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# Ross against Clay

Oregon Clay High School's basketball team is just like the earth after a four-year drought—once it started to rain, everything began to blossom.

"I took over a program that had lost every game the season before," the Eagles' master, Bud Felhaber, chuckled Wednesday morning, "and I promptly added some more losses to that streak."

Felhaber can laugh now, nine years later, because after turning the Eagles around from 30 straight hardwood losses, the former coach at Port Clinton High School, has his team flying high. Over the last five seasons, Felhaber has guided his charges to a 76-22 mark, including a 20-1 mark last year, after taking four years to build up his program.

"We lost to Scott last season in the districts," he said, "that's the furthest we have gone in the tournaments."

Clay will get a shot at taking more steps in the chase toward the state crown when they take on Ross at Rossford High School Friday night at 7:30. The 14-4 Eagles are fourth seeded in the maze of 18 teams known as the Toledo sectional tournaments.

Ross, 9-9, will not be lightly taken by the veteran Clay coach.

"They (Ross) finished down in the Buckeye Conference," Felhaber pointed out, "but I watched them beat Admiral King the other night and I think they are an excellent basketball team."

Felhaber is no stranger to Ross Coach Ken Miller. "We worked together in a couple of basketball camps and I know he believes in defense and control basketball."

Will it be a defensive game?

"I think so—at least we are not anticipating any easy shots," Felhaber said.

Defense, of course, is always instrumental but Miller admits that the Eagles may offer a little different problem than the BC schools that the Little Giants have faced this season.

"They are a little different than the type of team we are used to facing," he said. "They are not as quick as some of the conference teams but they do have good size. I'd say they have the size of Findlay and Marion Harding—in other words, three or four big kids."

While overall the Eagles may not be very quick, Miller was impressed by 6-3 Jerry Kettinger and 6-0 Karl Knierim. "Kettinger, for as big as he is (about 215) moves around pretty well," Miller said.

"He played all over the place against DeVilbiss (Clay won 63-58 in the final game of the season) but he seemed to prefer to shoot from the outside."

Felhaber will likely start 6-5 Keith Taylor (10.9) at center, Mark Powell, 6-5 (9.9) and 6-4 Jim Besgrove (2.0) at the forwards, with Knierim (12.6) and Kettinger (15.1) at the guards.

Miller will have Dave Fahrbach, 6-6 (16.5) at center, 6-0 John Kiser (4.5) and 6-2 Denny Smith (8.2) at forwards with 5-10 Garry Clark (12.1) and 5-10 Pat Belch (7.2) at the guards.

**DIRECTIONS**—Take route 20 west to Glenwood Road, third road past Stony Ridge, (Haas Overhead Door Company will be on the corner of the route 20-Glenwood intersection); turn right (north)—Rossford High School is located on Glenwood.

# Two minute slump costs Ross

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Oregon Clay outscored Fremont Ross 19-2 in the span of two minutes in the final quarter to crush the hopes of the Little Giants in the first round of the Toledo Class AAA Sectional Basketball Tournament, 42-38.

The Eagles had slipped behind Ross 16-14 on Garry Clark's jumper three minutes into the second period and were forced to play catch-up ball until midway through that final stanza.

"We lost our composure and had some defensive breakdowns," Ken Miller,

said glumly after his team's 10th loss in 19 games.

Clay tied Ross at 32 with 4:01 to go and took the lead 18 seconds later as Mark Powell tossed in four straight free throws. Dave Fahrbach tied the game with a pair of free tosses for Ross but buckets by Jerry Kettinger and Powell plus two free throws and a basket by Keith Taylor put Ross into an eight-point hole with a little over a minute to play.

"We just wanted to get the ball in the hoop and try to get it back after that," Miller described his team's frantic effort to

upset the tourney's fourth seeded team.

Bud Feinhaber, coach of Clay, credited his team's defensive maneuvering with confusing the Little Giants.

"We started out in a '2-1-2' then went to a '1-3-1' and added a man-to-man," he said. "Those alternating defenses seemed to confuse them."

Feinhaber also praised the defensive effort of Taylor on Fahrbach. "He's (Taylor) been doing that all year for us," the Clay king said and then added, "All I heard about Ross before I saw them last week was that the only

thing they had was a skinny 6-7 kid who wasn't that good."

"Well, I'll tell you one thing, that kid (Fahrbach) is one heck of a player and Taylor did a heck of a job on him."

Fahrbach with 16 and Clark with 12 led Ross in the contest but the Ross Center had Taylor plus Powell to contend with under the boards and at times, the rough and tumble play took its toll on the Little Giants' senior.

Ross, after going ahead for the first time in the second period on Clark's shot upped the lead to three on Denny Smith's free throw. From that point, the Little Giants went through a series of complete frustration until the halftime buzzer.

Seven times Ross had a chance to extend that lead but failed on all chances. Four times Clay gave the ball away and the other three followed missed shots.

