

1980-1981 Season Review

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Ross basketball

Lady Little Giants stop Bellevue 42-26

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Teamwork.

That's what basketball is all about so the coaching books say and the Ross girls team proved that in their opening game Saturday afternoon in a chilly Ross gym.

The Lady Little Giants passed the glory around as they walloped Bellevue 42-26 in Ross's season opener.

"I'm real happy," Sue Wolf, the girls head coach, said in her office after the game. "We played together well. We had some spots where we didn't do what I wanted to do but for the first game, we didn't show the first game jitters. With our senior squad, I was hoping we wouldn't."

Ross's scoring was balanced, led by Laurie Smith's 10 points and followed by Rhea Paulson and Tammy Haas who both had 9. Amy Lindstrom added eight.

The Lady Little Giants defense was the key to victory, applying pressure on the ball and not allowing the Lady Redmen to get inside to their high scorer Lori LaFollette, who ended up with 14 points but went six of 23 from the field.

The point guards on the Lady Little Giants' 2-3 zone, Haas and Diane Borys, continually hawked the ball and kept Bellevue on the perimeter.

Consequently, Bellevue was forced to gun from the outside and shot 11 of 53.

"We played good defense on her (LaFollette). She still got her 14 points but not her 30. She's a good ball player," Wolf said.

"We've really been working hard on our defense," Wolf continued. "We want to pressure the ball so they (opponents) can't see the people inside."

Both teams started slow with nearly two minutes elapsing before either team got on the scoreboard. By the end of the first quarter Ross had a 9-2 advantage.

At the half, the Lady Little Giants had increased that to 24-10 and were on the way to a rout.

Bellevue failed to score for over 10 minutes in the first half as Ross went from a 3-2 lead to a 15-2 bulge during that scoreless span.

Ross opened up a 20-point lead after the third quarter, 36-16, heading into the final eight minutes of play.

Only a Bellevue full court press, which forced Ross to turn the ball over and hurry some shots, reduced the margin to 16. Neither team scored in the final three minutes of the game.

"The scoring was super balanced," Wolf observed. "We missed some shots that could have made the difference," she added, noting that she felt that her squad could have blown Bellevue out.

"We kept giving them opportunities to come back. I'm not sure how to coach a killer instinct. I've never had a team before that needed one."

Ross will be back in action Thursday when the Lady Little Giants travel to Bowling Green for a 6:30 p.m. game.

NOTES: If you plan on attending a girls game on a Saturday afternoon, bring your

electric blanket or a winter parka.

In an effort to reduce expenses, the heat was turned off Saturday and many people in the stand were noticeably cold. The heat was shut down Wednesday when the school adjourned for Thanksgiving vacation.

As the Bellevue players "warmed up," they blew on their hands to get the numbness out.

"It was freezing," Wolf admitted. "I tell the girls to loosen up as much as they can before the game. The kids didn't complain about it once the game got going. When they came out I just told them to cover up."

Bill Green, Ross trainer, said the chances of sustaining a pulled muscle or cramps increase when there is no heat in the gym.

JV GAME

Bellevue 36, Ross 16		JV GAME			
		SCORE BY QUARTER			
Bellevue		8	15	7	6-36
Ross		2	6	2	6-16

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

BELLEVUE: Joan Schoen 1-24, Andy Moyer 3-0-6, Kendra LaFollette 6-0-12, Mary Jo Haynes 3-3-9, Julie Cramer 0-1-1, Kim Ward 1-0-2, Sheila Coe 1-0-2; totals 15-6-36.

ROSS: Sharon Karlovetz 2-2-6, Lisa Arndt 1-1-3, Celenia Simmons 1-2-4, Melissa Mosser 1-1-3; totals 5-6-16.

VARSITY GAME

Ross 42, Bellevue 26		VARSITY GAME			
		SCORE BY QUARTER			
Bellevue		2	8	6	10-26
Ross		9	15	12	6-42

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

BELLEVUE: Lori LaFollette 6-2-14, Kim Godfrey 1-0-2, Lisa Lilly 1-0-2, Amy Martin 1-0-2, Lisa Pollock 1-0-2, Jacquie Windsor 1-2-4; totals 11-4-26.

ROSS: Amy Lindstrom 3-2-6, Laurie Smith 5-0-10, Rhea Paulson 3-3-9, Tammy Haas 4-1-9, Diane Borys 2-0-4, Sandy Long 1-0-2; totals 18-6-42.

Lady Little Giants edge BG 33-32

BOWLING GREEN — Ross was a step behind all night but a point ahead of Bowling Green when the final buzzer went off in overtime Thursday.

The Lady Little Giants edged the Bobcats 33-32 on a bucket by Diane Borys and a free throw by Sandy Long in the extra session. Ross came from six points down with two minutes to play to send the game into overtime.

Laurie Smith canned a jumper from the right corner with seven seconds to play in regulation to bring Ross even.

"I think that is when (two-minute mark) we started to do things right," Ross Coach Sue Wolf observed. "Up to that time we had been a step behind; we just could not get going."

Borys' basket drew first blood in the overtime but Bowling Green quickly tied the game. Long was fouled and hit the front end of a one and one for the game winner.

Long ended up with nine points and Rhea Paulson had eight. Jana Lee had eight for Bowling Green.

Ross hit only 12 of 47 from the field and nine of 20 at the foul line. Ross outrebounded BG 35-31. The Bobcats hit only 11 of 75 shots.

In the junior varsity game, the Lady Little Giants also needed an overtime to pull out a 26-24 win. Pam Cozette, who finished with eight, had the only bucket in the extra session for Ross. Sharon Karlovetz had eight for Ross.

The next game for Ross will be at Sandusky Perkins Dec. 9. The JV

game begins at 6:30 p.m.

VARSITY GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	10	5	6	9	3-33
B. Green	6	14	2	8	2-32

SCORING

ROSS: Lindstrom 0-2-2, Smith 2-2-6, Paulson 4-0-8, Haas 1-0-2, Borys 2-2-6, Long 3-3-9; totals 12-9-33.

BOWLING GREEN: Adrienne Delph 2-2-6, Bechstein 1-0-2, Lee 4-0-8, Starts 1-2-4, Kinder 1-2-4, Pohlmian 3-0-6, Marcia Griffin 1-0-2; totals 13-6-32.

Season record: Ross 2-0.

JV GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	4	10	6	4	2-26
B. Green	4	4	12	4	0-24

SCORING

ROSS: Melissa Mamula 2-0-4, Pam Cozette 4-0-8, Sharon Karlovetz 4-0-8, Lisa Arndt 1-0-2, Celenia Simmons 1-0-2, Melissa Mosser 1-0-2; totals 13-0-28.

BOWLING GREEN: Freese 3-0-6, James 2-0-4, Szabo 1-0-2, Rodesky 2-0-4, Adler 2-0-4, Gladieux 1-0-2, Sturznickel 1-0-2; totals 12-0-24.

Season record: Ross 1-1.

