line when they tried a pass. The receiver, however, was nailed for an eight yard loss on the play and the Giants' stock went up. However, one of the Little Giants was called for hitting the man to late and the Ross squad was penalized 15 yards.

With a first and ten on the Ross 23, Rogers moved in to score in just two plays and a five yard penalty against the Giants.

Late in the second quarter, the Giants hurt themselves again as another costly penalty stalled a

potential touchdown drive. With second and goal to go on the 11 yard line, the Giants were set back by an offside penalty and then they failed to reach the end zone.

Even with these setbacks and a 144 margin against them, the Giants came out in the second half as if they might take charge. They drove 71 yards for a touchdown and then quickly got the ball back as a poor Rogers punt went out of bounds on the Rams' 37 yard line. Three plays later, however, Tony Burgin picked off a Ross pass and raced back to the Little Giants' 42 yard line. From there, the Rams moved in for the score. In reviewing the play, Ross head coach Charles Shuff shook his head and reported that the Rogers "defensive halfback had been playing outside and we tried a hook pass. . . he came inside on that play."

The loss was obviously surprising to many Fremont

Ross fans with hopes of a good season, but indications were that the win was just as surprising to Rogers' supporters.

One member of the Rogers athletic staff — not a football coach — reported that an assistant Rogers coach who had compared the Ross-Whitmer scrimmage with the previous performances by the Rams had predicted a 38-7 Ross victory. He said that the feeling was that the Rams would be good, but not nearly good enough to beat Ross.

Although Jack Parson, Rogers principal, who guided the Rams Friday night, is no longer associated with coaching, he is not unfamiliar with the job. He once served as head grid coach at Ottawa Hills. Administrators who assisted him also had experience in coaching.

The Rogers coaching staff was in the stands at the game, not participating on the field because of the Toledo teachers strike.—WILHELM.

## Golden Bears Stop Delta As Jurski Scores Twice

GIBSONBURG—Tom Jurski scored two touchdowns as good for the final two points. LaSalvia to Gary Stevenson was club. Our kids were really getting hit out there.

Gibsonburg eked out a hard-earned 16-8 victory over Delta in the opening game of the campaign for both teams Friday night. Delta's only score came in the closing moments of the game when Lynn Leitner burst into the end zone from five yards out. He also scored the points after touchdown when he snared a pass from Bud Sharp.

Jurski was the leading Gibsonburg rusher. He toted the pigskin 12 times for 77 yards. Football Ted Smith picked up 68

Gibsonburg dominated the final statistics. The Golden Bears chalked up 15 first downs

## Sandusky, Marion, Mansfield, Findlay Post Non-League Wins

Four Buckeye conference of a 36-yard Ben Chapman pass teams put their first game of the for the other six pointer.

Lorain Senior was the only league team that didn't see action Friday. The Steelmen get their

# Ross Entertains Lincoln West Friday

## Can Little Giants Bounce Back ?

Can the Little Giants bounce back?  
Fremont Ross fans who were stunned by last Friday's 19-14 loss to Toledo Rogers have been asking the above question this week.

The answer will come sometime Friday around 10 p.m. when the Little Giants have completed their second game of the season. Cleveland Lincoln West, which was blanked 29-0 by a strong Newark squad last Friday, will provide the opposition.

"This is a key game for us," Little Giant head coach Chuck Shuff said Wednesday. "We need to win this one. If we do, it will give us a good start for Toledo Bowsher and the Buckeye Conference schedule."

Ross plays Bowsher in its final conference tune-up Friday,

September 25. The rugged conference schedule begins the following week at Mansfield.

Shuff is slightly mystified by the Little Giants loss to Rogers last Friday.

"The coaches have sat down and talked about it in staff meetings," Shuff said. "We thought the team was ready to play football. But when they got on the field they seemed flat."

"On defense we didn't hit people. That is proven in the statistics. We didn't cause one Rogers' fumble. For a first game that is very unusual. We know the defense can do much better. They showed that in the scrimmages, especially against Toledo Whitmer."

"The kids knew after the game that they didn't hit like they could on defense. We hope their attitude has changed."

The staff is contemplating only one lineup change for the

Lincoln West skirmish. Sophomore Mike Biehler will probably get the starting nod at center in place of Bob Kusmer.

Quarterback Ben Lopez missed the first two days of practice this week because of sickness.

"We won't know until Friday if he'll be ready," Shuff said. "If he isn't, Mike Feasel will start. Mike has come a long way in practice for us. We feel he's a very capable replacement."

Tom Liggins, Bill Burkett and either Rob Lytle or Don Moore will comprise the rest of the offensive backfield.

Burkett was one of the pleasant surprises for the coaches in the Rogers disaster.

"He did everything we want a fullback to do," Shuff said of the end turned fullback. He met the challenge real well. And, he played most of the game at safety for us."

In the offensive line, Chuck Celek and Tom Pitts will probably be at the end spots. Tom Nighswander and Chuck Miller should man the tackle slots and Frank Sanders and John Szymanowski will probably get the call at guard.

"We were pleased with the work of the offensive line," Shuff said. "They moved people out of there. The line opened some nice holes for our backs. But a couple of times the backs didn't see the holes."

Lincoln West will probably field the largest team Ross will encounter this season. The tackles in the 62 defense are Mike Herman and Joe Bucha. Herman tips the scales at 255 and Bucha weighs in at 230.

"Their quarterback (Joe Pagan) is a fine one," Shuff said. "He's an exceptional athlete and seems to be more of a scrambler this year than he was last season. We will need to contain him."

Lincoln West is a consolidation of two Cleveland area schools. Last year Ross and Lincoln played to a 16-16 deadlock at Harmon Stadium.

The visitors will display a varied offense.

"They run everything," Shuff said. "This might have been one of their problems last week against Newark. The offense was very ragged. If they put it together it's going to pose big problems."

Lincoln West runs out of the flanker-T. They threw 15 times last week, but only one was completed.

"The statistic is misleading," Shuff said. "Several of the passes were right on target but dropped by the receivers. On others Newark had exceptional coverage."

Kickoff time for the meeting is 8 p.m. Stadium gates open at 7 p.m.



MIKE BIEHLER

ROB LYTTLE

DON MOORE

TOM PITTS

BOB BRUDZINSKI

Ross Sophomores Will See Plenty Of Action Against Cleveland Lincoln West

## Meet Officials

## Review Decision

# Defense Excels In First Little Giant Win

## Liggins' TD Snaps Tie

By ROY WILHELM  
"Success Begins with a fellow's Will."  
It's all in a state of mind...  
These words, used effectively through the years by Paul "Bear" Bryant at the University of Alabama and written by poet Walter D. Wintle, vividly portray the seemingly miraculous transformation that turned a porous Ross defense into a clawing, ferocious unit in a week's time.  
And, during the week that passed between two football games, Ross head coach Charles Shuff and his assistants turned to these words and others that went with them to transform the Ross defense into a never-say-die unit that battled all odds and held off try after try by the visiting Cleveland Lincoln West gridders Friday night. Clavering like a ferocious wolfpack, the Ross defense blunted seem-

ingly countless Cleveland attempts to cross the goal line and earned a 16-8 victory for the Little Giant.  
Just a week ago, the Ross defense had almost meekly submitted to the onslaught of the hard running Toledo Rogers invaders and left 29-14. And, Shuff and his assistants turned to Wintle and Bryant for aid.  
"If you think you are beaten, you are;  
If you think you are not, you are not;  
If you think you are not, you are not;  
These words seemed to fit the atmosphere of the opening

game Ross defeat, so the coaches turned to them and summed the facts of life down the collective throats of the Ross gridders as the West game approached.  
Asked after the thrilling victory over Lincoln West if the attitude had been the difference in the tremendous showing by the Ross defense, Shuff quickly agreed. "The defensive improvement was all in their minds," Shuff said, pointing out that the coaches had done little actual changing in the operation of the defense.

"Think big and your deeds will grow."  
And grow they did Friday night for the inspired Little Giant wolfpack on defense.

Through the first half, the Ross defense seemed to be struggling to gain control, yielding eight of the ten first downs that West had for the night and giving up the Cleveland squad's only score. But, the Wolfpack was hungry and only needed a little inspiration. The Little Giants once stopped the invaders with third and two on the Ross four yard line, but this was just an indication of better things to come.

It was after the Ross defenders had finally yielded a West touchdown that they got the defensive lift they needed.

Trailing 8-0, Ross drove 80 yards in 11 plays for the tying score that set the fire under the Little Giants. A 14 yard blast by hobbled thunderbolt Tom Liggins and a 28 yard dash by lightning Chuck Lindsey supplied the spark to keep the drive moving, but it was a dash by a not-open-run sophomore that provided the real lift.

With fourth and four on the West seven yard line, coach Shuff called for an option play. "We've been working on that and we felt it was ready this week, Rogers hurt us with it and we were working on it, but didn't have it quite ready last week."

It was ready Friday.  
Sophomore Rob Lytle took the pitchout from Ben Lopez and hustled into the end zone untouched for the morale-boosting touchdown with just 45 seconds left in the half. Lopez then scrambled into the end zone for the tying extra points and from there on it was nothing but troubles for the Cleveland offense.

From the time of the touchdown to the end of the game, the West offense managed a grand total of six yards net—including 23 yards on one desperation pass play late in the contest.

But the yardage figures were not nearly as amazing as what the snarling Ross defense did to the West offense each time the visitors threatened.

The first West opportunity came after a recovered fumble at the Ross 28 yard line. After Bob Brudinski made two straight jarring tackles deep in the backfield, Lincoln West punted on fourth and 25.

The visitors then blocked a Ross punt and recovered the ball on the Little Giants' 12. No play in the series which followed managed to cross the line of scrimmage and when Ross took over the football, the Little Giant defenders had driven the visitors back to the 23 yard line.

West came again, however, blocking another punt and recovering on the Ross 24. It took a fourth down and eight pass to finally net an earned second half first down there was one on a penalty for the West. But that play gave Cleveland the ball with first and goal on the one yard line and about two and a half minutes left in the game.

But wait—  
With 1:32 to go in the game, Ross took over on the nine yard line. The Giants stopped West for a one yard loss on the first play and then Mike Tomman grabbed a West runner for a big ten yard loss on second down. Chuck Lindsey then turned on the speed to overhaul another West runner attempting to go outside and West's last hopes fell to the turf with a fourth down pass.

While the Giants' defense was manhandling the West offense, the Ross gridders turned to the Little Giant who knows the end zone best for the winning touchdown. Liggins, who was the game's leading groundgainer in spite of an injured leg, dashed into the end zone from nine yards out about midway through the third quarter and then Lopez again scrambled over for the extra points. It was the second touchdown of the year for the junior, who finished second in Buckeye Conference scoring behind Sandusky All-star Elmer Lippert last year.

## Young Brother Cheers Liggins

"Strike it off Tommy" young Davey Liggins scolded from the sidelines as his so far more famous older brother limped onto the field. And "Tommy" and his Little Giant teammates seemed to do just that when they had to Friday.

Courage was perhaps the key word in a thrilling 16-8 victory by Ross over Cleveland Lincoln West.

Faced with mounting troubles, the Giants stood up to their problems, believed in themselves and found the path to victory.

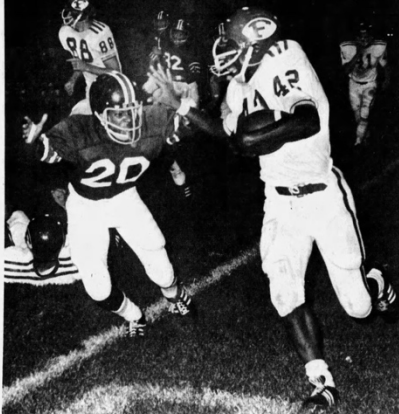
Davey was serving up the clean football from the sidelines whenever the officials on the field wanted them Friday night. But, he was also serving up advice. And his brother "Tommy"—whether spurred by young Dave's words or not—must have been an inspiration to some of his teammates.  
Injured, and obviously hurting, Liggins begged his coaches for the opportunity to play, and play he did. The power-driving tailback was the game's top runner, picking up 86 yards in 12 carries in spite of the fact that he moved with an obvious limp. He also scored the winning touchdown.  
Fortunately for the Giants, post game reports were that he would be ready for action by next Friday.

And Chuck Lindsey, Liggins' 1969 sophomore partner in exciting local grid fans, also showed his stuff.  
Hit hard by a tackle that would have had the same effect on almost anyone, Lindsey limbed early in the game. He got mud, but didn't get down on himself, and, the lightning fast junior scooted through the West line for a total of 39 yards on his next three carries, helping to set up the first Ross score.  
And, then there was the defense. Oh, was there the defense. The Ross defenders, who had failed to impress in their first outing, put the stops on Ross territories hard hitting and determined pursuit.

Gridgers who took part in the rugged defensive stands by the Little Giants included Mike Pense, Jim Theissen, Bill Burkett, Randy Arndt, Tim Connors, Chuck Lindsey, Mike Rudak, Mike Sherman, Gary Butdorf, Ted Krelick, Chuck Miller, Tom Nighwander, Andy Sale, Larry Johns, Mike Tomman, Bob Brudinski and Chuck Celek. —WILHELM

## Ross High Yardstick

|  |   |   |   |           |         |      |      |
|--|---|---|---|-----------|---------|------|------|
| Score by Quarters  |   |   |   | Receiving |         |      |      |
| Lincoln-West   | 0 | 0 | 0 | Tom Pitts | Catches | Yds. | TD's |
| 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 |           |         |      |      |
| Scoring  |   |   |   | Punting   |         |      |      |
| West - Steve Celis, seven yard pass from West, pass from |   |   |   |           |         |      |      |



GRABBING FOR AID—Lincoln-West's Wallace Bryant (42) looks for help from Ross players as Chuck Celek (40) and Rob Lytle (41) attempt to grab for air instead (88) and Rob Lytle (41).



LIGGINS GAINS YARDAGE—Tom Liggins (40), who scored the winning touchdown for Fremont Ross against Cleveland Lincoln West Friday night, picks up yardage as he sweeps around during first half. Liggins, who saw only limited action because of an ankle injury, was the game's leading ground gainer. The Little Giant pulled out a 16-8 victory, their first of the season. (News-Messenger Photo)

## News-Messenger SPORTS



OUT OF MY WAY—Fremont Ross quarterback Ben Lopez shows a Cleveland Lincoln West tackler out of his way as the junior signal caller looks for daylight. Lopez led the fired up Little Giants to their first victory of the 1970 campaign.

## Last Quarter Decides Wildcats Beaten, 13-12

NORTH BALTIMORE—Rick Garrison's extra point kick following a two-yard touchdown run by Bryan Dukes was the difference as North Baltimore eked out a 13-12 victory over an inspired Woodmore high school eleven Friday night.

North Baltimore had taken a 6-0 lead in the second quarter but fell behind when the Wildcats tallied touchdowns in the third and fourth periods.

Woodmore tied the score in the third period when sophomore quarterback John Harmon tossed a 35-yard pass to junior Kim Wegman. The rush for the extra points fell short. Woodmore's first score of the season came with 2:30 remaining.

The Wildcats took the lead with 9:30 left in the third quarter when Harmon sprinted into the end zone from five yards out. Again, the rush failed.

Woodmore coach John Dondero singled out Harmon and junior halfback Dan Druckenmiller for their outstanding work in the backfield.

"The statistics show Harmon only completed two of 11 passes," Dondero said, "but he was a lot better than that. I can think of five passes that were right on target but our receivers couldn't hold onto them."

Druckenmiller was the work horse for the Wildcats, who dropped their 11th straight game over a two-year period. He totaled the ball 21 times for 132 yards.

His longest run was for 20 yards and he was thrown for a loss on three other occasions.

"It was one of the best performances I've ever seen a back turn in," Dondero said.  
Woodmore held a 16-7 advantage in the first down department. In total offense, Woodmore out-gained the hosts, 278-165. The Wildcats gained 218 yards on the ground and 60 passing. The North Baltimore had 142 on the ground and 23 passing.