"We were not taking the good shots in that first half," Feinhaber pointed out, "It was really poor shot selection."

Taking some of those poor shots was Kettinger, the Eagles' top scorer. The 6-3 guard hit only two of nine from the field in the first 16 minutes and Feinhaber admitted that his star did have the tendency to force his shot.

"We had to have a heart to heart talk at the half

about that," the Eagles manipulator said.

The talk resulted in five of six shooting in the final half as Kettinger led the second half comeback for the Eagles.

While Clay's defenses bother Ross, Miller pointed out the shortcomings on the offense for Ross. "We were much too deliberate offensively — we had not intended to be that deliberate at all," he said.

"There were not enough quick passes to the weak side for us," Miller said.

Ross, after holding its own on the boards against the physically larger Eagles, began to tire in the latter stages of the game and it cost the Little Giants in the last four minutes.

Where Ross was getting two and sometimes as many as four shots at the bucket in the early going, Clay cut that down to one in the crucial final moments.

Ross's shooting, however, left much to be desired with only 16 of 55 from the floor (29 per cent) while Clay was only slightly better with 33 per cent on 18 of 54.

Kettinger led all scorers with 14 and Powell had 12.

Score by quarters	
Ross	18 9 10-28
Clay	10 6 18 34-42
Shooting	
Ross: Smith 2-9, Kiser 1-0, Fahrbach 6-15, Belch 1-0, Clark 6-11, totals 16-55	
Clay: Powell 4-12, Taylor 3-04, Kettinger 7-0-14, Kiserum 2-4, Veach 2-0-4, totals 18-54	
Season records: Clay 15-4, Ross 9-10	



KEN MILLER, head coach of the Ross Little Giants, gestures as he hurriedly instructs his team during the final moment of the Class AAA Sectional Tournament game Friday night.

## New Riegel's Schalk scores 41

# Streaks fall short in upset bid

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FOSTORIA — "It was his night," commented St. Joe basketball coach Carroll Cooley. "If he would have played his normal game I'm certain we would have beaten them."

Cooley was referring to New Riegel forward Steve Schalk who scored 41 points to single-handedly eliminate the Streaks from the Class A sectional basketball tournament here Friday night.

The performance paced top seeded New Riegel to a hard-earned 74-61 victory over St. Joe, which had one

New Riegel took the normal high scoring inside game of St. Joe away with a collapsing 2-3 zone and the three outside men for the Streaks were the ones to score in double figures. Bryan Kuns led St. Joe with 16 points, Steve Minnich added 15 and Rob Boukissen had 12, as the trio all had good outside shooting nights.

"I thought all three guards played a good game," said Cooley. "They were taking away our inside game and giving us the outside. I'm sure they saw us play and found that that's (inside) how we score most of our points."

good offensive game," Snyder understated, "but we had some others do a good job." He said Bob Lucius helped stop the St. Joe outside shooting with some quick defensive work.

"We were standing around in the first half," the coach related. "And we wanted a little more quickness in there. Bob (Lucius) gave that to us and I think that's what won the game."

New Riegel broke loose from a 12-12 tie in the first quarter to score nine unanswered points and went ahead 21-12, with St. Joe cutting it to 21-14 at the

and shoot as soon as they can and we really weren't taking the good shots," revealed Cooley. "If it had been real close I'm sure we would have set up more."

"They were really trying not to get in a running game with us," Snyder said of St. Joe. "That's why I thought we could gamble with the press but even when they beat it they were setting up their offense." Snyder agreed that the Streaks were forcing some shots at the end of the game when they fell 12 points behind.

Both teams took 70 shots from the field, with New Riegel hitting on 32 for 46

Score by quarters	
St. Joe	14 18 15 13-61
New Riegel	21 22 22 10-74
Shooting	
ST. JOE: G. Kuns 3-0-4, Minnich 6-15, T. Peradino 4-0-4, Bry. Kuns 7-0-16, Boukissen 6-0-12, Ogry 2-0-4, T. Peradino 1-0-2, totals 28-61	
NEW RIEGEL: Schalk 20-41, Lafontaine 6-1-0, Chene 3-0-4, D. Lucius 1-0-2, B. Lucius 3-0-4, Smith 3-0-4, totals 32-70	
Season records: New Riegel 15-1, St. Joe 5-14	

## Talk is progress

NEW YORK (AP) — If the fact that they are continuing to talk to each



DAVE FAHRBACH and Garry Clark of Ross are doing their thing in these two photos by News-Messenger photographer Bruce Crippen. At the top, Fahrbach had the ball in his right hand while Clark moves in to help out. Clay's Mark Powell (32) and Keith Taylor are blocked out on the play. At the left, Fahrbach has the ball while Clark appears to be getting a friendly kick in the pants from the Eagles' Jerry Kettinger.

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