

1947 Class A Tournament

LITTLE GIANTS THROTTLED IN OPENING GAME

Sandusky Knocks Fast Mansfield Madison Out Of Meet

Opening upset in the north-western Ohio district Class A cage tournament at Sandusky's junior high school saw a battling band of Little Giants from Fremont Ross eliminated by Mansfield's accurate shooting Tygers, 50-37, before a near-capacity crowd of more than 2,000.

In the remaining first round encounter, Sandusky's Blue Streaks dumped Mansfield Madison, 37-33, to move into the quarter-finals. Games tonight send Norwalk against Tiffin Calvert and Bellevue against Shelby. Ashland collides with Tiffin Columbian Saturday, while the Blue Streaks meet Mansfield.

The Little Giants trailed throughout the affray which marked the end of an eight-year coaching regime at the Croghan street school for genial Eddie Gabel who shifts to Western Michigan State Teachers' college at Kalamazoo, Mich., next month as football, baseball and basketball trainer.

Rough Tilt

Nineteen personal fouls were levied against the Fremonters by Frank Sowecke and Bill Orwig, with Walt Weinhardt and Bob Beck both being banished via the five-foul route.

Consistency marked the scoring efforts of the Rossmen, who were paced by Beck with nine counters while Sam Sims added eight and Dick Porczak and Dick Baron each registered seven tallies.

However, the fast-breaking, smooth-passing Tygers virtually dominated the play with center Chuck Sisco and guard Nick Gagich topping the scorers with 14 points each, while bespectacled Tommy Bloor contributed 10.

Mansfield broke on top and raced into an 8-5 margin at the end of the first stanza as Ross was restricted to a solitary field goal. The Tygers led at halftime, 21-15 and were never threatened thereafter.

On three separate occasions the Little Giants rallied to challenge for the lead in the second period, but goals by Bloor and Gagich throttled each attempt.

The tilt also marked the finale for Porczak, lone senior on the starting Ross lineup.

In the opening game of the double-header, the Blue Streaks took an early 11-6 lead and hung on as Madison continuously threatened to overcome the Sanduskians. An 11-point rally in the final period fell four points short as Don Barth paced Vic Malinovsky's crew to their sixth triumph in 15 starts with 10 points. Herb Eldridge with 13 markers topped the Mansfield quintet. It was only the fourth loss in 16 starts for Madison.

The lineups:

Ross	G	F	M	P	T
Weinhardt, f	1	2	0	5	4
Sims, f	4	0	2	3	8
Frey, f	0	0	0	0	0
Porczak, c	3	1	4	3	7
Beck, g	3	3	0	5	9
Baron, g	3	1	2	2	7
Blaschoff, g	1	0	0	1	2
Totals	15	7	8	19	37
Mansfield	G	F	M	P	T
Bloor, f	4	2	4	3	10
Cline, f	2	1	3	2	5
Weaver, f	0	0	0	1	0
Sisco, c	7	0	2	2	14
Majors, g	3	1	0	2	7
Gagich, g	5	4	3	3	14
Ferguson, g	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	21	8	13	13	50
Score by quarters:					
Ross	5	15	26	37	
Mansfield	8	21	39	50	
Officials: Frank Sowecki (OSU); Bill Orwig (Mich.).					
Sandusky	11	16	29	37	
Mansfield Madison	6	14	22	33	