Woodmore missed a field goal try in the first period from the seven-yard line when Wegman's attempt was blocked by a charging North Baltimore lineman.  
The victory was the first in varsity football since 1966 for North Baltimore. The school failed to field a team in 1969.

Score By Quarters  
Woodmore 9 0 6 9-12  
North Baltimore 0 0 0 0-12

Statistics  
First Downs 16-7  
Rushing 16-2  
Passing 1-1  
Penalty 1-1  
Plays Attempted 11-4  
Completed 2-1  
Intercepted 0-1  
Total Offense 278-165  
Rushing 142-60  
Passing 23-105  
Fumbles Lost 0-0  
Penalties 0-0  
Yards Permitted 61-43  
Points 12-13  
Average 2.5-2.3

Scoring  
North Baltimore—Rick Garrison, 15-yard pass from Bryan Dukes (kick failed).  
Woodmore—Kim Wegman, 35-yard pass from John Harmon (kick failed).  
Woodmore—John Harmon, five-yard run (kick failed).  
North Baltimore—Bryan Dukes, two-yard run (Rick Garrison, kick).

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## Cubs Sweep Twin Bill Pittsburgh Drops New York, 3-2

By DICK COULCH  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
If Danny Mortag's repair shop keeps turning out spare parts on demand for the next two weeks, Sparky Anderson will have to reexamine his Big Red Machine for the National League pennant playoffs.  
Utility man Jose Pagan's seventh inning home run followed a two-run homer by Bob Robertson Friday night and gave Mortag's patched-up Pittsburgh Pirates a 3-2 victory over the New York Mets in a showdown between two of the three contenders for the elusive East Division championship.  
The loss, coupled with the Chicago Cubs' 3-2, 5-4 doubleheader sweep at Montreal, dropped the Mets to third place in the stretch race—a few hours after Cincinnati Manager Anderson picked them as the most likely foes for his West Division champions in the final confrontation.  
"I'm guessing... and it's strictly a guess... that the

Mets will win it," Anderson said before the Reds, who had secured the West title the previous night without lifting a bat, overcame the Atlanta Braves 11-4.  
In other NL games Los Angeles nipped Houston 3-2; San Francisco edged San Diego 3-2 by 11 innings and Philadelphia outscored St. Louis 9-7.  
Jim McAndrew, the Mets' most effective pitcher in recent weeks, dueling Pittsburgh's Steve Blass through six scoreless innings at New York before Willie Stargell beat out an in-run-scoring single in the 10th inning.  
Pagan, filling in at third base for ailing Richie Hebner, then hit his sixth homer and the Pirates hung on to win with Dave Givens registering his 25th homer in relief of Blass.  
"I didn't even know I was going to play until 45 minutes before the game," said Pagan. "It's my job to stay ready."

Mortag put Pagan in the lineup after Hebner was struck

on with the flu. The Pirates, playing without injured Roberto Clemente and Al Oliver, also lost Robertson in the eighth inning when he fouled a pitch off his left ankle.  
Despite the run of injuries, the Pirates now lead the Cubs 1-0 in the NL East.  
Billy Williams hit his 4th and 5th homers for the Cubs, who capitalized on a third-strike passed ball by John Bateman for the deciding pair of unearned runs in the opener, then overcame a 3-0 deficit in the second game.  
Johnny Bench drove in four runs with a single and his 40th homer, Bob Tolan drilled a three-run double and Dave Conception poked four hits as the

Reds mauled Atlanta before holding a belated division-clinching celebration.

"We looked a little bit like the old Machine tonight," Anderson said. "They really wanted it, and I do mean really. I believe they kind of wanted the Dodgers to win last night so we could win it ourselves."

Second place Los Angeles, mathematically eliminated via a 10-5 loss to Houston while the Reds were late Thursday, bounced back to trim the Astros with a two-run rally in the seventh. Singles by Wes Parker, Bill Sudakis and Bill Buckner kept the tying run home and the winner scored on Billy Grabarkewitz' ground out.

Ken Henderson broke a 2-2 tie at San Diego with a run-scoring double in the 10th, enabling the Giants to remain just one-half game behind the Dodgers in their battle for the runner-up spot. Nate Colbert slammed his 34th homer for the Padres.

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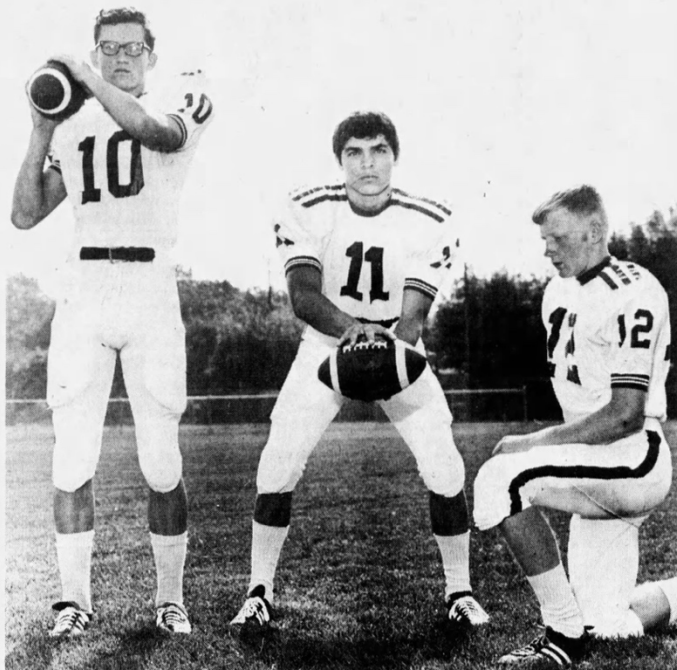
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**LITTLE GIANT QUARTERBACKS** — Ben Lopez (11) will engineer the Fremont Ross offensive attack when the Little Giants entertain Toledo Bowsher at Harmon Stadium Friday at 8 p.m. Lopez is backed up by Mike Feasel (10) and Jon Smith (12). All three are underclassmen. Ross will be looking for its second victory of the 1970 campaign. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Final Buckeye Tune-up

# Ross Hosts Rebels

Fremont Ross has its final Buckeye Conference tune-up when the Little Giants entertain Toledo Bowsher at Harmon Stadium Friday at 8 p.m.

Both squads enter the fray with 1-1 records. Ross lost its first game to Toledo Rogers (29-14) before downing Cleveland Lincoln West (16-8) last Friday. Bowsher cracked a long Shelby winning streak when it blanked the Whippets, 15-0, opening night. But last week Toledo City League rival, Toledo Scott, white washed the Rebels, 35-0.

"This game is as important as the one we played last week," head Ross coach Chuck Shuff said Wednesday afternoon. "We need to be in a winning frame of mind for the conference."

"The first Buckeye game is against Mansfield and they could really be rolling by next Friday night. They have two wins in a row—one was over Toledo Rogers — and play cross-town rival Mansfield Madison this Saturday."

Shuff and his varsity assistants were pleased with the work of the defensive unit in last Friday's victory. But the coaches are still concerned about the offense which hasn't shown any consistency in the first two games.

"I guess getting the offense in shape is our biggest problem right now," Shuff said. "We need to get our timing down and improve our passing. Last week we didn't rely on the passing game

at all. We only threw three passes but we aren't going to be able to depend on our running the whole season. The passing game will need to balance out."

The offensive machine will be bolstered by a healthy Tom Liggins this week. Liggins, who made All-Buckeye Conference as a sophomore last year, was hobbled by an ankle injury last week. He saw very limited action but still managed to score the winning touchdown and lead Ross in rushing with 66 yards.

Ben Lopez (quarterback), Bill Burkett (fullback) and Rob Lytle (wingback) will join Liggins in the offensive backfield. Junior Chuck Lindsey can back Liggins.

Across the offensive line the Little Giants will rely on Chuck Celek and Tom Pitts (ends), Chuck Miller and Tom Nighswander (tackles), Scott Johnson and John Szymanowski (guards) and Mike Biehler (center).

The first line defense will probably have Bob Brudzinski and Andy Sale at the end spots, Nighswander and Miller at tackle and Ted Krellick at middle guard. Gary Butdorf and Randy Arndt are slated for linebacker duty. Mike Tooman is slated for monster duty. Burkett, Lindsey and Mike Ruland can all play the safety slot. Mike Feasel, Lindsey and John Weling will have the opportunity to play defensive halfback.

Bowsher, which beat the Little Giants 21-6 at Harmon last

season, is similar in size to the Little Giants except at tackle where the visitors will hold a slight weight advantage.

"They are quicker than Lincoln West," Shuff said. "They can be compared with Rogers. Bowsher pursues well on defense and is quick. They will use a five man line but switch to a 6-2 defense at times."

"On offense they run out of only four formations—the I slot, left and right, and the pro slot, left and right. Last week against Scott the quarterback threw four interceptions but if they can put everything together they will give us all we can handle."

Missing from the Bowsher lineup is Dave Schaetske, who was named All-Ohio quarterback last season. Chuck Darnell, an assistant for five years, has taken over the head coaching reigns.





# Ross Prepares For Buckeye With 14-0 Win

By ROY WILHELM

The Ross high Little Giants tasted the sweet nectar of victory again Friday night and the delicious thirst-quencher ended a number of droughts for the local gridgers.

Ross combined a strong running game with an alert defense to stop visiting Toledo Bowsher 14-0 in the Little Giants' final tune-up for the Buckeye Conference wars.

The victory ended long dry spells in at least three areas for the Little Giants. Combined with the win over Cleveland Lincoln West it gave Ross its first back-to-back victories since the first two games of the 1967 season. It boosted the Little Giants' record to 2-1, the first time they have been over the 500 percentage mark since that 1967 season and it gave the Giants their first shutout since Mal Mackey was the varsity grid coach at Ross.

Senior Bill Burkett and junior Tom Liggins combined to power a Ross offense that looked for a while like it was going to blow the Rebels right out of the stadium.

With Liggins and Burkett each carrying two times, the Giants drove 58 yards in four plays for a touchdown the first time they had the ball. Liggins blasted his way into the line for two yards and then scrambled down field for 27 before Burkett fought his way for seven yards and then hustled into the end zone from the 22 yard line with 8:04 left in the first quarter. Liggins added the extra points.

Burkett and Liggins continued to show the way throughout the first period, but an intercepted pass and a fumble prevented the Little Giants from nearing the

Bowsher goal line a second time in the initial quarter.

The pair continued to pile up yardage throughout the contest and combined to carry much of the load as the Giants drove for a touchdown the first time they had the ball in the second half. Burkett returned the kickoff 26 yards to the Bowsher 49 yard line and then carried the ball five times for 19 yards in the 13 play drive that brought the Giants a touchdown with 6:15 left in the quarter. Liggins added five yards in the drive, with Rob Lytle picking up a big eight yards on a counter play and Ben Lopez contributing seven yards to the march.

The touchdown came on the first pass play of the drive with Liggins hitting Bob Brudzinski with a ten yard aerial. Brudzinski was a secondary

receiver on the play. When Lopez saw that the primary receiver was covered, the junior quarterback fired the ball to Brudzinski who made the grab after having worked himself free in the end zone. Lopez and Brudzinski found the time to make the pass go because of excellent pass blocking by the Ross offensive line, which also appeared to do a strong job of opening holes for Burkett and Liggins.

For the game, Liggins and Burkett combined for 293 yards on the ground.

Burkett actually was the work horse of the contest for the Giants, piling up 138 yards on 23 carries. Liggins finished the night as the leading ground gainer with 155 yards in 19 cracks at the line, boosting his total with a 41 yard run in the

closing minutes and a 23 yard dash as time ran out on the clock. "They seemed to be keying well on Liggins," head coach Charles Shuff said after the contest. "And Bill did a fine job of picking it up for us." The Ross mentor pointed out that the Little Giant coaches had not planned in advance to use Burkett, as much as they did, but they found that the Bowsher defensive alignments — which started with a six-one that didn't prove to successful against the Ross infantry — dictated that Ross turn to Burkett for the yardage.

And, the end turned fullback came through in flying colors. While the Ross offense piled up yardage and seemed to stall only on its own mistakes, the Little Giant defense was alert and tough in the clutch.

"Every member of the defensive team earned a star for this shutout," Shuff praised after the contest, pointing out the squad's star-system for outstanding performances.

The alert Little Giants recovered three Bowsher fumbles and picked off a pair of Toledo passes to help prevent the invaders from crossing the goal line. Fumbles were recovered by Mike Biebler, Gary Butdorf and Ted Kreilick while Burkett and Mike Ruland, who saw considerable action in the second half after getting in for just a few plays last week, picked off the passes. Ruland appears on his way back after a summer bout with mononucleosis. "We interceptions after not having any the first two games," Shuff said.

The Ross defenders, although

apparently vulnerable at some points, held the Bowsher squad to a net total of 123 yards rushing and 31 passing for the contest. Although the total was more than that posted by Lincoln West last week, Shuff felt that the performance was even better than the spectacular showing of the previous week. "We felt Bowsher was a stronger offensive team. They don't run the variety of plays West runs, but they execute better," the pleased mentor explained.

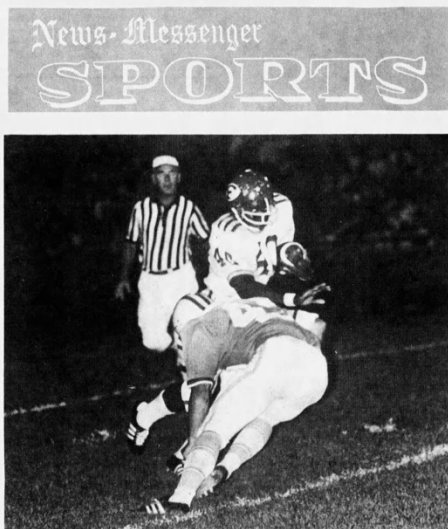
Through the entire game, Bowsher never crossed the Ross 20 yard line and managed to get inside the 30 just on just two occasions.

Asked if he felt the back-to-back victories might put the Little Giants in the proper frame of mind for the Buckeye conference race coming up, Shuff simply replied, "I would hope so." He added, "They know they can beat people now. It was hot out there and they stayed in there."