Perkins stuns Ross girls

SANDUSKY — Perkins turned the tables on a stone cold Ross team in the second half to hand the Lady Little Giants their first loss in three basketball games.

The Lady Pirates outscored Ross 33-12 in the final half to run to a 45-25 win.

Even though Ross led 13-12 at the half, the Lady Little Giants had trailed by 10 at one point.

"That first half," Coach Sue Wolf shrugged, "was just a point of not putting the ball in the basket. We were only five of 38.

"We were beating them up the floor but we were just not putting it in."

In the second half, Perkins turned hot. The Lady Pirates, with Tania Deal tossing in 10 points, outscored Ross 21-4 in the third period and the game was over.

"In the second half, we just stopped shooting," Wolf pointed out. "At the half, I told them to keep shooting; that they would start falling but we only took 16 shots in the second half."

Ross made six of them but it was way too little.

The Lady Little Giants were ham-

pered by 34 turnovers which negated a 30-26 rebounding bulge for Ross.

Deal's 14 led all scorers. Perkins shot 35 percent on 19 of 54. Laurie Smith, Rhea Paulson, Diane Borys, Della Hall and Tammy Haas had four points apiece for Ross which ended up with 11 of 54 from the field.

Ross will be in action again Thursday at Whitmer. The JV game begins at 6:30 p.m.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	2	11	4	8-25
Perkins	8	4	21	12-45

SCORING

ROSS: Lindstrom 0-1-1, Smith 2-0-4, Paulson 2-0-4, Haas 2-0-4, Borys 2-0-4, Long 1-1-3, Hall 2-0-4, Gilson 0-1-1; totals 11-3-25.

PERKINS: Tania Deal 7-0-14, Johnson 3-2-8, Shrake 2-2-6, Kelly 3-0-6, Manion 1-0-2, Lococo 1-0-2, Teena Deal 1-1-3, Speer 1-2-4; totals 19-7-45.

Season record: Ross 2-1.

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	5	1	8	2-16
Perkins	2	4	4	4-14

SCORING

ROSS: Falquette 1-0-2, Mamula 2-1-5, Cozette 1-0-2, Karlovetz 1-1-3, Arndt 1-0-2, Simmons 1-0-2; totals 7-2-14.

PERKINS: Wechter 1-0-2, Kaufman 1-0-2, Pruitt 1-2-4, Bing 2-0-4, Lang 1-0-2; totals 6-2-14.

Whitmer hands Ross second loss

TOLEDO — Whitmer handed Ross its second consecutive loss in girls high school basketball Thursday.

The Lady Panthers built up a slight cushion in the first three periods and then played Ross even in a 40-33 triumph.

"We at least gave ourselves the opportunity to win it," Coach Sue Wolf said. "We took the shots (65) but just did not put them in the bucket."

After losing to Perkins 45-25, Wolf was mystified by her team in the second half of that game. The Lady Little Giants, now 2-2, took only 16 shots, one per minute, in the final half as Perkins pulled away.

"I guess what I am trying to say is that we did play better; we just did not win," Wolf added.

Lori Strausbaugh had 18 points to pace the Whitmer crew. The Lady Panthers held 8-6 and 19-16 first period leads and outscored Ross 13-9 in the third period.

St. Joe draws St. Wendelin in

Tammy Haas had 11 points for Ross with Rhea Paulson getting eight. Diane Borys, Wolf pointed out, scored only four for Ross but was a key playmaker for the Lady Little Giants as well as having a good defensive game.

Ross was 14 of 65 from the field and outrebounded Whitmer 36-25.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	6	10	9	8-33
Whitmer	8	11	13	8-40

SCORING

ROSS: Amy Lindstrom 1-0-2, Laurie Smith 2-0-4, Rhea Paulson 3-2-8, Tammy Haas 5-1-11, Diane Borys 2-0-4, Sandy Long 1-2-4; totals 14-5-33.

WHITMER: Lori Garling 3-0-6, Debby Welber 2-0-4, Lora DeMuth 3-0-6, Jerilyn Bushona 1-2-4, Lori Strausbaugh 6-6-18, Kathy Sliupecki 0-2-2; totals 15-10-40.

Season record: Ross 2-2.

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	4	4	4	9-21
Whitmer	6	10	4	0-20

SCORING

ROSS: Carol Falquette 2-2-6, Melissa Mamula 1-0-2, Pam Cozette 2-0-4, Sharon Karlovetz 2-1-5, Lisa Arndt 2-0-4; totals 9-3-21.

WHITMER: Kyle Hukalo 4-0-8, Michelle Durand 1-0-2, Becky Epstein 1-0-2, Jenny Ice 2-0-4, Kathy Mullen 2-0-4; totals 10-0-20.

Season record: Ross 2-2.

St. Joe close, Ross not, in girls action

St. Joe came close but Ross ran a poor second in three high school girls basketball games involving Fremont teams Tuesday.

The Lady Crimson Streaks stayed with state ranked Danbury-Lakeside for three-quarters but a cold third period helped set St. Joe back 57-51. Ross was outgunned 18-4 in the first quarter at unbeaten Sylvania Northview and it got worse after that in an 82-34 setback. Bellevue also lost to an unbeaten team, Shelby, 53-38.

All-Ohio player Chris Pryor strutted her stuff for Danbury, dropping in 28 points and handing out a myriad of assists. Danbury, however, could not shake St. Joe, trailing 14-12 after one period and holding a slim 30-24 lead at the half.

In the third frame, however, the Lakers built up an 11-point lead and that was it.

"The third quarter hurt us," admitted Coach Rich Hotz of St. Joe. "My kids didn't give up; we just kept going."

Sophomore Reenie House matched Pryor's point output. Cheryl Swint added 10 for the Lady Streaks. Robin Allen had 11 for Danbury, now 6-0. St. Joe is 2-3.

"They are good; no question about that," Ross Coach Sue Wolf was able to smile after the lopsided loss to Northview, 5-0.

"It was lost in the first half," Wolf continued, "so I figured I'd let the kids on the bench play. The Buckeye Conference games are next so I figured that I'd let them get experience against the best."

Six Northview girls hit double figures with Susie Davenport's 17 topping the list. Michelle Kennedy added 14 with Jodi Hess and Laura Mohr adding 11 apiece.

Amy Lindstrom and Della Hall had seven apiece for Ross.

The Lady Little Giants trailed 35-11 at the half and were outscored 25-7 in the third period.

At Shelby, Bellevue started out hot, outscoring the Whippets 18-13 with 72 percent shooting. The Lady Redmen trailed 25-24 at the half and were within striking distance after three periods, trailing 33-30.

Shelby, 6-0, pulled away in the final eight minutes, rolling up a 20-8 margin.

Lori LaFollette with 21 points, nine rebounds, three assists, six steals and three blocked shots was a one-woman team for Bellevue. Shelby sophomore Jody Roth matched her with 24 points.

