

## 1959 Class AA Sectional Tournament

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### St. Joe Plays Tomorrow, Ross On Saturday

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Record against AA teams 4-13; overall record 4-13. Head coach Leroy (Cot) Marquette; assistant coach Leo Lutz; Main performers: Forwards, Reuben Lozano, 61 senior; Denny Stine, 5-11 sophomore; Steve Cecil, 64 junior; Centers, Mike McCarthy, 61 senior; Charles (Ce) Gandy, 62 senior; Guards, Harry Walter, 5-11 junior; Roger Mann, 5-8 junior; Jim Ohms, 5-9 senior; Main performers: Forwards, Jerry Ramirez, 61 senior; Ralph Mears, 6-3½ junior; John Baker, 64 senior; Centers, Doug McDonald, 65 senior; Dave Eubanks, 6-5 senior; Guards, Fritz Aufdenbopal, 5-11 senior; Dwight Kimble, 5-9 junior; Larry Runion, 5-9 senior.

Walter was the top scorer for the St. Joe team, he and Gandy, 62 senior, tied for the lead in the regular season scoring 196 points, an average of 15.6 per game. Lozano, McCarthy, Pankratz and Daubel the main rebounders. Ross had to rebuild late in the season due to the loss of two height, depends on his defense to hold opponents. Scoring punch has been a main drawback.

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*Fremont Teams  
Clash At 7:30;  
Fostoria Upset*

*Eastwood, Winner  
Over Redmen, Face  
Oak Harbor At 9*

By HAL SHANAHAN  
N-M Sports Editor

A gamble paid off for Coach Robert (Bob) Smith, head basketball mentor of the St. Joseph high Crimson Streaks, resulting in a 62-47 victory over Genoa's Comets in the first game of the Fremont Class AA Sub-Sectional tournament Friday in Ross Senior high gym.

Hit by some squad disciplinary problems late in the season, Coach Smith delved down into the Reserves team, a highly successful unit (won 13, lost 5), and brought up three promising sophomores. He had already called up Fred Beier, 5-10 sophomore, to plug a weak guard position midway in the campaign.

Last night against Genoa, Smitty started his veteran, gritty 6-0 senior Dave Miesle at forward. He used 6-0 sophomore Joe Overmyer at the other forward, first Varsity start for Overmyer; 6-3 sophomore Ed Binsack at center, second Varsity start for Binsack; 5-11 Ron Rodenhauser at one guard, third Varsity start for Rodenhauser and Beier at the other guard.

The new unit was a little shaky during the second period but out-played Genoa the rest of the game.

Asked if he would use the same starting combination against Fremont Ross when the Little Giants and Crimson Streaks meet at 7:30 tonight in the upper bracket Sub-Sectional final, Coach Smith answered, "Why not?"

"I gambled and won with them last night and see no reason to change my lineup against Ross," Smitty commented. "I had confidence in the youngsters and they came through. Also, the kids gained a lot of confidence with that victory Friday."

Second game last night was won in an upset by Eastwood's

Eagles, 49-43 over Fostoria's Redmen. Fostoria entered the tourney with a 16-2 record whereas Eastwood had a 14-4 mark.

Fans jammed the new Ross gym to more than capacity, extra seats set up on the stage floor. Crowd estimates ranged from 1,700 to 1,800.

## Large Crowd Expected

There'll probably be at least 1,800 on hand tonight when Ross battles St. Joe at 7:30 and Eastwood takes on Oak Harbor at 9. St. Joe is 5-14, Ross 4-13, Eastwood now 15-4 and Oak Harbor 15-2. Genoa bowed out with a 7-10 mark.

Ross and St. Joe have not met on the basketball court since the 1947-48 season. In 51 meetings, Ross has won 39 times and St. Joe 12. Ross has won 18 straight basketball games over the Streaks since St. Joe won in the 1936-37 season two times over the Little Giants.

Coach Smith's comments on tonight's game with Ross: "They should be fresher since they didn't have to play last night . . . It's their home floor too . . . I think breaks will decide it."

Coach Leroy (Cot) Marquette of Ross: "It should be a close game . . . We'll have to stop Miesle's scoring as much as possible and also stop St. Joe's running game."

Their zone press worked good last night so we'll have to find a way to solve it."

Both teams work a press on defense.

Coach Marquette will pick his starters from any of the following: Reuben Lozano, 6-1, Mike McCarthy, 6-1 senior; Charles Pankratz, 6-2 senior; Harry Walter, 5-11 junior; Roger Mann, 5-8 junior; Denny Stine, 5-11 sophomore; Steve Cecil, 6-0 junior; and Jim Ohms, 5-10 sophomore.