**NUMBER TWO GROUND GAINER** — Bill Burkett (22) was the second leading rusher for Fremont Ross in its 14-0 victory over Toledo Bowsher Friday. Burkett, a senior, who has

been converted from end to fullback, picked up 138 yards on 23 carries. Burkett is being accompanied by Bob Brudzinski (84) on this short gainer. (News-Messenger Photo)



**GAINING YARDAGE** — Tom Liggins, Fremont Ross fullback, stiff-arms a tackler as the Little Giant junior tries to pick additional yardage in Friday's game with Toledo

Bowsher. Liggins was the game's leading ground gainer with 155 yards in 19 carries. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Little Giant, Bowsher Data

| Score By Quarters     |         |      |         | Receiving            |                |         |      |
|-----------------------|---------|------|---------|----------------------|----------------|---------|------|
| ROSS                  | BOWSHER | ROSS | BOWSHER | ROSS                 | BOWSHER        | Catches | Yds. |
| 14                    | 0       | 0    | 0       | Bob Brudzinski       | Chuck Cokes    | 1       | 18   |
| 14                    | 0       | 0    | 0       | Tom Liggins          | Bob Brudzinski | 1       | 33   |
| 14                    | 0       | 0    | 0       | Ben Lopez            | Mike Feseli    | 1       | 2    |
| TEAM STATISTICS       |         |      |         | Post Returns         |                |         |      |
| ROSS BOWSHER          |         |      |         | Number Yards         |                |         |      |
| FIRST DOWNS           |         |      |         | Kick Returns         |                |         |      |
| 17                    | 10      | 15   | 8       | Bill Burkett         | 1              | 26      |      |
| 15                    | 8       | 12   | 8       | BOWSHER              |                |         |      |
| Passes                | 2       | 2    | 2       | Car. Gained Lost Net |                |         |      |
| NET YARDS GAINED      | 323     | 104  | 325     | 107                  | 6              | 191     |      |
| Passing               | 20      | 31   | 4       | Steve Hayden         | 3              | 4       | 6    |
| PASSES ATTEMPTED      | 4       | 5    | 2       | John Phillips        | 2              | 2       | 1    |
| Completed             | 2       | 3    | 2       | Tom Harland          | 8              | 27      | -19  |
| Had Intercepted       | 1       | 2    | 2       | Passing              |                |         |      |
| FUMBLES               | 3       | 4    | 2       | All Comp Yds Int     |                |         |      |
| Ball Lost             | 2       | 2    | 1       | 10                   | 3              | 31      | 2    |
| PUNTS                 | 1       | 2    | 2       | Receiving            |                |         |      |
| Average               | 33      | 33   | 16      | Rob Branson          | 2              | 34      |      |
| PENALTIES             | 1       | 0    | 1       | Jeff Phillips        | 1              | 3       |      |
| Yards                 | 5       | 0    | 0       | Post Returns         |                |         |      |
| Individual Statistics |         |      |         | Number Yards         |                |         |      |
| ROSS                  |         |      |         | Kick Returns         |                |         |      |
| Rushing               |         |      |         | Number Yards         |                |         |      |
| Car. Gained Lost Net  |         |      |         | Ben Lopez            | 2              | 41      |      |
| Bill Burkett          | 25      | 138  | 0       | 138                  | 1              | 16      |      |
| Tom Liggins           | 15      | 155  | 1       | 155                  |                |         |      |
| Chuck Lindsey         | 2       | 5    | 0       | 5                    |                |         |      |
| Rob Lytle             | 1       | 10   | 1       | 10                   |                |         |      |
| Ben Lopez             | 2       | 20   | 11      | 20                   |                |         |      |
| Randy Arnold          | 2       | 6    | 0       | 6                    |                |         |      |
| Passing               |         |      |         | Number Yards         |                |         |      |
| All Comp Yds Int      |         |      |         | Ben Lopez            | 2              | 41      |      |
| 4                     | 2       | 28   |         | Jeff Phillips        | 1              | 3       |      |

## Buckeye Schools Notch Victories

Buckeye Conference schools didn't taste defeat in six non-league encounters Friday night.

Marion Harding advanced its record to 3-0 with a 25-0 victory over Loran Superior. Findlay out listed Hamilton Garfield, 28-20; Sandusky stopped Woodward, 25-14; Lorain Senior blanked Barborton, 20-0; Elyria beat Toledo Star, 20-6, and Fremont Ross rolled Toledo Bowsher, 14-0.

Harding, which will meet Sandusky in its first league encounter next Friday, scored in every quarter. The Presidents scored six points in each of the first three quarters and seven in the fourth.

Roger Chase scored the second and third TDs for Marion. All of the touchdowns were scored as the completion to medium sized drives.

Lorain Senior held only an 8-0 lead entering the final quarter. But the Steelmen, who have reeled off two straight victories after an opening night loss, added 14 points in the final eight minutes.

Fullback Kurt Schumacher scored the first two Lorain touchdowns on runs of two and seven yards. The final TD was scored by Jeff Fields on a five-yard run. Barborton is still looking for its first victory.

Another fullback, Ike Maxwell, powered Elyria to its second win in three starts. Maxwell carried the ball 25 times and gained 159 yards.

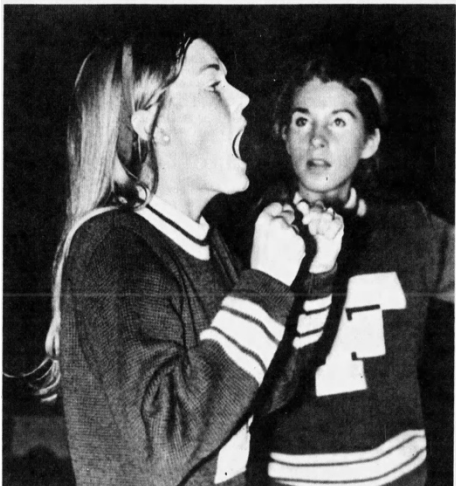
Maxwell scored all three of Elyria's touchdowns on runs of 47, four and two yards. One Elyria TD culminated a 98-yard, 16 play drive. Maxwell carried the ball 15 times in the march. At one point, he was called on to carry the ball eight straight plays.

Elyria fumbled five times in the contest. They have now fumbled 16 times in their first three games.

Sandusky, which was ranked sixth in this week's Associated Press poll, led 17-0 at halftime. Fullback Mark Deming scored the first two touchdowns for the Blue Streaks. He also booted a 42-yard field goal late in the first half.

The other Sandusky TD was scored by halfback Jeff Ward on a six-yard run with 2:24 remaining in the game. It clinched the third straight victory for the Blue Streaks.

Mansfield Senior and Lorain Admiral King close out their non-conference schedules Saturday night. Both teams play cross-town rivals. Mansfield meets Mansfield Madison and Admiral King hosts Lorain Southview.



**"COME ON..."** — Ross high cheerleader Dee Night (left) shouts encouragement to Little Giants as Laurie Monahan looks on during Friday night's Fremont Ross-Toledo Bowsher

football game at Harmon Stadium. The Little Giants captured a 14-0 victory. Ross will enter Buckeye Conference play next Friday at Mansfield with a 2-1 mark.

## Raiders Notch First Win Lakota Stops Gibsonburg Behind Shultz' Passing

GIBSONBURG—Lakota high school quarterback Dan Shultz threw for three touchdowns as the Raiders pulled off a 32-14 Sandusky Bay Conference victory over Gibsonburg Friday night.

The victory was the first for coach Paul Graham's Raiders in three starts. Gibsonburg's record dropped to 1-2. The Golden Bears have lost their last two games after beating Delta, 16-6, in the opener.

Lakota took a 16-0 lead in the first quarter. Shultz, who rushed for six extra points, tossed a 37-yard scoring pass to Craig Briner. Jim Carter rushed for the extra points to make it 6-0.

Ron Young was credited with Lakota's second touchdown. He scored on a 16-yard pass from Shultz.

Gibsonburg narrowed the gap to 16-6 when quarterback Tom Jurksi scored on a five-yard keeper at the start of the second

quarter. The pass for conversion failed.

Lakota had a 24-6 advantage at halftime after Carter scored from one-yard out late in the half. Shultz rushed for the extra points.

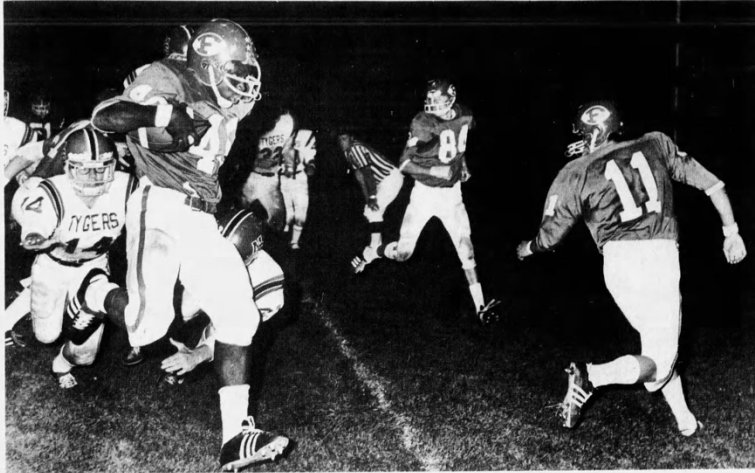
Gibsonburg took the second half kickoff and marched the length of the field for its second score. Fullback Ted Smith covered the final two yards and Ron Mauch ran for the conversion.

A 10-yard pass from Young to Shultz ended the scoring.

Shultz threw seven passes and completed four for 86 yards. Lakota's leading rusher was Carter who gained 76 yards in 15 carries. Jurksi led Gibsonburg's attack with 131 yards in 18 carries. Smith gained 99 yards in 11 attempts.

Lakota held a 17-13 advantage in first downs. In total offense, Lakota gained 293 yards compared to Gibsonburg's 240. The summary:

| Score By Quarters   |            |        |            | Statistics       |      |     |   |
|---|------------|--------|------------|------------------|------|-----|---|
| LAKOTA  | GIBSONBURG | LAKOTA | GIBSONBURG | G                | L    | G   | L |
| 32  | 14         | 16     | 8          | First Downs      | 13   | 17  |   |
| 32  | 14         | 0      | 8          | Rushing          | 13   | 14  |   |
| 32  | 14         | 0      | 8          | Passing          | 12   | 14  |   |
| 32  | 14         | 0      | 8          | Penalty          | 2    | 2   |   |
| Scoring   |            |        |            | Passes Attempted |      |     |   |
| Lakota-Craig Briner, 37-yard pass from Dan Shultz (Jim Carter, rush). |            |        |            | 5                | 7    |     |   |
| Lakota-Ron Young, 16-yard pass from Dan Shultz (Dan Shultz, rush).    |            |        |            | Completed        | 1    | 6   |   |
| Gibsonburg-Tom Jurksi, five-yard run (pass failed).                   |            |        |            | Intercepted      | 1    | 0   |   |
| Lakota-Jim Carter, one-yard run (Dan Shultz, rush).                   |            |        |            | Net Yards Gained | 240  | 283 |   |
| Gibsonburg-Ted Smith, two-yard run (Ron Mauch, rush).                 |            |        |            | Rushing          | 232  | 187 |   |
| Lakota-Ron Young, 10-yard pass from Dan Shultz (Shultz, rush).        |            |        |            | Passing          | 86   | 86  |   |
| Statistics  |            |        |            | Fumbles          | 3    | 1   |   |
| G   | L          | G      | L          | Fumbles Lost     | 3    | 1   |   |
| First Downs   | 13         | 17     |            | Penalties        | 7    | 5   |   |
| Rushing   | 13         | 14     |            | Yards Penalized  | 30   | 30  |   |
| Passing   | 12         | 14     |            | Punts            | 2    | 2   |   |
| Penalty   | 2          | 2      |            | Punting Average  | 20.5 | 33  |   |
| Passes Attempted  | 5          | 7      |            |                  |      |     |   |
| Completed   | 1          | 6      |            |                  |      |     |   |
| Intercepted   | 1          | 0      |            |                  |      |     |   |
| Net Yards Gained  | 240        | 283    |            |                  |      |     |   |
| Rushing   | 232        | 187    |            |                  |      |     |   |
| Passing   | 86         | 86     |            |                  |      |     |   |
| Fumbles   | 3          | 1      |            |                  |      |     |   |
| Fumbles Lost  | 3          | 1      |            |                  |      |     |   |
| Penalties   | 7          | 5      |            |                  |      |     |   |
| Yards Penalized   | 30         | 30     |            |                  |      |     |   |
| Punts   | 2          | 2      |            |                  |      |     |   |
| Punting Average   | 20.5       | 33     |            |                  |      |     |   |



**INTENSE BENCH**—Ross high players are deeply concerned with what was happening on the field during Friday's 28-14 rout of Mansfield Senior. The Little Giants broke loose for 22 points in the second half to secure the win. (News-Messenger Photo)

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The Golden Bears, who evened their record card at 2-2, held a 34-0 halftime lead. Woodmore is still undefeated in its first victory of the 1970 campaign.

"Gibsonburg played football like everyone thought they could," Woodmore coach John Dondro said. "If they had any problems earlier in the season Ron Mauch rushed for the conversion to make it 14-0."

The Golden Bears added three more TDs in the second quarter. Smith, Gary Stevenson and Mauch each scored. Smith ran for 19 yards, Stevenson one and Mauch 20.

Stevenson opened the second half by returning the kickoff 85



**MEET THE 'WOLFPACK'**—Fremont Ross' defensive platoon has given itself the nickname of 'Wolfpack'. Members of the front line which has played a key role in three consecutive victories include Bob Brudzinski (84), Tom Nighswander (73), Gary Butdorf (63), Ted Kreilick (70), Scott

Johnson (68), Randy Arndt (31), Chuck Miller (71) and Andy Sale (75). Johnson is the only member of the above group who isn't a defensive starter. He does get the starting nod at an offensive guard position, however, and spells Kreilick on defense. (News-Messenger Photo)

### *Marion Provides Opposition*

## Little Giants Celebrate Homecoming

Fremont Ross, off to its best start in five years, faces its stiffest challenge to date when the Little Giants entertain Marion in the Second Annual Homecoming Game at Harmon Stadium Friday.

"No doubt about it," Ross head coach Chuck Shuff said Wednesday, "Marion will be the toughest team we have played. They are bigger and stronger than Toledo Rogers and about two touchdowns better than Mansfield in my estimation."

Marion brings a 3-1 record to Sandusky County. The Presidents lost their Buckeye Conference opener to Sandusky, 34-22, at Sandusky last Friday.

"I was surprised Marion made so many mistakes (three fumbles and three interceptions) in that game," Shuff said. "They are a fundamentally sound ball club."

"This is a big game for both clubs. We need to win it to keep our momentum going. It would convince our kids that they can win in the Buckeye. Marion needs a win to stay alive in this season's conference race."

Ross will enter the game with three straight victories and is in almost perfect condition.

"This is the first time I can remember that we've come out of a conference game in my three years as coach without an injury," Shuff said. "We have to stay healthy. If we get two or

three injuries it will hurt us—we aren't as deep as some of the other teams."

Ross' three straight victories have been keyed by the defensive unit, which has nicknamed itself the 'Wolfpack.' In those three victories, the Little Giants have notched a shut-out and allowed their other two opponents 21 points.

"I think we would have stood a good chance for a shutout if Mansfield had not scored in the closing two seconds last Friday," Shuff said. "But their score fired us up. It got the kids moving." Mansfield's second TD came with many second stringers in the Little Giant lineup.

The 'Wolfpack' is keyed by a front wall that includes ends Andy Sale and Bob Brudzinski, tackles Chuck Miller and Tom Nighswander and middle guard Ted Kreilick. Gary Butdorf and Randy Arndt play the linebacker slots, Bill Burkett plays safety, Mike Tooman is the monster and Chuck Lindsey and Mike Feasel man the halfback slots.

Offensively, the Little Giants rely on Tom Liggins and Burkett for the ball carrying chores. Liggins scored all of the Ross points in last week's 28-14 victory at Mansfield. Burkett, a senior, who was converted from end to fullback this season, has been one of the most pleasant surprises in the first four games for the Little Giant coaching staff.

Liggins and Burkett are joined in the backfield by junior

quarterback Ben Lopez and sophomore wingback Rob Lytle.

"Offensively we must start getting the big play," Shuff said. "Our linemen aren't holding their blocks long enough and it's allowing the defense to pull our backs down from behind. We had several long drives against Mansfield. I was pleased with our consistency, but we can't expect to do that all the time."

The Little Giants haven't passed much in their first four games but Shuff hopes the attack can be opened up some this week. Lopez threw six times and had four completions at Mansfield. His main target was tight end Chuck Celek. Bob Brudzinski and Tom Pitts alternate at split end. Providing the blocking up front are tackles Nighswander and Miller and guards John Szymanowski and Scott Johnson. Either Bob Kusmer or Mike Biehler will get the call at center.

The Little Giants lost a 28-14 verdict at Marion last year. "I think that loss should help us be prepared for this game," Shuff said. "We were tied 14-14 at the half and they broke off two long off-tackle plays to beat us. Many of the kids on this year's team played in that game."

Ross has an 0-1 record in Homecoming games. The Little Giants bowed to Findlay, 35-12, in the initial Homecoming game last season. The Homecoming Queen will be crowned during halftime ceremonies.





# Steelers Stop Little Giant Win Streak

**By Roy Wilhelm**  
**LORAIN** — The odds were stacked against the Ross high Little Giants Friday night and the host Lorain Steelmen, using an impressive ball control offense and a solid defense, made those odds stand up to the tune of a 24-14 Buckeye Conference football win.