The loss put Bellevue at 3-4.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	4	7	7	6-34
Northview	18	17	25	22-82

SCORING

ROSS: Lindstrom 3-1-7, Smith 2-1-5, Paulson 2-0-4, Haas 2-0-4, Borys

1-0-2, Hall 2-3-7, Gilson 1-0-2, Coleman 0-1-1, Ritchart 1-0-2; totals 14-6-34.

NORTHVIEW: Horstman 5-0-10, Wilkinson 5-0-10, Alverson 2-0-4, Mohr 4-3-11, Kennedy 6-2-14, Davenport 6-5-17, Hess 4-3-11, Zajac 1-1-3, Jarrell 1-0-2; totals 34-14-82.

Season record: Northview 5-0, Ross 2-3.

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	3	8	6	7-24
Northview	6	8	11	5-30

SCORING

ROSS: Falquette 2-2-6, Mamula 1-0-2, Cozette 3-1-7, Karlovez 2-0-4, Simmons 1-0-2, Mosser 1-1-3; totals 10-4-24.

NORTHVIEW: Myers 4-0-8, McCullough 4-1-9, Watkins 4-0-8, Tarrell 1-0-2, Cornwell 1-0-2, Tde 0-1-1; totals 14-2-30.

Danbury 57, St. Joe 51

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Danbury	12	18	14	13-57
St. Joe	14	10	9	18-51

SCORING

DANBURY: Chris Pryor 11-6-28, Robin Allen 5-1-11, Kelly Albertson 2-2-6, Heidi Gast 5-0-10, Kathy Wilson 1-0-2; totals 24-9-57.

ST. JOE: Sherry Widman 2-1-5, Mary Binsack 1-0-2, Chris Sidell 1-0-2, Reenie House 12-4-28, Cheryl Swint 5-0-10, Laurie Bodnar 2-0-4; totals 23-5-51.

Season record: Danbury 6-0, St. Joe 2-3.

JV game: Danbury 14-8.

Shelby 53, Bellevue 38

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Bellevue	18	6	6	8-38
Shelby	13	12	8	20-53

SCORING

BELLEVUE: Godfrey 1-1-3, Jarrett 2-0-4, Keefe 3-0-6, LaFollette 6-9-21, Martin 1-0-2, Windsor 1-0-2; totals 14-10-38.

SHELBY: T. Amstutz 3-0-6, Jody Roth 8-8-24, Ensmann 2-0-4, Tina Berberick 4-4-12, Kukowski 2-0-4, W. Amstutz 1-1-3; totals 20-13-53.

Season record: Bellevue 3-4, Shelby 6-0.

JV game: Shelby 29-25, overtime.

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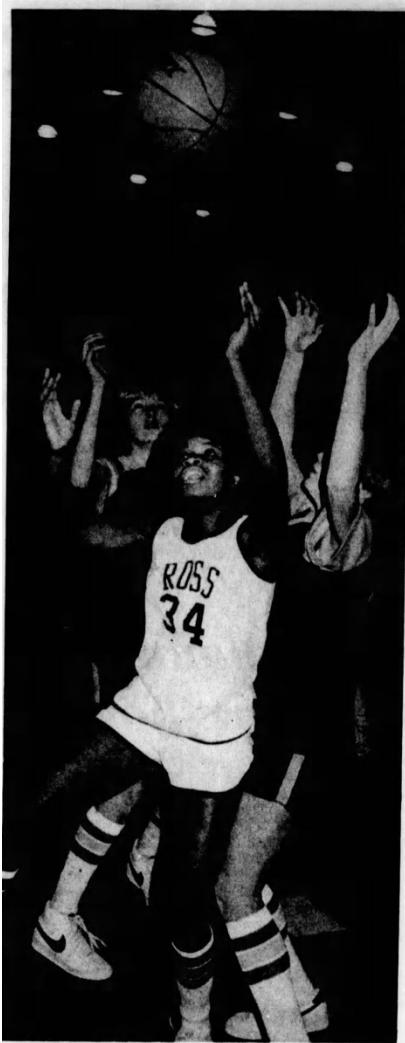
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DELLA HALL, 34, of Ross has her eyes on a rebound during second half action Thursday at Ross High School. Hall scored six points but Ross lost its fourth straight game. (N-M photos by Bill Kennedy)

Streaks draw, but also lose one

NEW LONDON — Fremont St. Joe wrestled to a draw and one loss in a hotly contested triangular meet with New London and Mohawk Thursday.

"I've never seen a triangular like this," admitted St. Joe Coach Gary Logsdon. "It was a good one — there was good wrestling all around. It was a bad drive but good wrestling."

St. Joe and Mohawk tied 30 apiece with St. Joe losing to New London 32-21.

St. Joe, hooked up with New London's defending state champ Todd Sycoff and came out a close 6-4 loser. He lost when Wycoff scored on a takedown with one second left in the second period.

"He (Courtney) had him on his back," Logsdon pointed out. "It was a heck of a match."

Courtney, along with Foos, Victor Flores and Mark Coleman turned in the most outstanding efforts for the Streaks.

98-Scott Gregg (M) d. Tom Weicker 13-4; 105-Victor Flores (SJ) p. Roger Luhring 5-0; 112 Mike Wetten (M) p. Phil Mosser 0-40; 119-Gene Daniel (M) d. Barney Cruz 6-0; 126-John Walter (M) d. Matt Freeh 11-2; 132-Larry Parker (M) d. Doug Burns 12-0; 138-Roy Luschler (M) d. Joe Goldstein 5-2; 145-Andy Bales (M) d. Steve Guadagni 8-4; 155-Mark Coleman (SJ) d. John Scott 5-4; 167-Tim Cullen (SJ) p. Rob Smith 3-16; 175-Roger Darr (SJ) d. Todd Dunn 5-4; 185-Doug Courtney (SJ) p. Chris Tschane 1-02; HVY-Dave Foos (SJ) p. Tom Musgrave 5-13.

New London 32, St. Joe 21
Matches
98-Weicker (SJ) d. John Mitchell 14-0; 105-Flores (SJ) d. Curt

Findlay buries Ross girls

There was no question which team was going to be the winner Thursday between Findlay and Ross — that was decided after the first period.

The question was whether Ross would score 10 points.

The Lady Little Giants did but the unbeaten Trojan girls politely slapped Ross with a 45-23 lacing, the fourth loss in a row for Ross.

Findlay led 10-4 after one period and added injury then insult to the Lady Little Giants in the second period. Ross cast 10 shots at the hoop, not a one fell through, and coughed up the ball 12 times in getting blanketed for the eight minutes.

The Lady Trojans led 24-4 at the half and the cake walk was on with the cake on Ross's faces.

Sharp shooting Cheryl Stacey and gangly Cindy Stubbins made the game a nightmare for Ross. Stacey with her deceptive drives down the middle and Stubbins with her game underneath.

The Stacey-Stubbins duo tossed in eight points apiece in the first half with Stubbins, 5-11, grabbing

11 rebounds, four off the offensive board.

Findlay canned 11 of 31 first half shots while Ross went two for 17 and zero for 10.