## Hot First Quarter

Getting back to last night's action, St. Joe rolled to a 16-12 quarter margin with some "red hot" shooting. Miesle canned two baskets, Overmyer two, Rodenhauser two and 6-2 senior substitute Ed Miller one plus one by Beier, total of 8 out of 14 shots.

Coach Bob Kristensak's Comets got in close for shots, rebounded well, tallied on several foul line opportunities and took advantage of a loose St. Joe defense in the second period to move nine points ahead, 30-23. Lynn McCoil, 6-2 center, hit on a couple of jump shots from the circle and tapped in a rebound. Bob Baird, 5-9 guard, made four of four foul

shots. Dan Garey, 6-1 forward connected for two buckets, Wayne Fondessy, 6-1 forward for one and 6-0 guard Tom Digby dropped in two of two free throws. Rodenhauser's pair of free throws and a fast break layup by Paul Szakovits, 5-9 senior substitute guard, brought St. Joe to within five points of Genoa near the half. But a pair of charity flips by McCoil left Genoa on top 32-25 at intermission. McCoil scored nine of his total of 16 points in the first two periods.

The Streaks outscored Genoa 37 to 15 in the second half, the pressing defense of St. Joe both-ering the Comets considerably. Binsack, held scoreless in the first half, came up with nine points in the second and his rebound work was much improved in the final two periods. Miesle scored consistently, making two baskets in each of the first three periods and four fielders and two free tosses in the fourth period for a game high of 22 points. Rodenhauser added 13, hitting for seven in the second half.

When Genoa lost starting forwards Fondessy and Garey on personal fouls midway in the third period, it collapsed completely. The Comets were leading 38-32 when the last of the two, Garey, departed with about three minutes to play in the third stanza.

Binsack's rebound and free throw, corner shot by Rodenhauser and turn around by Miesle put St. Joe on top 39-38. However, McCoil connected with a jump shot just before the whistle to give Genoa a one-point edge, 40-39, at the end of the period.

## Ice Decision

Rodenhauser's basket and a fielder and pair of free throws by Miesle put St. Joe on top 45-42 before Genoa's Allen Bell hit on a jump shot. St. Joe really took off then, using a running game and the rebounding of Miesle and Binsack to pour in nine straight points to "ice" the decision.

"I'd say Binsack's board work and the fact the other boys didn't give up helped win us the game in the second half," Coach Smith pointed out.

St. Joe took 68 shots, made 25 for 36.8 per cent and Genoa meshed 16 of 51 attempts for 31.4 per cent.

Turning point in the Eastwood-Fostoria game came in the latter part of the second quarter when the Eagles, trailing 20-14, outscored Fostoria 13 to two (Continued on Page 21.)

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## Bowling Green Rally Erases 7-Point Last Half Giant Lead

By HAL SHANAHAN  
New-Messenger Sports Editor

ROSSFORD—Basketball season ended for Fremont Ross here last night. Bowling Green's Bob Charlton was strong in the second half to oust Little Giants 46-40 in the upper bracket final of the Class AA Rossford Sectional tournament.

Crowd was slim, a tourney official listing 600 fans in attendance.

Tonight at Rossford, 8 p. m., Eastwood, 16-2, in the lower bracket with the winner joining Bowling Green in next week's Sandusky Class AA District tourney. BG was awarded a Sectional championship trophy after the game last night by E. E. Andrews, tourney director. Winner tonight also will receive a trophy.

Ross blew a seven-point lead in the third quarter and trailed by from one to eight points the rest of the way.

Leading 21-14 early in the third period, Ross tried to play control ball but it backfired. The Bobcats, "cold" on field attempts through the first half, mainly on long distance shots, thwarted the Fremont "slow-down" with thefts. The thefts plus a full court press employed by BG in the third and fourth periods upset Coach Leroy (Cot) Marquette's Little Giants. BG Coach Chuck Mayers had his team trying for closer shots in the second half, as the result of pressing and running tactics, and they paid off with a Sectional triumph.

Leading culprit for the Bobcats was 6-1 Forward Larry Stebleton, a rugged, 195-pounder, who scored 14 points in the contest. 13 in the last half. BG was hamstrung on offensive rebounding in the first two periods as BG's high's Reuben Johnson, 6-0, 195; Stine, 5-10, McCarthy and Steve Cecil kept the defensive board. It was a different story in the second half. Stebleton netting two of his four fielders on rebounds after a mate missed a shot and Burly Chapman, 6-3, BG forward, tipping in another miss by a mate. Stebleton and Chapman also were accurate with corner push shots in the third and fourth chapters. Chapman was second high for BG with 11 points.