It was the first Buckeye Conference win of the year. With these breaks as a lift, the Steelmen stayed in command most of the way, controlling the football and keeping the high powered Ross offense under control.

The tough Lorain offensive machine controlled the football for 62 plays while the Steelers' defense—both opportunistic and rugged—held Ross to just 40 offensive plays from scrimmage. Three minutes to go in the first quarter.

And, the Steelers took control right from the beginning, stopping the Little Giants after kicking off to start the game and then marching 60 yards in just seven plays for the first touchdown of the game. Fullback Karl Schumacher blasted his way into the end zone from one yard out to open the scoring.

Ross, however, bounced right back. The Little Giants drove from their own 31 yard line to the Lorain end zone in just seven plays in spite of two straight illegal motion penalties just before the touchdown.

Sophomore Rob Lyle scurried into the end zone from 38 yards out for the score that tied the game with just over three minutes to go in the first quarter.

Lorain wasted little time getting back in control. The Steelmen marched 59 yards in ten plays with quarterback Jack Stephenson making in from the one yard line with less than one minute gone in the second quarter.

Then, with about four and a half minutes left to go in the half, Lorain's Dan Dolemba delivered what proved to be a staggering blow. The Lorain return man took a Ross punt and ran 33 yards to the end zone, giving the hosts an 18-6 lead that held up until after the intermission.

"We had slow coverage on the punt and then two or three kids missed tackles," Ross head coach Chuck Shuff lamented after the contest.

The third touchdown gave

the ball on the Lorain 31 yard line. Two plays later, however, Ross coughed up the football on a fumble for the third time in the game and Lorain took over. "They earned that fumble," Shuff said of the Lorain defense. "There was some real hard contact on that play."

From there, Lorain drove to the Ross one yard line, where the Little Giant defense rose to the

occasion and stopped the Steelmen. But, the Little Giants couldn't get away from their own end zone and Lorain took over again on the Ross 38 yard line after a punt. It took the Steelmen ten plays to move in for the score, with Stephenson hitting Ben Rogers on a key third down pass play to the Ross seven and Ron Fields hustling into the end zone from there.

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**TWO POINTS FOR ROSS** — Head Linesman signals successful conversion for Fremont Ross as Tom Liggins (40) barely edged his way into the end zone in third quarter of

Friday's Buckeye Conference game at Lorain. Stopping Liggins is Fred Sims of Lorain. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Yardstick

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross 6 0 0 14  
 Lorain 6 12 0 14

### SCORING

Lorain — Karl Schumacher, one yard run (pass failed);

Ross — Rob Lyle, 38 yard run (pass failed);

Lorain — Jack Stephenson, one yard run (pass failed);

Ross — Tom Liggins, 38 yard run (Liggins, run);

Lorain — Ron Fields, seven yard run (kick failed);

### STATISTICS

**TOTAL FIRST DOWNS** Ross Lorain

Rushing 7 16

Passing 1 2

Penalty 1 0

### RECEIVING

Gained 172 282

Lost 4 11

Net 168 261

### PASSING

Attempts 7 3

Completions 1 2

Yardage 22 20

Interceptions 0 0

**TOTAL OFFENSE** 188 271

**FUMBLES** 3 0

**PENALTIES** 2-25 2-25

**PUNTS** 4-28 2-18

### Individual Statistics

**Ross**

**Rushing** Carr. Gain Lost Net

Bill Burkett 7 40 6 34

Tom Liggins 19 86 6 80

Rob Lyle 1 38 0 38

Ben Lopez 0 0 0 0

**Passing** Att. Comp. Yds. Int.

Ben Lopez 17 1 22 1

**Receiving** No. Yds.

Tom Liggins 1 22

Kickoff Returns No. Yds.

Bill Burkett 1 30

Chuck Lindsey 1 22

Tom Liggins 1 22

### Lorain

**Rushing** Carr. Gain Lost Net

Santo Adkins 18 113 7 106

Ron Fields 19 94 2 92

Karl Schumacher 3 26 0 26

Jack Stephenson 6 9 0 9

Jack Wicker 9 42 4 38

Keith Waters 1 0 12 -11

Chuck Williams 1 0 4 -4

**Passing** Att. Comp. Yds. Int.

Jack Stephenson 3 2 20 0

**Receiving** No. Yds.

Chuck Williams 1 4

Ben Rogers 1 14

**Kick Returns** No. Yds.

Jim Gyorfi 1 30

Bob Bellman 1 14

Santo Adkins 1 17

**Punt Returns** No. Yds.

Dan Dolemba 1 53

Keith Waters 1 7



**SHORT GAIN** — Lorain's Jack Wicker (21) is stopped after short gain by Ted Krelick of Fremont Ross. Moving in to help on the tackle are defensive back John Werling (34) and

linebacker Mike Sherman (61). Lorain stopped a four-game Ross winning streak with a 24-14 victory. It was the first loss for the Little Giants in Buckeye Conference play.

## Findlay Next For Little Giants

## Thompson Isn't Counting Ross Out

**LORAIN** — Victorious Lorain coach Doug Thompson offered praise for the Ross high Little Giants after his gridders had beaten Ross, 24-14, Friday night and he wasn't about to sell the Giants short as far as their chances against the other Buckeye Conference foes are concerned — even though Thompson had seen his team lose to Sandusky and Findlay before dumping Ross.

"I want to say that Coach Shuff

Shuff has a real fine offensive ball club. We were pleased with our defense tonight. I felt our defense rose to the occasion when it had to."

Looking forward to Ross high's encounters with Findlay and Sandusky — the two Buckeye teams which edged Lorain in earlier games — Thompson said, "They are going to be real fine football games. Really, on any given night any team can beat another in this league this year."

Thompson offered the praise of

the Ross offense immediately, emphasizing his point by the fact that he was pleased his team was able to hold the Little Giants to just two touchdowns.

In the other locker room, Ross coach Shuff was naturally less pleased with the game. "We just were not sharp tonight. We didn't play particularly good ball. Especially in the first half, we didn't come to play and they did."

Shuff did see a bright spot in

the brief flurry by the Giants in the second half. Ross moved to within striking distance and seemed to be gaining control, but failed to move ahead.

Even in the disappointment, however, Thompson's sentiments must have been running through Shuff's mind. The Ross mentor quickly pointed out to his charges, "Sandusky lost tonight, we're still in this thing. We've got to pull together as a team and bounce back."

—WILHELM

## D-E-F-E-N-S-E Spells

# Homecoming Contest For Trojans

## Little Giants Journey To Findlay

Chuck Shuff, head football coach at Fremont Ross, and Bob Bockrath, his counterpart at Findlay agree on one thing—the game between their two teams at Findlay Friday is a 'must' contest for both clubs.

Fremont and Findlay are currently in the thick of the Buckeye Conference cham-

pionship race, one game back of Elyria which has an unblemished 3-0 log.

"We both have one conference loss," Bockrath said this week. "We (Findlay) think we can win the conference and I imagine the people at Ross feel the same way. But another loss will probably knock either team out of the race."

"The winner will still have a shot at first place," Shuff said Wednesday, "but the loser can only hope for at least a tie."

Findlay is coming off its biggest victory of the season. Last Friday at Sandusky, Findlay upset the fourth-ranked Blue Streaks, 12-6. It was Findlay's first victory over Sandusky since 1950.

"That game could be one of our problems in preparing for Fremont," Bockrath said. "The kids can't continue to think about the victory. We will have to enjoy it when the season is over."

The Trojans are sparked by their quarterback Keith Woodruff, who has thrown 89 times for 42 completions in the first six games. His passing yardage totals 514 yards. Four of the serials have gone for touch-

downs and only one pass has been intercepted. The 6-0, 175-pound senior has rushed 66 times for 157 yards.

"I think he is about the best quarterback I've seen in the three years I've been coaching here," Shuff said. "He rolls out and passes well. The other Findlay backs don't stand out like some of the others in the league, but they get the job done."

The rest of Findlay's starting backfield features senior fullback Frank Burke (6-1, 194), tailback Dennis Schey (6-1, 161) and slotback Dennis Reamsnyder (6-0, 170).

Providing blocking up front are end Jeff Bixler (5-10, 148), quick tackle Eric Chatelain (6-4, 212), quick guard John Fitzgerald (5-11, 180), center Todd Freeman (5-11, 164), strong guard Larry Kimmel (6-0, 208), strong tackle Mark Kimmel (5-10, 190) and tight end George McDaniel (6-3, 160).

McDaniel, Larry Kimmel Chatelain, Burke, Bixler and Reamsnyder also play defense. McDaniel gets the call at right end, Kimmel and Chatelain start at the tackle slots, Burke is the left linebacker, Bixler plays left

cornerback and Reamsnyder is the right halfback.

Other defensive starters include left end Hal Paul (6-0, 170), middle guard Jim Mathias (5-9, 175), right linebacker Ron Lozier (6-2, 186), right cornerback Dick Tesnow (5-10, 150) and Chuck Carl (5-9, 151).

Seven lettermen hold down offensive positions. Eight lettermen are defensive starters.

"Findlay is not as big as some of the teams we've faced but they are awful strong," Shuff said. "The conditioning program their coaches started last winter has really helped."

The Little Giants came out of last week's 24-14 loss to Lorain Senior without any major injuries. But several squad members have missed practice this week because of sickness.

"The flu bug has me more concerned than anything," Shuff said. "Tuesday we practiced in the gym and our first two middle guards were missing. Several other fellows left school today (Wednesday) because of sickness."

Shuff attributes last Friday's loss to "lack of mental

preparedness" as much as anything.

"We just weren't ready to play football," Shuff said. "We weren't hitting people. We only had one good series of plays and that was at the start of the third quarter. There was no spunk out there."

"The kids have to be ready this week. They know it's a do-or-die situation. We can't be looking forward to next week's game with Sandusky. If we do, Findlay will knock us off."

The Little Giant coaching staff was especially pleased with the performance of junior linebacker Mike Sherman against Lorain. Sherman, who was given a starting role after Randy Arndt sustained an ankle injury in the Marion game, made 12 tackles, assisted in five others and blocked a punt.

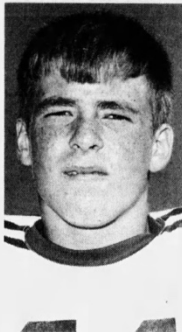
"He was about the only bright spot we had in that game," Shuff said. "He made his share of first game mistakes but his aggressiveness made up for it."

"Tom Liggins' long touchdown run was also nice to see. We have been waiting all year for him to break off a run like that."

One lineup change has already been announced and Shuff might

make several more before the kickoff. Perry Shenk (5-0, 170) will replace Bob Brudzinski at a defensive end slot. Shenk is a senior.

The game, which is Findlay's Homecoming, will get underway at 8 p.m. Findlay blasted Ross, 35-12, in the Little Giant 1969 Homecoming.



ROB LYTLE



MIKE SHERMAN

# Ross Drops Second Buckeye Conference Tilt

## Turnovers Fatal For Giants



FINDLAY'S JEFF BIXLER HEADS UP FIELD AFTER CATCHING PASS.  
Ross defenders Mike Sherman (61) and Chuck Lindsey (42) pursue.

By ROY WILHELM

FINDLAY—A powerful Ross high machine almost ground Findlay's football Trojans into the turf of Donnell stadium in the first half Friday night, but the hosts escaped on the broad shoulders of a senior fullback and then turned Ross miscues into victory in the second half.

Findlay rallied from a 13-0 deficit to grab a 19-12 victory and earn a share of the Buckeye Conference lead. Sandusky dumped Elyria, 12-6, to jam first place with a three-way tie among the Blue Streaks, the Pioneers and the Trojans.

Four lost fumbles and an on-side kick recovered by the Trojans undid all that the Little Giants accomplished in a brilliant first half that nearly had the Trojans dangling over the ropes.

Ross delivered two powerful blows, driving 49 and 58 yards for scores that gave the Little Giants a seemingly solid two touchdown bulge with less than four minutes remaining in the half.

At the time that Tom Liggins bulled his way into the end zone from ten yards out for his second touchdown of the game, the Giants appeared to be in complete command of the contest. Just 3:41 remained in the half and up to that point, Ross had piled up 144 yards, while a bruising defense had held Findlay to a net total of 52 yards gained — both passing and rushing.

On the first play after the next kick-off, however, Frank Burke, a 164-pound fullback, who led all rushers for the night with 120 yards in 17 carries, provided the lift that helped Findlay remain alive at the half.

Burke broke through the middle of the line and dashed from his own 36 to the Ross seven to set up Findlay's first touchdown.

"They hit the weakness of our defense on that," Head coach Chuck Shuff explained after the game. "They had two men split and we had to move a linebacker out and downshift the line. They came right up the middle."

Three plays after the run by Burke, Lee McNatt scampered into the end zone to cut the Little Giants' lead to six points. After that, things began to happen — and they were all bad for the Ross gridders.

Findlay tried an on-side kick and recovered the ball, but it failed to get ten yards and Ross took over on the Findlay 47 with enough time to ring up another score. On the second play from scrimmage, however, the Giants fumbled and Findlay recovered — the first of four times that happened to the Ross squad.

Problems grew in the second half.

To start the third quarter, Findlay booted a short kick

again and this time recovered on the Ross 46 yard line. The Trojans drove to the 14 yard line, but the Ross defense halted the threat.

Ross managed one first down, but then fumbled again and Findlay recovered on the Little Giants 31 yard line. From there, the Trojans drove in for the score in just five plays, with Keith Woodruff — a thorn in the Giant's side all night — plunging in from the one. John Courtney kicked the extra point that gave Findlay a one point lead.

Following an exchange of punts, Ross drove to a first and goal to go on the Findlay eight. Ross fullback Bill Burkett

hanged his way into the line for five yards on first down, but three more plunges into the line by the normally powerful Ross running attack failed to dent the goal line and the Trojans took over on their own one foot line. The crowing blow came when Findlay recovered a Ross fumble on the Little Giants' 11 yard line with time running out and then pushed across an insurance touchdown. And, finally, the Trojans tried another short kick and recovered when the ball was dropped.

Couch Shuff shook his head in thinking back about the on-side kicks. "We were ready for the on-side kicks. We told the kids it's

just a matter of reaction to the ball."

The Ross running attack, behind strong offensive line blocking, continued to be impressive. Burkett fought his way through the Trojan defenders for 93 yards in 19 carries and Liggins bulled his way into the thick of the battle 24 times for 90 yards. Sophomore Rob Lytle added 23 yards on three attempts and junior quarterback Ben Lopez added five to the total. Each of the four backs had at least one key run that gave the Giants a first down and kept them moving, but the efforts were nullified by turnovers.

## News-Messenger SPORTS

## Locals Can Still Tie

Although the odds are not the best in the world, there still remains a slim chance for the Ross Little Giants to gain a share of the Buckeye Conference championship.

Ross trails Elyria, Findlay and Sandusky by just one game with three remaining in the season. A fortunate factor is that the Little Giants have an opportunity to do most of the work themselves. They only need help from someone against Findlay, because the Giants have a chance to beat both Elyria and Sandusky themselves.

After the strong start, Friday's loss was a heartbreaking one for the Little Giants. That miscue-filled setback coupled with the loss to Lorain last week sends Ross into the big game against Sandusky with a 2-2 conference mark. Can the Little Giants rebound from the defeat?

"I think they'll bounce back," head coach Chuck Shuff reported after the contest. "I feel very confident these kids are going to come back and play a real ball game next week. We have nothing to be ashamed of."

While Shuff lamented the mistakes, he had praise for the Findlay squad, which he rates as good as any other. His team has met this year. "They may not have the physical ball club that some of the other teams have, but they have a wide offense and they do a good job with it. And, that Quarterback (Senior Keith Woodruff, who rushed for 91 yards and passed for 57) is the big cog in their offense. I thought our kids attack him pretty good," but Woodruff kept coming back for more.