"You can't win when you shoot like that," Ross Coach Sue Wolf said sullenly after the game. She had few words. She could not say too much after watching her team can just 11 of 60 shots — 18 percent.

Ross dropped in 12 third period points but Findlay had 13 and then outscored the Lady Little Giants 8-7 in the final period to clean up the demolition.

Stacey ended up with 13 and Stubbins 10. The latter had 16 rebounds, nine offensively.

Ross was led by Laurie Smith's seven and six by Della Hall. The Lady Little Giants did outrebound Findlay 51-43 with Rhea Paulson getting nine.

Ross had 36 turnovers as the Findlay press forced many of the miscues. Findlay was guilty of 28 giveaways but Ross failed to capitalize on the majority of them.

The Ross junior varsity did not let the night turn sour quickly,

stopping Findlay 24-22. The Lady Little Giant JV's broke away from a 14-14 deadlock at the half to take a 20-16 lead after three periods.

Coach Larry Schultz substituted freely after Ross went up 24-16 with three minutes to play.

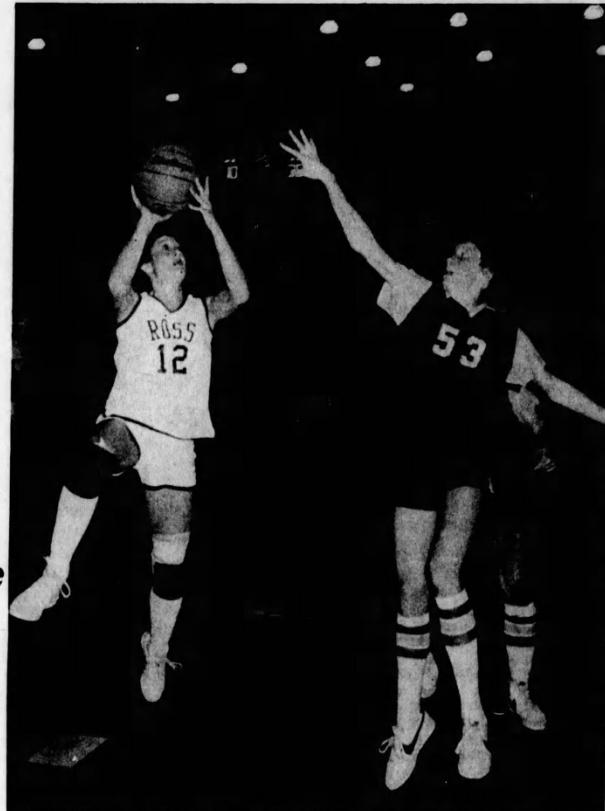
Pam Cozette had eight points and Sharon Karlovitz six for Ross.

The next outing for the Lady Little Giants will be Monday when Toledo Central Catholic visits Fremont.

VARSITY GAME					
SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Ross	10	14	12	8-45	
Findlay	4	0	12	7-23	

SCORING					
FINDLAY:	Plot	2-2-6	Stacey	6-1-13	
Stubbins	5-0-10	Winch	2-0-4	Trice	2-0-4
Baerwaldt	2-0-4	Gokley	2-0-4	total	21-345
Ross:	Weakley	1-1-3	Hart	2-0-4	
Paulson	1-0-2	Hall	2-0-4	Long	1-0-2
Coleman	0-0-0	Ritchart	1-0-2	Hall	3-0
				Season record:	Findlay 5-0, Ross 2-4

JV GAME					
SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Findlay	3	11	2	6-22	
Ross	6	8	6	4-24	
SCORING					
FINDLAY:	Weakley	1-1-3	Winch	2-0-4	
Yingling	3-2-8	Wells	1-3-5	Romer	1-0-2
				total	8-6-22
ROSS:	Cozette	4-0-8	Karlovitz	3-0-6	
				Wheatley	1-0-2
				total	11-2-24



ON THE WAY UP. Tammy Haas, 12, of Ross goes up for a layup at the end of a fast break in the fourth period

Thursday. Defending on the play is sophomore Jodi Petry of Findlay.

Old problem haunts Ross

By TOM STOREY
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The game of basketball is very simple. You have to put the ball in the hole in order to win.

For the past five games, the Ross girls team has not been doing that. Consequently, the Lady Little Giants are floundering in a five-game skid after opening their season with two impressive victories.

Monday night at Ross, the Lady Little Giants showed a little more life and some improvement, according to their coach, but they still ended up with a 37-29 loss to Toledo Central.

"It was an improvement," Sue Wolf, the Ross coach, said in her office after the game. "We've played bad for so long we can't expect to come back just like that," she added snapping her fingers.

Once again, the Lady Little Giants simply couldn't connect on their shots. They got enough, 63 in all, and for the most part, they were decent shots, Wolf said.

Only 14 fell through for 22 percent, however.

"Definitely our shooting percentages has been the problem," Wolf said of the losing streak. "That's all we worked on this past week in practice. Twenty-two percent is rotten but now with the break, (Ross will not play again until Jan. 8) maybe we can work on it and it will get better."

The only offensive threat Ross had all night was Tammy Haas. She tossed in 16 points along with six steals, and three assists. When Ross led in the second period, it was Haas who was igniting the girls.

From the top of the Ross 2-3 zone, Haas cleverly stole passes and knocked the ball away from the Toledo Central guards, turning three steals into layups.

The pressure out front also helped take away Central's inside game which had been hurting Ross. Central's Pam Schnitskey was getting open along the baseline and with Haas pressuring the ball, Central's guards Kathie Kralic and Lori Self, couldn't spot her.

The second quarter was the only time Ross had the lead.

The second half belonged to Central's Sue Menden. She dominated the boards and pushed in 11 points including one three-point play.

"55 beat us in the first half and 41 in the second," Wolf admitted.

In fact, Wolf thought the boards was the key to the outcome.

"We got killed on the boards," she said. "That's where I think we lost it."

Wolf turned to her statistics to prove it. Central had 10 offensive rebounds in the game and converted eight of those into baskets, she said.

Ross had 14 offensive boards but only knocked in two of them.

"That was the difference right there. It shows we're not going up very strong."

Central took control at the outset of the third quarter, opening up a nine-point advantage by the quarter's end. Menden was responsible for seven of the points.

Ross closed to within four on a Haas jumper from the key with 1:28 to go but Central held on, thanks to Kralic's ball handling against the Lady Little Giant full court press.

"That's the first time we've been outrebounded in quite a while," Wolf said. "There's not enough people scoring," she continued. "Last game we shot 18 percent. We haven't been past 20 percent since our first game with Bellevue. I think we shot 33 that game."

It is no surprise, then, that shooting will be the number one item of the practice list during the Lady Little Giants' break.

VARSITY GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Central	6	10	11	10-37
Ross	6	10	2	11-29

SCORING

CENTRAL: Pam Schnitskey 5-0-10, Cheryl Zuelke 1-0-2, Darlene Potrzelowski 1-0-2, Kathie Kralic 1-0-2, Sue Menden 6-1-13, Laurie Dowdall 1-0-2, Mary Sullivan 2-0-4, Janet Self 1-0-2, totals 18-1-37.