### Leaders of Press

Bobcat guards, 5-9 Bob Charlton, 5-11 Bob Chism and 5-10 Danny Cooke were the "thief" perpetrators in the second half and leaders of BG's effective all-court press. Charlton went in for two easy baskets and Cooke one at the end of the Bobcat fast breaks.

Harry Walter, 5-11 junior guard, paced the Ross attack with 13 points, sinking seven of eight free throw chances. Stine, 5-11 sophomore forward, added 10 points on five baskets and Roger Mann, 5-8 junior, nine points on three fielders and three of four free throw attempts.

Ross led 9-7 at the quarter and 15-9 with 6:05 remaining in the second period, working the ball for good shots and connecting with deadly accuracy. Of the Giants' first 11 field attempts, six found the mark. Ross also made three of four foul shots in the interval.

BG was off on its shots in the first half, sinking only four of 30 attempts, two by Chapman. Ross broke a 9-9 deadlock in the opening seconds of the second stanza as Stine found the range with a push shot and jump rebound and Mann on a driving layup. The Little Giants seemed on their way to a commanding lead employing a commanding lead, employing a commanding lead, building up BG with a pressing defense and controlling the offensive board. Then the initial slowdown.

### Miss Seven Straight

Ross went into its initial control phase during the remaining six minutes of the second quarter and failed to make a point, missing seven field tries. BG scored only three points in the time period but reduced the Ross halftime lead to two points, 15-13.

Fremont spurted to a 21-14 margin midway through the third chapter as Mann parted the nets with a short jump and long push shot and Cecil, 6-0, junior meshed two of two foul shots. Ross then tried to work the ball in a ball control effort but BG's "dogging" tactics and steals negated the offensive maneuver. Charlton's tip in, a fast break fielder by Charlton, two free throws by Chism and a push shot by Charlton pushed the Bobcats into the lead, 22-21, with slightly more than two minutes remaining in the third. Ross finally broke its scoring drought as Cecil tied the game with a free throw. Chism's charity flip put BG a point ahead and the Bobcats spurred to a four-point margin on a three-point play by Stebleton on a successful rebound on which he was fouled; the rugged

forward sinking the foul shot.

BG ended the third quarter

with a 30-25 lead (official scorer

had it 29-25 after three quarters

but a check after the game added

one more point to the Bobcat total).

### Narrow Lead

Ross came within a point of the lead with 6:11 remaining in the fourth period when Walter made two of two free throws. That sliced BG's lead to 32-31. But Stebleton meshed a jump shot, Cooke made a layup after a teammate stole the ball and "fed" him and Charlton also took "bounces" on a fast break attack. BG's hawkawing had a telling effect in the fourth period and kept Ross out of reach.

### SHOOTING PERCENTAGES

Ross took only 35 shots in the game, 17 in the second half, made 12 goals, for 34.3 per cent. BG, after hitting on only 4 of 30 shots in the first half, bounced back to sink 12 of 28 in the second half. In all, the Bobcats made 16 of 58 field tries for 27.6 per cent.

Ross bows out of the cage season with a 5-14 record. BG continues to Sandusky with an 11-8 mark.

	FG	FTA	FM	PP	TP
Leaman, f	5	0	0	3	16
Stebleton, f	4	12	6	2	14
June, c	0	6	2	1	2
McCarthy, c	0	0	0	3	0
Mann, g	3	4	3	5	9
Charlton, g	1	2	1	4	3
Cecil, g	0	9	6	1	5
Olms	0	0	0	0	0
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Score at end of each period:

Fremont Ross 9 13 32-46

Bowling Green 13 20 33-50

Officials: Don Mewhort and Tom Williams.

## Nagy, Welu Best In ABC Over Long Period

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Two members of the famed St. Louis Falstaffs have established themselves as the top American Bowling Congress tournament performers over the long haul.

Steve Nagy was proclaimed the ABC 10-year average leader Friday and teammate Bill Welu was named the top average over the last 5 years.

Nagy mustered an 1804 all-events skein as his team competed Friday in the minor events of the tournament. This gave Nagy a record of 2078 for the past decade, an all-time record for 10 years of ABC competition.

Welu went to the head of the 5-year category with a 21241 average — another record. Al Faragalli of Patterson, N. J., had 2021 last year for the previous high mark.

Welu's 1878 nine-game total did not figure in the top ten standings of the all-events, but his final block of 688 earned him fourth place in the singles.

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