"And their multiple defenses kept us guessing all the time."

"A dropped kick, failure to cover another, fumble five times — you don't win ball games that way," Shuff said.

But, Shuff wasn't selling his boys short and he emphasized that he has confidence that they will bounce back. In spite of the miscues, the Giants continue to impress. Both the defense and offense had periods of brilliance against the Trojans. And Ross fans are not the only ones to feel the Giants have a solid ball club. One veteran Buckeye conference observer who spends his Fridays following the fortunes of a more successful league member expressed the opinion that if the Little Giants had beaten Findlay they would have won the league title. They still can earn a share of it and that would be a great stride up the ladder.

—WILHELM



RUSHING FOR FIRST DOWN — Rob Lytle plays tight rope with the sideline as he gains 11 yards and a first down for the Little Giants in Friday's Buckeye Conference tilt at Findlay.

Quarterback Ben Lopez (on ground) has just disposed of one Trojan blocker and center Bob Kusner is looking for another Trojan to knock down. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Little Giant-Trojan Yardstick

| SCORE BY QUARTERS   |         | 1   | 2 | 3 | 4  | Total |
|---|---------|-----|---|---|----|-------|
| Ross  | Findlay | 6   | 0 | 0 | 12 | 18    |
| Ross  | Findlay | 6   | 0 | 7 | 0  | 13    |
| SCORING   |         |     |   |   |    |       |
| Ross — Tom Liggins, two yard run (run failed)               |         | 6   |   |   |    |       |
| Findlay — Tom Liggins, 10 yard run (run failed)             |         |     | 6 |   |    |       |
| Findlay — Lee McNatt, five yard run (kick failed)           |         |     |   | 6 |    |       |
| Findlay — Keith Woodruff, one yard run (John Courtney kick) |         |     |   |   | 1  |       |
| Findlay — Frank Burke, three yard run (kick failed)         |         |     |   |   |    | 1     |
| STATISTICS  |         |     |   |   |    |       |
| Ross  | Findlay |     |   |   |    |       |
| First Downs   | 14      | 12  |   |   |    |       |
| Running   | 14      | 3   |   |   |    |       |
| Passing   | 0       | 4   |   |   |    |       |
| Punting   | 0       | 0   |   |   |    |       |
| Penalty   | 0       | 0   |   |   |    |       |
| Rushing   | 22      | 240 |   |   |    |       |
| Gained  | 11      | 1   |   |   |    |       |
| Lost  | 21      | 240 |   |   |    |       |
| Net   |         |     |   |   |    |       |
| Passing   | 4       | 12  |   |   |    |       |
| Attempts  |         |     |   |   |    |       |

A policeman is needed to direct the traffic at the top of the Buckeye Conference standings today.

A three-way tie exists for first place following Friday night's action. Sandusky, Elyria and Findlay are deadlocked for the top spot with 2-1 records.

In other league games, Marion nipped Mansfield, 14-12, and Admiral King, 16-8.

All the points in the Sandusky-Elyria contest were scored in the first half.

The first time Sandusky had the ball it scored. The Blue Streaks drove 78 yards in 11 plays with Jeff Ward going over from the five yard line. The

Elyria got its only TD in the first quarter following a Sandusky miscue. The Blue Streak punter Jack Samarini

dropped back to punt at his own 21-yard line. A high snap sailed off Samarini's finger tips and Elyria downed the kicker at the one. Barry Elson knifed to pay dirt with 2:16 remaining to knot the score. The kick for extra point never got off the ground.

After receiving the kickoff, Sandusky marched 76 yards in 13 plays for the winning score. Mark Deming got the tally with 7:50 remaining in the quarter on a one-yard dive.

Sandusky gained its yardage in large chunks during the drive. Jackson connected for two passes of six and 13 yards. The march was actually 91 yards because Sandusky was penalized

later, the Pioneers had a first down at the Sandusky 19. But the Blue Streak defense tightened caused an Elyria fumble and took over at the 22.

In the march, Elyria had a second-and-34 call at its own seven. John Gawlik got the Pioneers out of danger when he connected with Bill Haney on a 28-yard pass. The Pioneers consumed exactly six minutes of the clock in the march.

The Blue Streaks then began a sustained march that took them to Elyria's 15 before the Pioneers' Larry Robinson stopped the scoring bid with a pass interception.

Three plays later, Elyria turned the ball over on a pass interception. But two minutes later Elyria had the ball again when Sandusky fumbled and Don

needed slightly more than a yard Elson tried to gain the yardage off right tackle but was stopped inches short. Sandusky took over with 2:26 remaining and ran out the clock although a punt in the final seconds was nearly blocked.

The Blue Streaks held a 19-9 advantage in first downs.

Sandusky gained 164 yards rushing and 96 passing. Elyria had 119 yards rushing and 28 passing. Jackson connected on eight of 13 passes and had one intercepted.

The loss was the first in 18 conference games for Elyria.

Kurt Schumacher gave Lorain Senior its victory when he scored from four yards out with 1:05 remaining.

Marion led 14-0 at the half then



"WAY TO GO ROB!" — Guard Scott Johnson and Ben Lopez lean over to help Rob Lytle after the sophomore wingback picked up a first down at the Findlay eight-yard line in the third quarter of last night's Buckeye Conference battle. Lytle carried the ball three times for 25 yards in Ross' 19-12 loss. (News-Messenger Photo)

Sandusky, Elyria, Findlay

## Three Teams Deadlocked For Lead

# Little Giants, Blue Streaks Renew Rivalry



BILL BURKETT

Each geographical section of the nation features great back yard football rivalries: Army vs. Navy, Michigan vs. Michigan State and UCLA vs. USC.

But, for Fremont Ross and Sandusky high school grid fans there is nothing like the yearly match between their two favorites.

And, tomorrow night, the two rivals will tangle for the 64th time in a series that dates back to 1905. Coach Chuck Shuff's Little Giants will entertain the state's eighth-ranked Blue Streaks under the Harmon Stadium arch lights starting at 8 p.m.

The game promises to be one of the best in recent years although it might have to go a long way to top last year's pulsating affair at Sandusky's Strobel Field when Ross pulled off a 28-27 upset victory.

Both schools need a victory to remain in the tight Buckeye Conference race. Ross already has two losses and another would knock the Little Giants completely out of the title picture.

The powerful Blue Streaks have tasted defeat only one time this season. Findlay turned the tables on coach Gene Kidwell's crew earlier this month when it pulled off a 12-6 upset.

But, even more rides on the game's outcome in the Little Giant camp. Ross is out to prove that last year's upset victory wasn't a 'fluke' and that the Little Giant football program is on the upswing after being dormant for several years.

"The coaches and team feel that we have to prove something this week," Shuff said. "Many people have asked us since last year is the victory was a fluke. I think the coaches and team are tired of hearing the question. The only way to prove the victory wasn't luck is to win Friday."

"Last year we made very few mistakes. That is what will determine the winner this time — the team that makes the fewest mistakes."

Shuff thinks that by game time the Little Giants, who have lost their last two engagements, will be ready to give an all-out effort.

"We've had good practice sessions this week," Shuff said. "The kids know they have a tough job ahead of them and are preparing for it the best way they know how."

"I don't like to say this is the 'Big' game of the year for us because I hate to rate one game over the other. Everyone on our schedule is tough. But I guess if there is one team we would like to beat the most on our schedule it's Sandusky. Everyone seems to get excited about football the week of the Sandusky game."

No major lineup changes are slated. All-Buckeye Conference tailback Tom Liggins will be joined in the offensive backfield by quarterback Ben Lopez, fullback Bill Burkett and wingback Rob Lytle.

Liggins, the head-and-butt man of the Ross rushing

offensive guards. They receive help from Frank Sanders. All three are sophomores.

Senior Bob Kasser will be over the ball.

## Tickets Available

Fremont Ross athletic director Dick Sherman and faculty manager Gary Nossaman emphasized again Thursday that Friday's game between the Little Giants and Sandusky is NOT a sellout.

"We still have plenty of general admission and student tickets available," Sherman said. "General admission tickets and student tickets will be sold at Tremper's until Friday at 5 p.m. Tickets will also be sold at the gate Friday. No student tickets will be sold unless the child is 12 years of age or younger and accompanied by an adult."

The athletic department has erected 2,000 extra bleacher seats at the stadium. All reserved seats for the contest were sold two weeks ago.

Defensively Ross will line up with Perry Sherk and Andy Sale at the ends. Sherk started his first game against Findlay last week and did a "respectable job" according to Shuff.

"Perry has been with us a couple of years and didn't do

much playing," Shuff said. "He was on the kickoff team and that was about it. He has worked hard, however, and now is a fine player. We are satisfied he can do the job in there."

Junior Ted Kreilick will get the call at middle guard.

Senior Gary Butdorf, sophomore Mike Biehler and Liggins will alternate at the linebacker positions.

Liggins played linebacker for the first time this season last Friday against Findlay.

Burkett gets the monster assignment. The safety is Mike Ruland and the defensive halfback slots are manned by Chuck Lindsey and back-up quarterback Mike Fossel.

Shuff is concerned about Sandusky's size.

"They are bigger than I thought they would be this year," Shuff said. "We also have to stop their quarterback (Bob Jackson) and fullback (Mark Deming). Those two fellows can hurt you from anywhere on the field. Bob Crabb is a big threat in passing situations."

Sandusky holds a big bulge, 37-19-7, in the long series. The Blue Streaks' longest winning skein is 19 years, 1931-1940. Ross broke the spell with a 14-7 win in 1947.

Fremont failed to win a game from 1926-1940. The Little Giants and Blue Streaks played to a 9-0 tie in 1926 and 6-6 draw in 1930.

The Little Giants' longest winning skein is four games—1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949. Ross has been shut out 26 times in the previous 63 meetings. That total includes three 0-0 ties.

If Ross wins tomorrow, it will be the first time the Little Giants have accomplished that feat since the mid 1950s.





# Big Plays, Long Touchdown Drive Whip Ross

By BOY WILHELM

Sandusky's state ranked Blue Streaks combined a few key first half plays with a near field long fourth quarter drive to dump the host Ross Little Giants, 25-9, in a rugged Buckeye Conference football battle at Harmon Stadium Friday night.

The Streaks turned two big pass plays, a long run and fumble recovery into the spark they needed for a 13 point halftime lead and then spoiled an inspired Ross comeback bid with a 95 yard, 16 play march that ended in a three yard touchdown run by Mark Deming with just 3:32 remaining in the game.

The brilliant Sandusky drive sailed away the victory after it appeared that the Little Giants might be on their way to a stirring second half comeback.

Ross, trailing 16-3 at the intermission, was in complete command of the third quarter action, holding Sandusky without a first down and scoring a touchdown to narrow the Blue Streaks' lead to just seven points.

It was the Ross defense that kept the Little Giants in control through that third quarter and stirred some fears in the hearts of Sandusky followers.

After Ross took the second half kickoff and moved to the Sandusky 38 yard line, the Little Giants were forced to punt. Sandusky took over on its own eight yard line, but two running plays and an incomplete pass resulted in just one net yard against the Ross defense and the Blue Streaks were forced to punt.

Jack Samartino punted to the Sandusky 39 yard line and John Werling hustled back to the 30 to give Ross excellent field position. From there, Ross, led by the running of Bill Burkett, moved 30 yards in seven plays. The Little Giant fullback picked up 24 of those yards — including the final three leading to the end zone — on five attempts. Tom Liggins, who was hampered throughout by a bruised thigh suffered in the Findlay game last week, added three yards on one run, and quarterback Ben Lopez picked up another three.

With the score just 16-3, the Little Giants held Sandusky without a first down again and got the ball back on their own 42 yard line. Liggins pounded into the line for seven yards on the first two plays, but on third and three, the conference's leading scorer was forced to leave the game with a cramp. Ross managed just one yard on the third down play and Bob Brudzinski punted. The kick by the sophomore end appeared to be a big play for the Little Giants, but it was not to work out that way. Brudzinski boomed a high 41 yard punt to the Sandusky nine yard line and Ray Scott, the Blue Streaks' return man lost four more yards trying to get around the Ross coverage.

No, Sandusky took over the football deep in its own territory with 11:03 left in the game and things were looking bright for the Little Giants. The Blue Streaks, however, unleashed a crushing ground attack, featuring the running of a trio of backs. The Streaks moved 95 yards in 16 plays, eating up seven minutes and 31 seconds on the clock. Deming, a 6'1", 205 pound senior fullback. Jeff Ward and Clarence Wooten



TOM LIGGINS (40) TAKES HANDOFF AND FOLLOWS BILL BURKETT'S INTERFERENCE

## Sandusky Travels 95 Yards For Score

By MARK CARLSON  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

"We gave it to them in the first half," Fremont Ross head coach Chuck Shuff was talking over the muffled sounds in the Little Giant locker room after Ross dropped a 25-9 Buckeye Conference decision to the Sandusky Blue Streaks at Harmon Stadium Friday.

"A couple of key plays in the first half is what beat us," Shuff continued. "And they sewed it up with the long touchdown drive in the fourth quarter."

A much happier Sandusky head coach, Gene Kidwell, agreed with Shuff.

"Those three plays that kept us going in the first half and the long march are what did it," the second-year pilot said. "We won the ball game with that long drive. That was something we had not been able to do all year — get off a long drive in the fourth quarter and score."

The Blue Streaks found themselves at their own five-yard line after Ray Scott fielded a 41-yard Bob Brudzinski punt. In trying to find an opening, Scott raced backwards and was finally dropped by a host of Ross tacklers.

"I never thought we would get out of that hole and move like we did," Kidwell marveled. "We decided to have Mark Deming do the winning and go into the left side of the line."

"Mark is a senior and tri-captain. We just added to his leadership responsibilities. And, our best blocking all night was from the left side. Our center, Jack Samartino, guard, Greg Dreschel and tackle, Tom Swank, do a fine job over there. We had to run to our strength and use the big boy (Deming)."

"We did use one play that we installed this week and that gave us a first down. The quarterback faked to Deming and handed off to Clarence Wooten with Jeff Ward leading the blocking."

The Blue Streaks used 16 plays and 7:31 on the clock in marching the 95 yards for the crucial touchdown.

Kidwell had plenty of praise for the Blue Streak defensive unit.

"We didn't key Tom Liggins the whole night," Kidwell reported. "The coaching staff told the defense all week that if they did the job they would stop Liggins. Our goal was to keep Liggins from scoring a touchdown and we did it."

### Lindsey Listed In Fair Condition

Ross football player, Chuck Lindsey sustained a rib injury during the game. Lindsey was listed in good condition by Memorial Hospital when he was blasted out of bounds after catching an 18-yard pass. The 5-8, 165-pound junior Little Giants' 23-9 loss to Sandusky Friday.

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Bill Burkett scored the Ross TD on a three-yard plunge late in the third quarter. Liggins was blanked from the scoring column in Buckeye Conference play for the first time this season.

But, after the contest, Shuff revealed that the junior power runner was hobbled by a thigh injury.

"He was hurt in the Findlay game last week and wasn't able to go full strength in practice all week," Shuff said. "It isn't anything real serious — he should be ready to go all out next week."

Liggins carried the ball 12 times for 39 yards. Both statistics were his lowest of the season. Burkett led the Ross rushing game with 62 yards on 13 attempts.

Ross quarterback Ben Lopez passed 10 times for six completions. The Little Giant passing attack was the only facet of the offensive repertoire that surprised the Sandusky coaches.

"We didn't think they would pass that much," Kidwell said. "In fact, we spent very little time in practice this week working against the pass."

"We also didn't expect them to use the option as much as they did."

"We had to go to the option and pass to loosen their defense up," Shuff said. "Our linemen couldn't move their big men out of that middle. We needed to try something else."

Sandusky was upset by the Little Giants, 28-27, at Strobel Field in 1969 and the Blue Streak coaching staff used that loss to fire up their squad for last night's head-knocker.