ROSS: Tammy Haas 8-0-16, Laurie Smith 1-4-2, Rhea Paulson 1-0-2, Diane Borys 2-0-4, Della Hall 0-1-1, Amy Lindstrom 2-0-4, totals 14-1-28.

Season record: Ross 2-5, Central 5-2.

JV GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Central	6	1	0	4-11
Ross	11	8	0	2-21

SCORING

CENTRAL: Eaton 2-0-4, Yarger 1-1-3, Holmes 1-0-2, O'Brien 1-0-2; totals 5-1-11.

ROSS: Mamula 1-1-3, Colette 3-0-6, Karlovetz 2-0-4, Simmons 2-0-4, Wheasley 1-0-2, Randolph 1-0-2; totals 10-1-21.

Season record: Ross 5-2.

Comeback nets girls third victory

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

For awhile, Sue Wolf thought she had been told a massive lie; for 16 minutes to be exact and maybe even a little longer than that.

"They told me things were going to change after Christmas," Wolf, coach of the Fremont Ross girls basketball team grinned, "but after the first quarter, I doubted them."

Fear not, Wolf's worst doubts turned to confetti as her team shook off a 12-1 Mansfield lead after one period to shake off a five-game losing streak with a last quarter surge in a 44-38 win. The Lady Little Giants are now 3-5 and kicked Wolf's new year off with a good feeling.

"Yeah," she agreed, "it's a good way to start the year; maybe it will turn things around. We got a lot of season left."

For three quarters, however, Wolf could only see a longer season. Her team trailed 33-24 before a blanketing full court press began to shake up Mansfield's attack. Less than two minutes into the final period, Ross trailed by only a 36-30 count. Two minutes and one second later, Sandy Long took a pass from Tammy Haas for a layup and Ross was even at 36-36.

Della Hall gave Ross its first lead of the evening with a jumper from the foul line with three minutes to play and the Lady Little Giants never trailed again.

With Wolf vocally reminding the Lady Little Giants to press, Mansfield continued to wilt. Laurie Smith hit Long for another layup with 2:05 to play and Ross was up by four.

Wolf's urgings to stay in the press led to another bucket for the Lady Little Giants. Again it was Haas with the assist, this time to Hall and Ross had a 42-26 lead with 60 ticks of the clock be-

tween a Ross win and an end to its five-game skid.

Gay Holmes sneaked in a free throw for Mansfield to reduce Ross's lead to five but Long canned an eight-foot jumper from the right side with 20 seconds left and the Ross girls had shook off any doubts about their promise.

The Ross win overshadowed a standout performance by the Tyger's 5-9 freshman Carla Norris. The 5-9 first year player dropped in 14 but was kept away from the board in the final period by the Ross press.

Long tossed in 16 to lead the Lady Little Giants. Rhea Paulson dropped in nine points with two key buckets coming in the final period as Ross surged back at the very beginning of the period. Haas and Diane Borys added six points apiece.

Ross canned 20 of 67 shots, 30 percent, one of the better nights of shooting for the season but hit only four of 19 free throws. Mansfield was 16 of 55.

In the junior varsity game, Ross won 15-14.

Sharon Karlovetz had five and Celenia Simmons four for the Ross JVs. Toi Hatch had 11 points for Mansfield.

VARSITY GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Mansfield	12	7	14	6-39
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SCORING

Ross	1	10	13	20-44
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MANSFIELD

Chapman 2-1-5, Givand 1-0-2, Parker 1-0-2, Baubs 2-4-4, Holmes 1-4-6, Lamb 3-0-6, Norris 6-2-14; totals 17-7-39.

ROSS: Borys 3-0-6, Gilson 0-1, Haas 3-0-6, Hall 2-

0-4, Long 7-2-16, Osmom 1-0-2, Paulson 4-1-9; totals 20-

44.

Season records: Ross 3-5, Mansfield 2-5.

JV GAME

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Mansfield	2	4	0	8-14
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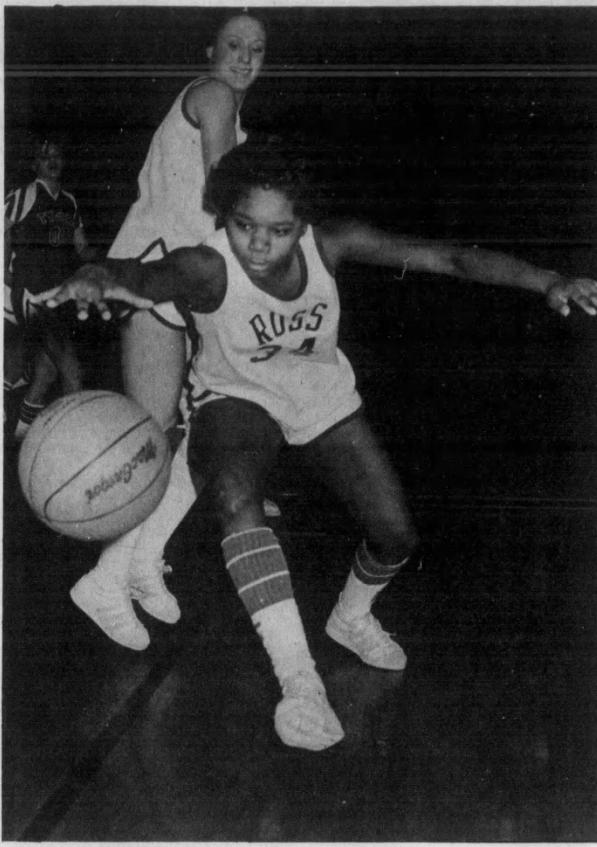
Ross	7	0	4	4-15
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SCORING

MANSFIELD: Smallsey 0-2-2, Hatch 5-1-11, Schroeder 0-1; totals 5-4-14.

ROSS: Falquette 1-0-2, Mamula 1-0-2, Karlovetz 2-

1-5, Simmons 2-0-4, Mosser 1-0-2; totals 7-1-15.



DELLA HALL of Ross reaches but cannot come up with a loose ball during fourth quarter action at Ross High School Thursday. Hall scored

four points in the contest, one a bucket that put Ross ahead for good. Tammy Haas of Ross watches the Hall effort. (N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Ross girls stop Elyria

ELYRIA — Ross won its second straight game after five consecutive losses with a 44-39 triumph over Elyria in high school girls basketball Tuesday.

The Lady Little Giants threw a pressure "girl to girl" defense on the Pioneers in the second period, outscoring them 9-1 to take a comfortable 20-12 lead into the locker room at intermission.

"We started in the first quarter," Ross Coach Sue Wolf said about her team's fourth win in nine games. "That's the first time that we have done that this season."

The game was knotted at 11-11 after the first eight minutes but the second quarter defensive effort and a 16-10 Ross scoring margin in the third period gave the Lady Little Giants a commanding 36-22 lead heading into the final period.