"We have only about 20 seniors on the squad," Kidwell said, "but they remembered what happened last year. We wouldn't let them forget. And, I think we hurt their pride a little. All that we emphasized this week was that two sophomores — Liggins and Chuck Lindsey — beat us last year."

"At the time, we were a power in the conference. Just the week before we gained a morale victory in the 12-6 loss to Elyria. Then Ross beat us. The kids and coaches didn't forget."

After Mike Ruland's 22-yard field goal, Sandusky scored on the 46-yard pass from Jackson to Bob Crab. Then, the Blue Streaks added two more points on a Deming to May pass.

"We were supposed to kick for the extra point," Kidwell said. "Our original plan was to fake the kick and go for two. But Ross called a time out. We figured they were getting ready to stop the kick."

"I changed my mind and sent in a guard with instructions to forget about going for two and kick the point. But by the time he arrived on the field the center was over the ball and never got the message. He snapped the ball high for the fake and Deming ran around until he found May."

"After the second touchdown we did want to go for two points. That play was planned."

Even in defeat, Shuff was pleased with how his Little Giants responded in the second half.

"The kids gave it all they had," Shuff said. "The defense did a real good job except for the three plays that broke the game open in the first half and the long touchdown march. They just overpowered us on the last drive."

"Sandusky has a very fine football team, but I'd hate to pick between them and Findlay. I think they are about equal." Sandusky lost a 12-6 verdict to Findlay earlier this year.

## News-Messenger SPORTS

### Ross, Sandusky Yardstick

| SCORE BY QUARTERS                                |           |              |      | Receiving       |      |      |      |
|--|-----------|--------------|------|-----------------|------|------|------|
| 1  | 2         | 3            | 4    | No.             | Yds. | Ass. | Tds. |
| Sandusky   | 8         | 8            | 7-25 | Chuck Lindsey   | 1    | 43   | 1    |
| Ross   | 3         | 8            | 6-9  | Bob Lytle       | 2    | 32   | 0    |
| Ross-Mike Ruland, 22 yard field goal             |           |              |      | Tom Liggins     | 1    | 2    | 1    |
| Sandusky-Bob Crab, 36 yard pass from Ben Lopez   |           |              |      | Chuck Crab      | 1    | 2    | 1    |
| From Bob Jackson, 100 yard pass from Mark Deming |           |              |      | Kickoff Returns |      |      |      |
| Sandusky-Clarence Wooten, four yard run          |           |              |      | No.             | Yds. | Ass. |      |
| From Bob Crab, pass from Deming                  |           |              |      | Tom Liggins     | 2    | 49   | 0    |
| Ross-Bill Burkett, three yard run                |           |              |      | Chuck Lindsey   | 1    | 8    | 0    |
| Sandusky-Mark Deming, three yard run             |           |              |      | Chuck Crab      | 1    | 11   | 0    |
| run/Deming kick                                  |           |              |      | Punt Returns    |      |      |      |
| STATISTICS                                       |           |              |      | No.             | Yds. | Ass. |      |
| Ross   | Sand      | John Werling |      | No.             | Yds. | Ass. |      |
| TOTAL FIRST DOWNS                                | 14        | 11           |      | Punting         | No.  | Yds. | Ass. |
| Running  | 7         | 9            |      | Bob Brudzinski  | 3    | 125  | 38.3 |
| Passing  | 2         | 2            |      |                 |      |      |      |
| Punt   | 1         | 0            |      | SANDUSKY        |      |      |      |
| Penalty  | 4         | 0            |      | Running         | No.  | Yds. | Ass. |
| RUSHING  |           |              |      | ATL.            | Gian | Lost | Net  |
| Car  | 168       | 172          |      | 4               | 9    | 1    | 8    |
| Lost   | 123       | 100          |      | 10              | 46   | 9    | 46   |
| Net  | 25        | 72           |      | 2               | 6    | 4    | 0    |
| PASSING  | 10        | 10           |      | 3               | 40   | 4    | 40   |
| ATTEMPTS   | 12        | 10           |      | 7               | 47   | 0    | 47   |
| COMPLETIONS                                      | 6         | 6            |      | 2               | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| YARDS  | 36        | 10           |      | 1               | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| TD'S   | 2         | 1            |      |                 |      |      |      |
| TOTAL OFFENSE                                    | 205       | 249          |      |                 |      |      |      |
| FUMBLES  | 2         | 1            |      |                 |      |      |      |
| Fumbles Lost                                     | 1         | 1            |      |                 |      |      |      |
| PENALTIES  | 1:04      | 7:25         |      |                 |      |      |      |
| PUNTS  | 3:38      | 2:29.5       |      |                 |      |      |      |
| Individual                                       |           |              |      |                 |      |      |      |
| Ross   | Receiving | Car          | Gain | Lost            | Net  |      |      |
| Ben Lopez  | 12        | 39           | 20   | 20              |      |      |      |
| Ben Lopez  | 8         | 12           | 25   | 0               | 25   |      |      |
| Bill Burkett                                     | 13        | 62           | 1    | 0               | 61   |      |      |
| Chuck Lindsey                                    | 4         | 14           | 8    | 14              |      |      |      |
| Mike Ruland                                      | 1         | 22           | 0    | 22              |      |      |      |
| Bob Lytle  | 2         | 32           | 0    | 32              |      |      |      |
| Punting  |           |              |      |                 |      |      |      |
| ATL.   | Comp      | Yds          | Int  | Ray Scott       | 2    | 19   |      |
| Ben Lopez  | 3         | 89           | 1    | Jeff Ward       | 1    | 11   |      |

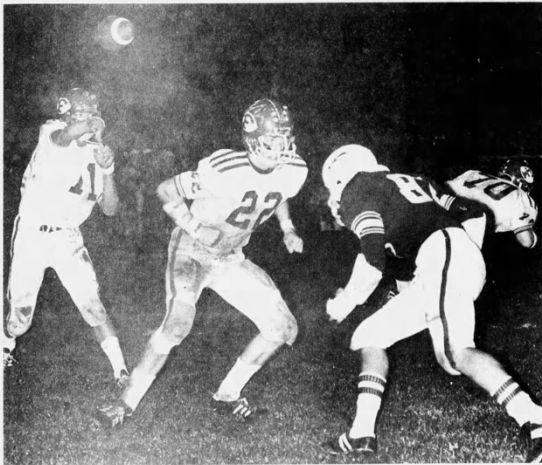
SANDUSKY'S CLARENCE WOOTEN BURSTS OFF TACKLE FOR SIZEABLE GAIN  
Ross Linebacker Gary Butdorf (64) And 'Monster' Bill Burkett (22) Move In For Tackle



SANDUSKY HALFBACK CLARENCE WOOTEN FUMBLES AFTER BEING HIT BY ROSS' PERRY SHENK (81).  
Blue Streak Runner Recovered His Own Bobble



SCOTT BERLEKAMP (33) TOM LIGGINS (40)  
Watch Action From Sidelines



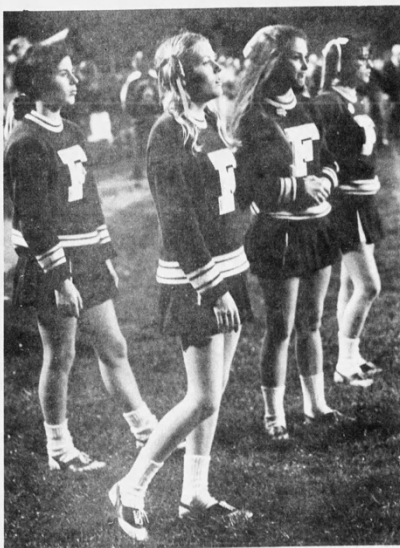
ROSS HIGH QUARTERBACK BEN LOPEZ LOFTS PASS AS BILL BURKETT (22) PROVIDES PROTECTION



BARB SCHULZ  
Cheering With Broken Leg

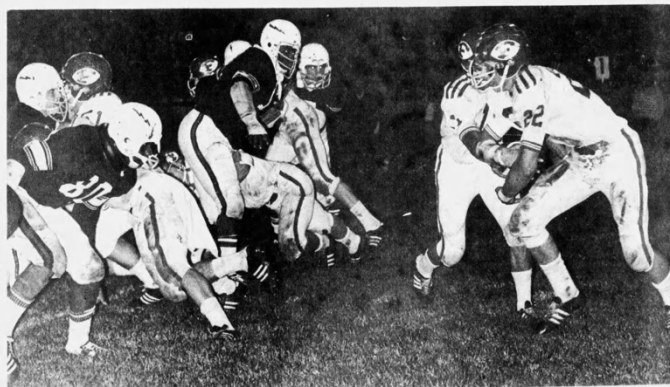


ROSS MAJORETTE LYNETTE STEWART  
Performing For Large Crowd At Halftime



ROSS VARSITY CHEERLEADERS  
Show Frustration Along Sideline

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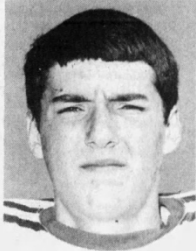
QUARTERBACK BEN LOPEZ (11) HANDS OFF TO FULLBACK BILL BURKETT  
Sandusky Defensive Linemen Penetrate Ross Offensive Line

# Ross Hasn't Beaten Admiral King

## Little Giants Meet Nemesis

Fremont Ross meets an old nemesis in Lorain Admiral King when the Little Giants journey to Lorain Saturday for their final game of the 1970 campaign.

"We've never beaten King," Ross high coach Chuck Shuff reported Thursday. "They'll want to protect that record. This



**BOB BRUDZINSKI**  
Sophomore End

Findlay they ran 83 plays and still lost. Admiral King will pass more than any team we've seen this season."

King has a 1-5 record in the Buckeye Conference and is 2-7 overall. The only conference victory for the Admirals came against Mansfield.

Quarterback Mark Lukesic is the main passing threat. He has attempted 200 passes, completed 67 for 1,010 yards and four touchdowns.

His favorite receivers are Carlos Cato and Mike Jackson. Cato has hauled in 23 passes for 386 yards and Jackson has pulled down 13 for 323 yards. Right behind that duo is Don Fritz Jr., who has 15 receptions for 195 yards. Jackson has caught three touchdowns passes and Cato has nailed two.

Tom Liggins continues to lead Ross in most offensive categories. He has 924 net yards rushing and can become the first Little Giant in many years to

pass the 1,000 mark if he gains 76 yards in Saturday's game.

The junior power runner also leads the squad in scoring, pass receptions and kickoff returns. Liggins, who leads the Buckeye Conference scoring race has scored 92 points in the first nine Little Giant games.

Second leading scorer is Bill Burkett. The senior fullback has 24 points — three touchdowns and three two-point conversions. Burkett is also the second leading rusher with 704 net yards on 147 carries.

Unlike Admiral King, Ross isn't inclined to throw the ball. The Little Giant quarterback, Ben Lopez, has thrown 60 times for 25 completions. Ross has gained 291 yards through the air. One pass has gone for a touchdown and seven had been intercepted.

The Little Giants hold the edge over their opponents in most statistical categories. Ross has out-scored its foes by a 149-136

margin. Biggest quarter for the Little Giants has been the third when they have put 48 points on the board.

The third quarter has also been the best defensive stanza for Ross. In that eight minute time span, the opposition has tallied only 26 points. Only 28 points have been scored against Ross in the first quarter.

In total offense, Ross has out-gained its opponents by a 2,216-1,991 margin. The opposition has piled up 1,523 yards on the ground and 468 through the air.

Ross' defense has allowed the opposing offense 37 pass completions in 86 attempts. Ross has intercepted seven enemy aials.

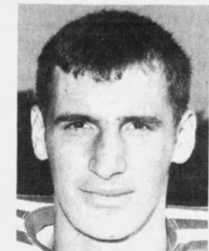
The Little Giants, who will be seeking their sixth victory, have been plagued by turnovers. Ross has fumbled the ball 27 times and the opponents have converted the loose pigskin on 19 occasions.

Kickoff at George Daniel Stadium will be 8 p.m.

is going to be a tough game for us.

"King hasn't had a good season but they have been in nearly every game they've played. With a couple of breaks, their record could be reversed.

"Last week, they led Sandusky 14-0 before losing. Against



**CHUCK CELEK**  
Second In Receptions



**FREMONT ROSS SENIORS IN FINALE**—Fremont Ross will play its final game of 1970 at Lorain Admiral King Saturday. Seniors making their final appearance include: front row—Rick Roach, Gary Butdorf, Steve Dickens, Barry Askins, Randy Arndt, Chuck Serfozo and John Heidelberg; back row—

Perry Shenk, Gary Tatsak, Barry Hawk, Mike Tooman, John Szymanowski, Bill Burkett, Mike Ruland and Tom Nighswander. Missing from photo are Chuck Miller, Scott Johnson, Bob Kusmer and Frank Sanders. Kickoff for the finale at George Daniel Stadium is 8 p.m. (News-Messenger Photo)

# Fremont Ross Sports 5-4-1 Report Card

LORAIN—Ross didn't win but, it didn't lose either.

"I guess that's the best thing you can say about a tie," Ross head football coach Chuck Shuff said Saturday after the Little Giants and Lorain Admiral King swam to a 0-0 stalemate at soggy George Daniel Stadium.

From the start, the contest was played in a driving rain storm. And, to add to the woe of both squads, a strong wind which some estimated to be 40 miles per hour in gusts, hampered the offensive efforts of both squads.

"The weather made it the type of game where it's hard to do anything offensively," Shuff said. "It wasn't even a good night for ducks.

"Our game plan was to run a lot of counters at them and do some passing. But the rain changed all that—we ran one counter the whole game. It's hard to do either of those things when weather conditions are bad."

Because of the swamp-like conditions, Ross tried to overpower King by running between the tackles. The Little Giants ran 51 offensive plays, including 43 rushing. Only about four of those thrusts into the Admiral King line were outside the tackles.

"Maybe we should have gone to the outside more," Shuff said, "but there is always the danger of the runner losing his footing and falling down for a loss.

"The weather is one of the reasons we only used the wing back reverse once in the whole game. That calls for a double hand off, a lot of ball handling. It's too easy to fumble under these conditions without taking any additional chances. Also, Rob Lytle, our wing back, who runs the play had been sick and didn't practice this week.

"Actually, I really was surprised we didn't have more bad snaps between the quarterback and center. This type of night censes that."

Ross had only two poor offensive snaps the entire game. One came on a field goal attempt in the first quarter. The other bobbie was in the third quarter.

Admiral King never mounted a serious scoring attempt. Ross, however, had two bonafide chances to get on the scoreboard.

On its second offensive series of the game, the Little Giants moved to the King 25 yard line before being stopped. On fourth down, field goal kicker Mike Ruland was sent into the game.

Ruland lined up to kick from the 31, but holder Mike Fessel couldn't control the snap. He downed the ball at the 31 and King took possession. If Ruland would have been able to kick, the wind would have been at his back.

He also attempted a field goal with eight minutes remaining in the game. The Ross drive had been stalled at the six when Ruland got the call a second time. But his attempt was into the wind this time. The kick did get off the tee, but a strong gust pushed the pigskin back to the earth just as it became airborne. The ball was covered on the Admiral King one.

Did Shuff have second thoughts about the second attempt?

"You always have second thoughts when something goes wrong," the Little Giant tutor said, "I'm sure I would have done the same thing again.

"We had a strong drive going. But Admiral King's defense did a fine job of stopping us once we got inside the 10. In three rushes we gained only two yards. We had to get into the end zone because we couldn't get a first down. The drive started at our eight."

Admiral King's deepest offensive thrust was to the Ross 32 at the close of the first half. The Admirals got the ball at the midfield stripe following a punt. With 36 seconds remaining in the half, quarterback Mark Lukesic fired an 18-yard strike to tight end Mike Jackson.

Lukesic also tried to find Jackson on the following play. But Ross' Mike Ruland got in the way and picked off the first of three interceptions for the Little Giants to stop the scoring bid.

The other two Ross interceptions came in the closing minute of the game. Junior defensive-halback Chuck Lindsey was responsible for both of the steals.

King was at the Ross 41 when Lindsey got his first theft with 36 seconds remaining in the game. Lukesic passed long to Jackson, but Lindsey picked off the pass at his 50. He carried to the King 36 before being pushed out of bounds.

King got the ball right back, however, when a Ben Lopez' screen pass was intercepted.

Lukesic was dropped for an 11 yard loss on the next play. On second down, he dropped back to pass. Lindsey cut in front of the receiver and returned the ball to the King 28, giving the Little Giants a final bid to reach scoring territory.

Lopez threw incomplete to tailback Tom Liggins on the first play. The wing back reverse with Mike Ruland running in place of Lytle was called on second down. Ruland gained four yards to the 24. The Little Giants did not move any farther. Lopez threw incomplete on the final two plays of the series.

"Defensively I thought our kids did a pretty good job," Shuff said. "Those three interceptions indicate we were doing something besides just standing around out there.

"It would have been something if Chuck (Lindsey) could have taken one of those interceptions in for a touchdown. I thought he had a real good opportunity to do it with the first one."

Admiral King, which had been averaging approximately 20 passes a game, put the ball in the air 14 times for four completions and 35 yards. The Admirals chalked up 61 net yards rushing.

Ross gained 96 net yards on the ground and seven more in the air.

Leading ground gainer for the Little Giants was senior fullback Bill Burkett, who netted 35 yards on 20 attempts.

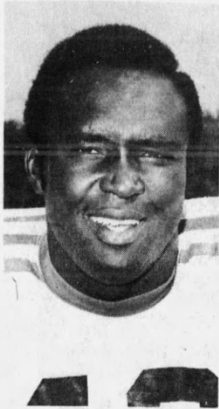
| TOTAL FIRST DOWNS |      |       |      | Receiving       |     |      |      |
|-------------------|------|-------|------|-----------------|-----|------|------|
|                   | R    | AK    |      |                 | No  | Yds  | Td   |
| Rushing           | 4    | 4     |      | Tom Liggins     | 1   | 7    | 0    |
| Passing           | 0    | 2     |      | Paul Retters    | 1   | 0    | 0    |
| Penalty           | 1    | 0     |      | Mike Fessel     | 1   | 5    | 0    |
| RUSHING           |      |       |      | Passing         |     |      |      |
|                   | Att  | Yds   | Net  |                 | No  | Yds  | Int  |
| Gained            | 115  | 99    |      | Bob Brudzinski  | 5   | 139  | 27.8 |
| Lost              | 20   | 28    |      |                 |     |      |      |
| Net               | 95   | 61    |      |                 |     |      |      |
| PASSING           |      |       |      | Admiral King    |     |      |      |
|                   | Att  | Comp  | Yds  |                 | Att | Comp | Yds  |
| Attempts          | 8    | 14    |      | Russ Wolfe      | 19  | 38   | 56   |
| Completions       | 7    | 20    |      | Dan Kessel      | 3   | 0    | 1    |
| Yardage           | 7    | 20    |      | L. Blackman     | 7   | 17   | 0    |
| Interceptions     | 102  | 96    |      | M. Lukesic      | 3   | 11   | 20   |
| TOTAL OFFENSE     |      |       |      | FUMBLES         |     |      |      |
|                   | Att  | Yds   | Net  |                 | No  | Yds  | Td   |
| Fumbles           | 1    | 4     |      | Don Fritz       | 4   | 7    | 0    |
| Fumbles Lost      | 1    | 4     |      | Cheney          | 2   | 8    | 0    |
| Penalties         | 13.5 | 23.5  |      |                 |     |      |      |
| PENALTIES         | 7.25 | 12.75 |      |                 |     |      |      |
| PUNTS             |      |       |      | Individual      |     |      |      |
|                   | Att  | Yds   | Net  |                 | Att | Yds  | Int  |
| Att               | 1    | 1     |      | M. Lukesic      | 9   | 22   | 3    |
| Yds               | 1    | 1     |      | Don Fritz       | 4   | 1    | 0    |
| Net               | 1    | 1     |      | Russ Wolfe      | 1   | 0    | 0    |
| RUSHING           |      |       |      | Completions     |     |      |      |
|                   | Car  | Gain  | Lost |                 | No  | Yds  | Td   |
| Bill Burkett      | 20   | 62    | 7    | Larry Blackman  | 1   | 10   | 0    |
| Tom Liggins       | 18   | 44    | 5    | Russ Wolfe      | 1   | 3    | 0    |
| Mike Fessel       | 1    | 0     | 0    | Dan Kessel      | 1   | 4    | 0    |
| Ben Lopez         | 1    | 5     | 1    | Mike Jackson    | 1   | 18   | 0    |
| Mike Ruland       | 1    | 4     | 0    |                 |     |      |      |
| PASSING           |      |       |      | Kickoff Returns |     |      |      |
|                   | Att  | Comp  | Yds  |                 | No  | Yds  | Td   |
| Ben Lopez         | 8    | 1     | 7    | Larry Blackman  | 1   | 6    | 0    |



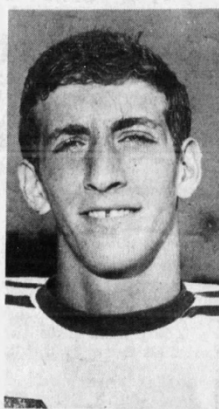
**BUCKEYE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS**—Gene Kidwell (second from right), head football coach of the Sandusky high school Blue Streaks, accepts championship plaque for Buckeye Conference from John Titsworth (right), retiring commissioner of the eight-team league. Gene Foster (right),

Titsworth's successor and John Tabler, athletic director at Sandusky, witness the presentation. The presentation was made during a meeting of the conference athletic directors and football coaches at Serwin's Restaurant Tuesday. The league all-star team will be announced Thursday afternoon.

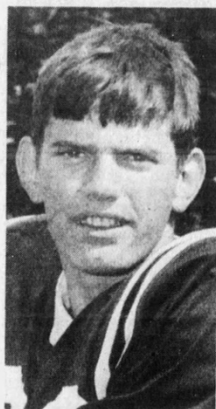




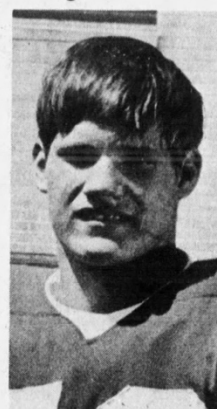
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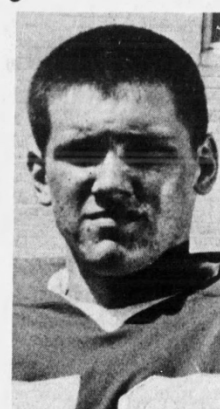
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**STEVE WASSERMAN**  
ST. JOE  
All-SBC

# Liggins, Burkett First Team Buckeye

Tom Liggins will have a rare opportunity next season.

Liggins, Fremont Ross' power running tailback, has been voted a first team berth on the All-Buckeye Conference team for the second straight season it was announced today.

Thus, Liggins, a junior can become one of the few players in the history of the highly-respected football conference to be voted a first team berth for three straight seasons if he makes it next season.

Liggins is joined on the first unit this season by senior fullback Bill Burkett.

Ross has three linemen — tackles Chuck Miller and Tom Nighswander and middle guard Ted Kreilick—on the second unit.

Honorable mention selections include junior end Chuck Celek, junior defensive back Chuck Lindsey, senior defensive halfback Mike Ruland, senior guard John Szymanski and senior tackle Scott Johnson.

Liggins, who led the conference in scoring with 78 points, also led his team in nearly every offensive department. He totaled 92 points in 10 games, rushed for 963 net yards in 214 carries, caught eight passes for 963 yards and ran back seven kickoffs for 149 yards. In all categories, he led the team.

"Tommy is Tommy," Little Giant head coach Chuck Shuff said Wednesday. "I don't know what can be said about him that hasn't been said already — he's an outstanding back."

"I know this, he'll be faced with a big challenge next season. It would be quite an accomplishment for him if he could be named to the All-Conference team for three straight years."

"This year was a tough year and next year will be even tougher for Tommy. Last season people didn't realize how good he was until the season was almost over. This year everybody was ready for him. Many of the schools keyed him the entire game. But, I think he had a very fine year. It was an improvement over last season."

The naming of Burkett to a first team berth is the perfect ending for a griddle who didn't even play fullback until practice started in early August.

"Bill has to be one of our real pleasant surprises," Shuff said more than once during

the season. "We figured he could do an adequate job at full back, but he has done more than I could have ever hoped for."

"Bill and Tommy complimented each other. If Bill wasn't in there I don't think Tommy would have been as effective and if the situation would have been reversed (Burkett out and Liggins in the lineup) I think it would have been the same."

"Bill gained plenty of yardage because the other teams were keying on Tommy. When Bill saw a hold he would hit it quickly. He has fine speed."

Burkett also played defensive safety and monster back for the Little Giants, who finished the season 5-4-1, the first time a Ross squad has been above the .500 level since the 1965 season.

"I think the fact that Bill played so much defense for us helped him in the all-conference voting," Shuff said. "The coaches realized how valuable he was to our football team and its success. Bill played approximately 85 per cent of the time this season."

Burkett finished the season second to Liggins in scoring, rushing and kickoff returns. The 6-2, 185-pounder picked up 759 net rushing yards on 167 carries and scored 24 points — three touchdowns and three two-point conversions. He returned four kickoffs for 92 yards.

Miller and Nighswander were two other individuals who played both ways for the Little Giants.

"We are really going to miss both of those fellows," Shuff said. "If they played only one way it might not be as difficult. They both lettered three years and had a thorough knowledge of the game. We didn't have many worries with them in there. They knew what to do and went out there and did it every night."

Kreilick started every game at middle guard, but spelled Miller and Nighswander in the offensive line.

"He's a little unusual for a middle guard," Shuff said. "Most middle guards rely on their speed and quickness. They hit and then move down the line to the ball. Ted isn't real quick and depends more on his strength."

"He did an exceptional job. We are still totaling our charts but I think when it's over we'll find that Kreilick led our team in tackles and assists."

## News-Messenger SPORTS

### ★ All-Stars ★

#### BUCKEYE CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM

| Pos. | Name              | School     | Cl. | Hgt  | Wgt. |
|------|-------------------|------------|-----|------|------|
| L    | Jeff Bragg        | Sandusky   | Sr. | 6-0  | 240  |
| L    | Bob Crabb         | Sandusky   | Sr. | 5-10 | 185  |
| L    | Tom Swank         | Sandusky   | Sr. | 6-3  | 230  |
| L    | Louis Love        | Elyria     | Sr. | 6-0  | 170  |
| L    | Don Robinson      | Elyria     | Sr. | 6-0  | 245  |
| L    | Ron Lozier        | Findlay    | Sr. | 6-3  | 200  |
| L    | Joe Restivo       | Lorain Sr. | Sr. | 6-4  | 220  |
| L    | Kurt Schumacher   | Lorain Sr. | Sr. | 6-4  | 235  |
| L    | Greg Brokaw       | Marion     | Sr. | 5-11 | 185  |
| L    | Barry Prosak      | Adm. King  | Sr. | 6-0  | 235  |
| B    | Mark Deming       | Sandusky   | Sr. | 6-1  | 210  |
| B    | Tony Harris       | Sandusky   | Sr. | 5-7  | 150  |
| B    | Jeff Ward         | Sandusky   | Jr. | 5-7  | 170  |
| B    | Rick Nelson       | Elyria     | Sr. | 5-9  | 150  |
| B    | John Bohannon     | Elyria     | Sr. | 5-9  | 150  |
| B    | Keith Woodruff    | Findlay    | Sr. | 6-1  | 180  |
| B    | Dennis Reamsnyder | Findlay    | Sr. | 6-0  | 180  |
| B    | Jeff Bixler       | Findlay    | Jr. | 5-11 | 150  |
| B    | Santo Atkinson    | Lorain Sr. | Sr. | 6-0  | 180  |
| B    | Tom Liggins       | Ross       | Jr. | 5-10 | 185  |
| B    | Bill Burkett      | Ross       | Sr. | 6-2  | 185  |
| B    | Rick Huddle       | Marion     | Sr. | 5-8  | 170  |
| B    | Greg Warndorf     | Mansfield  | Sr. | 6-0  | 200  |

#### SECOND TEAM

|   |                 |            |     |      |     |
|---|-----------------|------------|-----|------|-----|
| L | Jim Davis       | Sandusky   | Sr. | 6-0  | 240 |
| L | Jack Samaritoni | Sandusky   | Sr. | 5-9  | 205 |
| L | James Boone     | Elyria     | Sr. | 5-11 | 195 |
| L | Don Hawke       | Elyria     | Sr. | 6-1  | 225 |
| L | Larry Kimmel    | Findlay    | Sr. | 6-1  | 205 |
| L | George McDaniel | Findlay    | Sr. | 6-3  | 160 |
| L | John Fitzgerald | Findlay    | Jr. | 5-11 | 180 |
| L | Paul Svaboda    | Lorain Sr. | Sr. | 5-10 | 185 |
| L | Chuck Miller    | Ross       | Sr. | 6-3  | 220 |
| L | Tom Nighswander | Ross       | Sr. | 6-2  | 195 |
| L | Ted Kreilick    | Ross       | Jr. | 5-11 | 205 |
| L | Al Beach        | Marion     | Sr. | 6-0  | 185 |
| L | Dwight Hoffman  | Marion     | Sr. | 6-2  | 200 |
| L | Tom Smigel      | Adm. King  | Sr. | 5-10 | 190 |
| L | Bill Dillon     | Adm. King  | Sr. | 5-10 | 190 |
| L | Dan Blakely     | Mansfield  | Jr. | 6-2  | 200 |
| B | Bob Jackson     | Sandusky   | Sr. | 5-9  | 165 |
| B | Bill Farmer     | Elyria     | Sr. | 5-10 | 165 |
| B | Barry Elsom     | Elyria     | Sr. | 5-10 | 175 |
| B | Ron Fields      | Lorain Sr. | Sr. | 5-7  | 160 |
| B | Jack Wicker     | Lorain Sr. | Sr. | 5-10 | 180 |

#### SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE

##### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

| Pos. | Name         | School     | Class | Ht.  | Wt. |
|------|--------------|------------|-------|------|-----|
| E    | Greg Miesle  | St. Joe    | Sr.   | 6-1  | 190 |
|      | Sam Esposito | Margaretta | Jr.   | 5-11 | 155 |

## At Ross' Fall Awards Night

## Football, Cross Country Participants Cited



**FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS**—Ross high school football players were cited for the accomplishments during the Fall Sports Awards Night gathering Tuesday. Honored were (clockwise): Chuck Celek, Tom Liggins, Mike Ruland, Ted Kreilick, Nighswander, Chuck Miller and Ted Kreilick, Ruland, Nighswander and Miller are seniors. The other three are juniors. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Rich Get Richer, Poor Get Mangled

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The rich get richer and the poor get mangled in the National Basketball Association.

Three of the four divisional leaders—New York, Baltimore and Milwaukee—increased or maintained their margins over the rest of the packs Tuesday night. What kept it from being a sweep was the fact that Los Angeles, front-runner in the Pacific Division, was idle.

The New York Knicks withstood a pro career-high 40 points by Atlanta's million-dollar rookie, Pete Maravich, and turned back the Hawks 128-119.

Baltimore's Bullets equalled a team scoring record by crushing Portland 156-104 and Lew Alcindor canned 37 points as Milwaukee's rampaging Bucks bounced Chicago 117-108 for their 15th successive victory.

In other NBA games, Detroit whipped San Diego 111-104, San Francisco clipped Philadelphia 104-86 and Buffalo flipped Phoenix 112-108.

In the American Basketball Association, Pittsburgh toppled Texas 125-120 and Utah belted Denver 115-102.