Ross needed it; Elyria outscored its visitors 17-8.

Laurie Smith popped in a dozen points and grabbed 14 rebounds for the Lady Little Giants. "I am hoping that she 'arrived' tonight," Wolf added wistfully.

The Ross crew outrebounded Elyria 43-29 with Amy Lindstrom coming off the bench to grab nine rebounds and score four points. Rhea Paulson had nine points and four rebounds.

"The big people played well," Wolf said about Smith, Lindstrom and Paulson, "but I started a smaller lineup to get more pressure and speed."

In the fourth period, Elyria, with a pressure defense and Lisa Harris finding the scoring touch, nearly pulled the game out of the fire before Ross was able to score just often enough to preserve the win.

Harris finished with a game high 15 points. Tammy Haas had 10 for Ross.

Ross had its best shooting night of the season, hitting 19 of 51 for 37 percent. Ross was six of 13 at the foul line and Elyria seven of 19. The Pioneers were 16 of 48 from the field.

Ross will travel to Marion to play Harding Thursday in a Buckeye Conference divisional game.

In the junior varsity game Tuesday, Elyria handed Ross a 23-19 setback.

VARSITY GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	11	9	16	8-44
Elyria	11	1	10	17-39

SCORING

ROSS: Lindstrom 2-0-4, Smith 6-0-12, Paulson 4-1-9, Haas 4-2-10, Borys 0-2-2, Long 2-1-5, Hall 1-0-2; totals 19-6-44.

ELYRIA: Lisa Harris 7-1-15, Shelly Piteski 1-1-3, Wendy Weil 2-0-4, Betsy Hervey 2-4-8, Linda DeHart 3-0-6, Melissa Treadwell 1-0-2, Tina Petty 0-1-1; totals 16-7-39.

Season record: Ross 4-5, Elyria 4-5.

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	0	6	4	9-19
Elyria	4	4	6	9-23

SCORING

ROSS: Anderson 1-0-2, Falquette 0-1-1, Mamula 0-2-2, Cozette 1-0-2, Karlovetz 3-0-6, Randolph 1-0-2, Nesbitt 2-0-4; totals 8-3-19.

ELYRIA: Glover 1-0-2, Weil 2-0-4, Nelson 1-0-2, Montgomery 2-1-5, Clark 1-0-2, Ogle 3-2-8; totals 10-3-23.

Girls basketball roundup

Cold second half sinks Ross

Ross made only three of 36 second half shots and ended up absorbing a 51-33 setback at Marion Harding Thursday. The second half letdown came after Ross had held a 20-19 halftime lead in the high school girls basketball contest.

In other Fremont area games, Gibsonburg sprung a 59-57 overtime upset on Oak Harbor and Woodmore tripped Elmwood 62-32.

Ross was zero for 20 from the field in the third period and three of 16 in the final eight minutes.

"It's not that we did not get the shots," Coach Sue Wolf pointed out, "we just did not make them."

Wolf was a bit irked at the officiating. Harding shot 14 free throws in the first half to none for the Lady Little Giants. Ross was called for 11 fouls, eight more than Harding.

"We had people in foul trouble and that forced us out of our game," Wolf explained. "We had them in a man to man press and then they (officials) started calling fouls galore."

"Did you ever see a girls game where there was no traveling or three-second violations?" Wolf asked, "well Harding did not have any."

In the second half, Harding was charged with 13 fouls, Ross nine, but the poor shooting cost the Lady Little Giants.

Rhea Paulson had 10 points and 13 rebounds for the Ross girls. Laurie Smith grabbed 19 rebounds as Ross outrebounded Harding 58-41. The Lady Little Giants were 14 of 68 from the field and Harding 20 of 71. Harding canned 11 of 25 free throws and Ross five of 11.

Gibsonburg outscored Oak Harbor 9-7 in the overtime for its third win in 10 games. A strategic timeout called by Gibsonburg Coach Tom Hiser may have led to the upset win.

With the score knotted at 50-50 after Oak Harbor's Michele Burmeister sank half of a one and one, Gibsonburg had the ball with 10 seconds to play in regulation. A shot did not fall for the Lady Golden Bears and Oak Harbor's Jan Harvey grabbed the rebound and was fouled. That's when Hiser called time.

"We called timeout to make her think about it," he said.

It must have worked. Harvey, an 83 percent free throw shooter, missed the charity toss and the game

went into overtime. It was academic from there. Gibsonburg led by as many as five points and iced the game when Kim Claycomb hit a bucket with 40 seconds remaining to give Gibsonburg a 59-54 lead.

Cheryl Krumnow had 16 points and Claycomb 14 in the balanced Gibsonburg scoring. Harvey ended up with 31 points and Lori Lambert 14 for Oak Harbor.

Jodi Mercer canned 18 points, Jackie Lohr 15, and that duo sparked Woodmore to its sixth win in nine games.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 20-4 first period lead and put the game out of reach with a 16-4 spurt in the third period.

Harding 51, Ross 33

Score by quarters
Ross 8 12 1 10-33
Harding 4 15 12 20-51

Scoring
ROSS: Lindstrom 1-0-2, Smith 2-0-4, Paulson 5-0-10, Haas 1-2-4, Borys 0-0-0, Long 0-0-0, Hall 1-2-4, Gilson 0-1-1, Osmon 3-0-6, Rritchard 1-0-2; totals 14-5-33.

HARDING: Laura Gorham 7-5-19, Tiesha Graham 2-1-5, Mary McDuffie 2-0-4, Robin Rife 5-2-12, Kathy Swangert 0-1-1, Lisa Binkley 2-0-4, Dee Bryant 1-0-2, Cheryl Howard 0-0-0, Carla Cramer 1-2-4; totals 20-11-51.

Season record: Ross 4-6, Harding 3-9.

JV game

Ross 21, Harding 17
Score by quarters
Ross 5 5 5 6-21
Harding 4 4 4 5-17

Scoring
ROSS: Anderson 2-0-4, Falquette 0-1-1, Mamula 2-0-4, Cozette 2-1-1, Karlovetz 1-1-3, Simmons 0-1-1, Whatley 1-1-3; totals 8-5-21.

HARDING: Pereira 0-1-1, Rowland 1-4-6, Calbert 3-2-8, Yake 1-0-2; totals 5-7-17.
Gibsonburg 59, Oak Harbor 57 (OT)

Score by quarters
Oak Harbor 11 14 15 10 7-57
Gibsonburg 8 10 16 16 9-59
Scoring

OAK HARBOR: Harvey 10-11-31, Lori Lambert 7-0-14, Burmeister 1-4-6, Tomer 0-2-2, Almendinger 0-2-2, Cook 1-0-2; totals 19-19-57.

GIBSONBURG: Burris 4-0-8, Zeller 3-0-6, Claycomb 6-2-14, Davis 4-0-8, Gruner 2-3-7, Krum-

now 8-0-16; totals 27-5-59.

Season record: Gibsonburg 3-7 (1-5), Oak Harbor 5-5 (2-5). JV game: Gibsonburg 26-19.