Maravich wowed the New York fans with a second-half shooting and passing exhibition that brought the Hawks back from a 19-point deficit to within

six of the Knicks before time ran out on Atlanta.

Walt Frazier canned 10 of 13 first half baskets for 23 of his 33 points that gave the Knicks their commanding lead.

In Baltimore it was all over by halftime when the Bullets led 84-50. Eight Baltimore players hit in double figures with Jack Marin's 25 points leading the way.

Oscar Robertson was the Bucks' sparkplug, hitting three baskets in 75 seconds as Milwaukee outscored the Bulls 11-0 early in the fourth period to overtake Chicago.

Detroit used the same method to stop San Diego, outscoring the Rockets 30-2 late in the game with Dave Bing topping the victorious Pistons with 35 points.

San Francisco snapped an eight-game losing skid against Philadelphia as the Warriors rallied to wipe out a five-point halftime deficit and stun the 7ers behind Jeff Mullins' 28 points.

Emmet Bryant and Bob Kaufman hit 28 points apiece for Buffalo but it was Dick Garre's three-point play with 36 seconds to go that clinched the Braves' triumph over Phoenix.

Nighswander, Chuck Miller and Ted Kreilick, Ruland, Nighswander and Miller are seniors. The other three are juniors. (News-Messenger Photo)



**AL WIDMAN JOE WIDMAN**  
Cross Country Award Winners

## Local Shooters Score Opening Night Victory

Led by Dr. Ralph Ocho and George Shreffler, who each shot 291, the Fremont Rifle Club downed Fostoria 1446-1389 at the local range Tuesday.

High point honors went to Layton Shultz of Fostoria, who scored 292. Junior shooter Mike Hamberg was fifth man among Fremont's 17 entrants with a 285.

The match was the first of the season for the Fremonters. The scores:

|          | P  | K  | S  | T   |
|----------|----|----|----|-----|
| Fostoria | 99 | 97 | 87 | 283 |
| F. Wentz |    |    |    |     |

Bill Burkett carried home the most important football trophy.

Burkett was named honorary captain of the 1970 football team, highlighting the gridiron portion of the Fall Sports Awards Night at Ross high school Tuesday.

Football players, cross country runners and cheerleaders were honored during the program.

Originally, the awards were to be preceded by a dinner. But those being honored decided instead to forego the meal and donate the money which would have been used to pay for the fete to the Marshall Fund. Mike Wetzel, a member of the 1969 Little Giant football squad, who's now a member of the Marshall freshman team, was present at the ceremony.

Head coach Chuck Shuff announced Burkett's selection as honorary captain. Burkett's fellow players voted to award him the honorary captain trophy like members of the cross country team did for Joe Widman.

Burkett's name was heard quite often during the evening. He was also named as one of two top defensive backs on the 1970 squad. Burkett shared that honor with another senior, Mike Ruland.

## Writers Select Ohio University

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — "You guys are nuts," Coach Jim Snyder said Tuesday after his Ohio University team had been named the sports writers' favorite to win the Mid-American Conference basketball title.

The defending champion Bobcats, who rolled to a 9-1 league record last year, earned 178 points to 146 for runnerup Toledo in a writers' poll.

The conference's six head coaches also cast Ohio as the probable winner with 21 points to 20 for Bowling Green. Toledo was a close third with 25 points among the coaches.

"They're nuts too," Snyder, the dean of the Mid-American in his 22nd season, said of his fellow coaches' voting.

Two returning starters, 6-8 center Craig Love and 6-1 guard Ken Kowall, provide the backbone for the Bobcats, slower and not nearly as physical as last year's 20-3 production.

Sixth man Tom Corde takes over the other guard spot. The Bobcat forwards will be 6-5 Todd Lalich, a Florida State transfer, and 6-5 Bob Howell, hurt most of last winter.

The two best backcourt men on any Mid-American squad, 6-3 Tim Hartman and 6-1 Steve Shay, and 7-foot center Doug Hess make Toledo the title favorite in Snyder's mind.

Hess, a senior, established a Rocket rebounding record of 15.4 per game and led the conference in that department, ahead of all-league Love.

Bowling Green must fill in scoring gaps left by MAC player of the year Jim Penix and Dan McLemore and a rapid maturation of sophomores to go with established standouts 6-7 Jim Connolly, a center, and 6-3 Rich Walker, switched from guard to forward.

Darrell Hedrick of Miami and Eldon Miller of Western Michigan, the league's new coaches, plan aggressive man-to-man defenses.

Hedrick must find an entire new front line to go with established guards Mike Wren, 5-9, and 6-foot Gerry Sears. He's made a starting forward out of 6-2 Darrell Dunlap, another holdover at guard. He's counting on 6-10 sophomore Steve Hamble at center.

Early in the evening, Shuff announced that Burkett and senior tackle Chuck Miller have been nominated to the Region Two selection list for the Ohio high school North-South All-Star football game at Canton next August.

Also cited for his accomplishments on defense was another senior tackle, Tom Nighswander. A vote of the coaches earned him the trophy for being the outstanding defensive lineman.

Junior tailback Tom Liggins and Miller were cited for the offensive accomplishments. Liggins was selected the outstanding offensive back and Miller the top offensive lineman.

This season, for the first time, Ross coaches awarded stars to members of the team for outstanding accomplishments during game combat. Chuck Celek was given a trophy for earning the most stars on offense. Junior middle guard Ted Kreilick was rewarded for earning the most stars among the defensive players.

Celek had 36 outstanding blocks according to the coaches' grading system during the 10-game schedule. In that same span, Kreilick nailed 52 solo tackles and 18 assists.

In cross country, the award for most valuable runner went to Al Widman. He earned the most team points for the Little Giants during the past season.

Shuff presented letters and mementos to football players. Head cross country coach Ron Brant did the same for his squad.

Toastmaster Norman Bray introduced the varsity cheerleaders—Dee Migh, Laurie Monahan, Ruth Parkhurst, Connie Herr, Jan Hess and Pam Slane. Reserve cheerleaders for the fall sports were Barb Schulz, Gail Sermer, Sue Hanover and Paula Michaels.

Assistant Ross principal Richard Butdorf gave the welcome in place of principal Diane Wamsley, who was unable to attend. Superintendent of schools John C. Evanoff also spoke briefly.

The evening concluded with a film Second Effort, featuring the late Vince Lombardi. Dick Sherman, Little Giant Athletic Director, introduced the film.

The letter winners:

**Football**  
Third Year—Randy Arndt, Gary Butdorf, Chuck Miller and Tom Nighswander.

Second Year—Bill Burkett, Scott Johnson, Mike Ruland, Bob Kusmer, Frank Sanders, John Symonowski, Mike Tooman, Chuck Celek, Ted Kreilick, Tom Liggins, Chuck Lindsey and Andy Sale.

First Year—Barry Atkins, Steve Dicken, Barry Hawk, John Heidelberg, Rick Roach, Chuck Serfon, Perry Shenk, Gary Tatak, Mike Fessel, Ben Lopez, Mike Sherman, John Wering, Mike Biehler, Bob Brudzinski, Rob Lytle.

Managers—Rick Lotzky, Dave Lawrence, Steve Lotzky.

**Cross Country**  
Juniors—Kirk Stout, Al Widman, Chris Widman, Joe Widman.

Seniors—Bruce Beeker, Cy Connors.



**CHUCK SHUFF BILL BURKETT**  
Head Coach And Honorary Captain

**MONTGOMERY WARD**  
DOWNTOWN FREMONT  
**LIMITED TIME**  
**CHANGEOVER SPECIAL**

# Peiffer Selected By Panel

Dave Peiffer, Fremont St. Joseph senior, was named today to a defensive end berth on the 18th Northwestern District football team.

Peiffer was the only Fremonter voted a first team berth on either the AAA or AA squads selected by a panel of sports writers and broadcasters for the Associated Press.

Area players to earn first team berths:

Don Didon, Bellevue, middle guard on the AAA defensive unit.

... Roger Snyder, Lakota, center for the AA offensive team.

Jerry Gill, Margareta, quarterback for the AA offensive squad.

Chuck Highlander, Margareta, AA defensive linebacker.

Three Fremont Ross gridlers were named to the second unit.

High scoring tailback Tim Liggins is listed in the second team offensive backfield and guard John Symanowski was voted a guard slot. Tackle Chuck Miller is listed with the defensive unit.

Liggins is a junior. Miller and Symanowski are seniors.

St. Joe senior fullback Mike Chodinski also was given a second team berth. The hard-running fullback, who was a first team defensive end choice on the defensive unit in 1969, was selected for a backfield post.

Margareta, which finished the season with an 8-2 mark and tied for second with St. Joe in the Sandusky Bay Conference standings, placed three players—offensive end Tim Borick, center Larry Bales and defensive end Mike Arnold—on the second unit.

Borick is only a junior and still has one more season remaining in his scholastic career. Bales and Arnold have played their final games for the Green and White.

Two more juniors, Ted Smith of Gibsonburg and Dan Shultz of Lakota, were also honored with a selection to the second team. Smith was picked as linebacker and Shultz was voted one of three defensive halfback positions.

Peiffer was one of the defensive keys to St. Joe's fine 13-1 record this season. He was credited with blocking three punts. He blocked two in the 16-14 victory over Sandusky St. Mary's. One of the blocked punts set up the first St. Joe touchdown. That victory started the Streaks on a six-game winning streak.

"Dave is a fine defensive end, one of the best we've ever had at St. Joe," Crimson Streak head coach Bob Smith said after the final game. "He gave us everything he had on every play. Dave will be a tough one for us to replace next season."

Snyder was one of the five seniors who started for Lakota. He started every game at offensive center for the Raiders, who finished the season with a 1-8-1 log.

Gill quarterbacked Margareta to its second straight second place finish in the SIC. The diminutive senior was voted a first team berth on the SIC all-star squad for the second consecutive season.

Highlander played both ways for the Polar Bears. He was a fullback in the offensive alignment.

Didon is another senior. He was one of the reasons why Bellevue finished the season with one of the finest defensive records in the Northern Ohio League even though the Redmen finished in the middle of the eight-team field.

Findlay's Bob Bockrath, Charles Buckenmeyer of Napoleon, Tony Munaf of Huron and New London's Marv Nugent were named the top coaches in the District.

Bockrath was selected in Class AAA, Buckenmeyer and Munaf in Class AA and Nugent in Class A. Bockrath led Findlay to a second place finish in the Buckeye Conference. Munaf piloted Huron to its second straight unbeaten season. He also won the award in 1969.

Findlay quarterback Keith Woodruff and Tiffin Columbian back Chuck Hester were top backs in AAA and Tom Swank of Sandusky and Larry Ivan of Toledo St. Francis the AAA co-linemen of the year.

In Class AA, it was Archibald's Tim Grieser at the top back and Swanton defensive end Rick Forrest as the lineman of the year.

Tom Miller, Spencerville halfback, was named the top Class A area back and Fostoria St. Wendelin defensive tackle Ron Myers as the best lineman.

Sandusky, which won the Buckeye Conference title with a 9-1 record, placed six players on the first team.

Named to the offensive unit were end Bob Crabb, tackle Tom Swank and center Jack Samarrai. Listed with the first team defense were end Scott May, linebacker Mark Deming and defensive halfback Tony Harris.

## CLASS AAA

### First Team

Offense—Ends — Bob Crabb, Sandusky, and Ed Farris, Toledo Macomber; tackles Tom Swank, Sandusky, and Steve King, Tiffin Columbian; guards Les Snyder, Lima Shawnee, and John Adamski, Toledo St. Joe; center Jack Samarrai, Sandusky; quarterback Keith Woodruff, Findlay; back Chuck Hester, Tiffin Columbian; Kurt Kempe, Defiance, and Tom Lyles, Toledo Macomber.

Defense—Ends—Scott May, Sandusky, and Tim Armstrong, Toledo DeVillbiss; tackles Larry Ivan, Toledo St. Francis, and John Hafford, Mansfield Malabar; middle guard Don Didon, Bellevue; linebackers Jeff Schag, Mansfield Madison, Rob Bryan, Toledo Bowler, and Mark Deming, Sandusky; backs Bob Krasniewski, Toledo Macomber, Tony Harris, Sandusky, and Mike Jones, Mansfield Malabar.

### CLASS AA

### First Team

Offense—Ends—Mark Knepley, Napoleon, and Don Thomas, Elida; tackles Greg Harmon, Napoleon, and Craig Fowler, Heron; guards Jim Arts, Rossford, and Dean Kile, St. Marys; center Roger Snyder, Lakota; quarterback Jerry Gill, Castalia Margareta; backs Tim Grieser, Archibald, Rick Hill, Perrysburg, and Rick Upchurch, Springfield Local.

Defense—Ends—Rick Forrest, Swanton, and Dave Peiffer, Fremont St. Joseph; tackles Mike Kamelensky, Cardinal Stritch, and Tim Waldock, Perkins; middle guard Bill Baster, Fostoria; linebackers Bob Owsingrove, Archibald, Tom Yingling, Carey, and Chuck Highlander, Castalia Margareta; backs Wayne McCarty, Huron, Duane Beall, Bucyrus, and Brad Gerken, Napoleon.

## CLASS A

### First Team

Offense — Ends Tim Walland, Sandusky St. Mary and Jim Borgis, Norwalk St. Paul; tackles Jeff Ross, Maumee Valley, and Dick Miller, Monroville; guards Bob Bennett, Fostoria St. Wendelin, and Mark Kantor, Sandusky St. Mary; center Fred Gardner, Ottawa Hills; quarterback Chris Muehle, Norwalk St. Paul; back Bruschel Kidd, New London, Mike Reinhart, Fostoria St. Wendelin, and Tom Miller, Spencerville.

Defense — Ends Rex Gloor, Hicksville, and Kent Brown, Arlington; tackles Ron Myers, Fostoria St. Wendelin, and Ted Krugh, Parkway; middleguard Jim Geiger, Norwalk St. Paul; linebackers Roland McNichol, Maumee Valley, Jim Stuch, Colonel Crawford, and Deryl Nalle, Arcadia; backs Bill Sharp, Liberty Center, Mike Nugent, New London, and Curt Snyder, Parkway.

## Travel Ticket Information

Fremont Ross will help Fostoria high dedicate its new gymnasium Saturday. The reserve game starts at 6:30 p.m.

For fans traveling to the game, they should take Route 12 to Fostoria. At the Union Carbide plant, Ross followers should make a right turn onto Center street. At County Line Road, make another right and go to Park Avenue. At Park Avenue, make a left and the school is about four blocks away.

Ross fans are reminded that tickets for the game will be on sale at Tremper's until Saturday afternoon. Adult tickets are \$1.50 and student admission is 75 cents.



TOM LIGGINS

## Liggins Voted Second Team Spot

Tom Liggins, Fremont Ross running back, was named to a second team berth in the United Press International All-State balloting announced Thursday.

Liggins, who was named second team all-northwest district by Associated Press but wasn't mentioned in that wire service's state voting, is one of seven Buckeye Conference players named to UPI's top two squads.

Findlay had two first team selections. Keith Woodruff was an overwhelming pick at quarterback and Dennis Reamsnyder was selected as a defensive halfback.

Other first team selections from the Buckeye were Lorain defensive tackle Jack Restivo and Sandusky defensive halfback Tony Harris.

The only other area player given a first team berth by UPI was Tiffin Columbian fullback Chuck Heater.

Liggins was joined on the second offensive unit by Sandusky tackle Tom Swank. Lorain senior linebacker Kurt Schumacher was picked with the second team defensive unit.

Buckeye Conference players receiving special mention were Louis Love and Don Robinson of Elyria and Mark Deming of Sandusky. Ross' Chuck Miller and Bob Crabb of Sandusky received honorable mention.

Most coaches in the Buckeye Conference called Liggins the top back in that prestigious eight-team league.

The UPI team is selected by vote of a selected group of high school football coaches throughout the state.