Woodmore 62, Elmwood 32
Score by quarters
Elmwood 4 13 4 11-32
Woodmore 20 11 16 15-62
Scoring

ELMWOOD: Burns 1-2-4, Wheland 1-2-4, Feasel 1-0-2, Rice 0-1-1, Kline 1-0-2, Bresler 2-0-4, McDonald 1-0-2, Durst 1-0-2, Beaverson 3-1-7, Kendall 1-0-2, Rombach 1-0-2; totals 13-6-32.

WOODMORE: Mercer 9-0-18, Haar 2-0-4, Lohr 7-1-15, Bloomfield 3-0-6, Siebenaller 3-0-6, Sandwisch 2-1-5, Kruse 1-1-3, Ridgeley 2-1-5; totals 29-4-62.

Season record: Woodmore 6-3 (4-2).

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By KEN RAPPOPORT

AP Sports Writer

Oh, brother, what a game!

"It's a shame somebody had to lose a game like this," said Michigan basketball Coach Bill Frieder after his ninth-ranked Wolverines defeated Indiana 55-52 in overtime Thursday night. "Both teams played extremely well."

It actually took a brother team for the Wolverines to do it.

Marty Bodnar sank two free throws and brother Mark added three more in the final seconds of overtime to give Michigan the victory.

"We had four straight overtime games last year and we lost three of them and we've already had two straight this year and we won them both," said Frieder, who replaced Johnny Orr this year as the Michigan coach. "In this respect it was a typical Big Ten game."

In other college basketball action involving the nation's ranked teams,

Men's city tournament

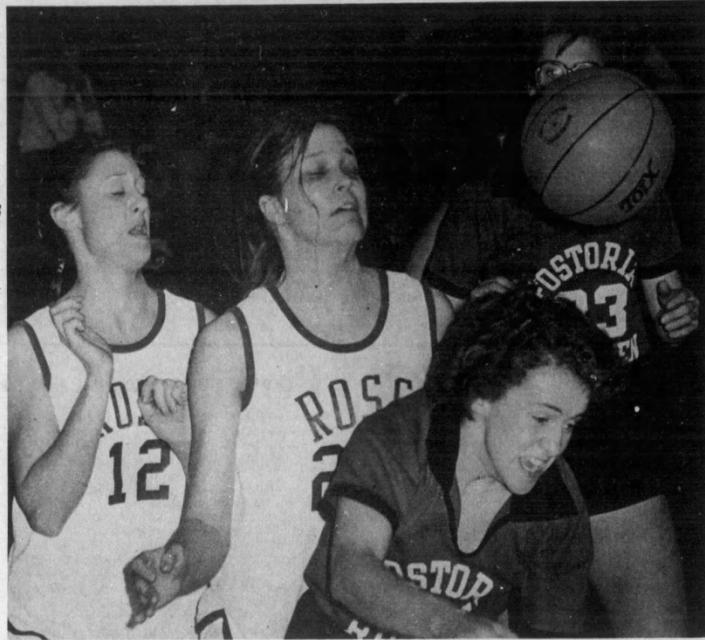
The deadline for entering the Fremont Men's City Association Bowling Tournament is midnight, Jan. 24.

Sign-up sheets are in the three houses in Fremont and at the Clyde Bowling Center. If the time slot that you wish to bowl in is taken at your house, check at the other houses to see if it is still open.

The tournament prize fund has been increased by \$550 this year.

All bowling will be at Maple Lanes.

Lady Little Giants cruise to No. 5



DON'T LOOK! It's a "closed eyes" policy for two Ross girls basketball players Tuesday night during a game against Fostoria at Ross High School. Tammy Haas, 12, and Rhea Paulson, middle, don't want to watch as the ball bounces over a Fostoria player. (N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Sue Wolf was speechless. "You asked me what we did well and I don't know what to say," she said moments after her Ross girls basketball team had bowled over Fostoria 44-21.

A second period pullaway by the Lady Little Giants cemented their fifth win in 11 games and dropped Fostoria's record to 2-9.

Diane Borys and Tammy Haas led the Ross spurt in the second eight minutes. Borys ended up as the Lady Little Giants top scorer with 10 points. Haas finished with seven.

"We basically had balanced scoring," Wolf said after regaining her thoughts. "The defense was good, too, with the man-to-man and the two different zones."

Ross, with Laurie Smith grabbing 12 and Rhea Paulson six, held just a narrow edge over the Lady Redmen on the boards 39-38 but the Ross girls were hitting the boards hard early to get out a commanding 27-14 half-time lead.

Smith popped in nine and Paulson ended up with eight points for Ross.

The Lady Little Giants canned only 21 of 72 shots but Fostoria hit only nine of 47. Ross also cut down on turnovers, committing only 15 to Fostoria's 29.

Saturday, Ross will travel to Sandusky to take on the Lady Blue Streaks

in a 1:30 p.m. contest. In the junior varsity game Tuesday, Ross erupted for 16 third quarter points and eventually ran to a 30-8 win.

Celeena Simmons scored six of her game high eight points in the breakaway third stanza for Ross. Joanna Anderson and Beth Randolph had six points apiece, also for Ross.

Varsity game

Ross 44, Fostoria 21
Score by quarters

Fostoria 6 8 6 1-21
Ross 12 15 11 6-44

Scoring
FOSTORIA: Guernsey 4-3-10,
Deerwester 3-0-6, Nye 1-1-3,
Lambright 1-0-2; totals 9-3-21.

ROSS: Lindstrom 1-0-2, Smith 4-2, Faust 4-0-6, Borys 4-0-6,
Borys 5-0-10, Osmom 0-0-0, Long 1-0-6, Coleman 1-0-2; totals 21-2-44.

Season record: Ross 5-6,
Fostoria 2-9.

JV game
Ross 30, Fostoria 8
Score by quarters

Fostoria 2 4 0-8
Ross 4 4 16 6-30

Scoring
FOSTORIA: Moore 0-1-1, Anez 1-1-3, Luebke 1-1-3, Molineaux 0-1-1; totals 3-4-5.

ROSS: Anderson 3-0-6, Mamula 1-0-2, Cozette 2-0-4, Karlovetz 1-0-2, Simmons 4-0-8, Mosser 1-0-2, Randolph 3-0-6; totals 15-0-30.

Rockets, Clyde roll to girls basketball wins

Oak Harbor, playing without leading scorer Jan Harvey, still had enough left to hand Northwood a 36-24 setback in girls high school basketball Tuesday.

Harvey was ill and had to sit out the contest, Oak Harbor's sixth win in 11 games. Northwood fell to 0-8.

Michele Burmeister tossed in eight points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Lady Rockets. Carrie Tomei had seven with Lori Lambert and Luanne Sieske adding six points each for Oak Harbor.

The Lady Rockets held a 20-8 halftime lead.

In another area game, Clyde won its second of the season, stopping Perkins 55-45.

Carrie Allen's 20, Anna Brandom with 13 and Carrie Blanton with 11 paced the Flierettes.

Clyde moved out to a 15-9 first quarter lead and held a 29-18 lead at intermission. The Flierettes hit 19 of 49 shots and 17 of 29 free throws.

Score by quarters
Oak Harbor 13, Northwood 24
SCORING

7 13 7 9-36

2 6 7 9-24

Ross even after OT victory

SANDUSKY — The play was a bit on the rough side but when the final buzzer sounded, Ross, a little battered and bruised, was able to limp out of here with a 52-49 overtime girls basketball victory Saturday afternoon.

"It was a football game," was Ross Coach Sue Wolf's assessment of the contest.

"They killed us," she said heatedly. "Everytime one of our girls would fall down, they would fall on top of us. I'm just gald that we came out of there with no injuries."

The Lady Little Giants outscored Sandusky 4-1 in the extra three minutes to up their record to 6-6 while the Lady Blue Streaks fell to 4-11.

Rhea Paulson, despite absorbing a beating according to Wolf, popped in 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to key the Ross win. Sophomore Sandy Long had 15 points and Diane Borys 12 in the balanced Ross attack. Laurie Smith had 14 rebounds and seven points as Ross outrebounded Sandusky 44-30.

Smith's 12-foot jumper with 11 seconds remaining in regulation tied the game for Ross. The Smith bucket helped wipe out a Sandusky final period lead that reached five points.

"In this type of game," Wolf said, "it was a great team effort. The girls stayed with it."

Ross hit 18 of 58 shots and won the game at the foul line with a 16 of 29 showing. Sandusky, led by Tracy Redding's 15 points, hit 21 of 63 shots and had seven of 15 at the line.

Score by quarters

Ross	12	14	11	11	4 — 52
Sandusky	9	13	12	14	1 — 49

Scoring

ROSS: Lindstrom 0-1-1, Smith, 2-3-7, Paulson 4-5-13, Haas 1-0-2, Borys 4-4-12, Long 6-3-15, Hall 1-0-2; totals 18-16-52.

SANDUSKY: Redding 5-5-15, Belle 3-0-6, Rather 1-0-2, Young 6-0-12, Twine 6-2-14; totals 21-7-49.

Season records: Ross 6-6, Sandusky 4-11.

Ross girls dropped by Findlay 57-31

FINDLAY — Poor shooting haunted the Ross girls basketball team once again as the Lady Little Giants lost to Findlay 57-31 Tuesday night.

Ross shot a measly 20 percent from the field (14 of 69) and were just as bad from the foul line (3 of 14).

"Our shooting really killed us," Ross head coach Sue Wolf said. "Our defense played pretty well. We held Findlay to 31 percent from the field and they're usually a 40 or above shooting team."

"We were cold. We just couldn't put the ball in the basket. And we were getting the shots."

While the Lady Little Giants were struggling shooting the ball, Findlay was not, especially at the foul line.

The hosts hit 20 of 64 shots from the field and

were 17 of 21 from the line.

"Foul shooting played a big part," Wolf admitted. "It kept them in the game in the first half. Had we put some of ours in we could have stayed in the game."

Rhea Paulson was the top Ross scorer with eight and Laurie Smith added six. Jenny Trice, who scored seven from the foul line, paced Findlay with 15.

Findlay is now 11-2 and Ross slipped to 6-7.

In the JV game, Ross scored 12 points in the third quarter to erase a five-point deficit and take a lead they never gave up on the way to a 26-22 victory.

The win improved the reserve squad's record to 10-3.

VARSITY GAME

Findlay 57, Ross 31

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	8	8	6	9-31
Findlay	14	4	20	19-57

SCORING

ROSS: Laurie Smith 3-0-6, Rhea Paulson 4-0-8, Tammy Haas 1-0-2, Sandy Long 2-0-4, Della Hall 2-1-5, Cindy Gilson 2-2-6; totals 14-31.

FINDLAY: Julie Plott 2-1-5, Cheryl Stacy 1-2-4, Cindy Stubbins 7-2-16, Jenny Trice 4-7-15, Judy Petry 0-2-2, Kim Frederick 2-1-5, Lynn Baerwaldt 1-0-2, Donna Gokey 0-2-2, Julie Uncapher 1-0-2, Laura Rumer 2-0-4; totals 20-17-57.

JV GAME

Ross 26, Findlay 22

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	6	4	12	4-26
Findlay	7	8	4	3-22

SCORING

ROSS: Sharon Karlovets 4-1-9, Pam Cozette 4-0-8, Celenia Simmons 2-1-5, Melissa Mamula 1-0-2, Lisa Arndt 1-0-2; totals 12-2-26.

FINDLAY: Deona Winch 3-0-6, Jenny Yingling 1-3-5, Pam Weakly 2-0-4, Sue Wells 1-2-4, Sherry Thomas 1-1-3; totals 8-6-22.

Season record: Ross 10-3, Findlay 8-5.

Lady Little Giants start hot, finish cold in loss to Tygers

MANSFIELD — Ross dropped its second consecutive girls basketball game Thursday, losing to the Mansfield Tygers 37-36.

The Lady Little Giants started out hot but hit a cold spell in the third period as Mansfield took the lead 29-28.

"We were up by eight," Coach Sue Wolf pointed out about the Lady Little Giants' hot start, "but when we got there, we started to throw up 22-foot shots. We should have blown them out but we started to shoot those long ones."

Ross jumped to a 15-8 first quarter lead and held a 23-17 lead at the half.

For the second straight game, according to Wolf, her team's performance at the foul line was the squad's undoing. Ross canned only four of 13 shots while Mansfield was not much better with five of 18, but it was enough.

"Any team should shoot 50 percent," Wolf claimed, "but the last two games the foul line has hurt us."

Ross victimized itself with 27 turnovers, 14 more than Mansfield.

Rhea Paulson and Diane Borys had

eight points apiece to pace Ross while Carla Morris had 13 for Mansfield.

In the junior varsity game, Ross lost for only the fourth time in 14 games, 23-19. Pam Cozette had six points for the Ross JVs while Toi Hatch's 10 led Mansfield.

Ross will entertain Oak Harbor next Tuesday. The JV game begins at 6:30 p.m.

VARSITY SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	15	8	5	8-36
Mansfield	8	9	12	8-37

SCORING

ROSS: Smith 3-1-7, Paulson 4-0-8, Haas 1-1-3, Borys 4-0-8, Long 2-1-5, Hall 2-1-5; totals 16-4-36.

MANSFIELD: Morris 6-1-13, Lamb 3-2-8, Chapman 2-1-5, Bauhs 2-0-4, Givand 2-0-4, Holmes 0-1-1, Parker 1-0-2; totals 16-5-37.

Season records: Ross 6-8, Mansfield 5-8.

JV GAME SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ross	3	4	9	3-19
Mansfield	6	4	8	5-23

SCORING

ROSS: Cozette 2-2-6, Mamula 2-1-5, Simmons 1-2-4, Karlovetz 1-0-2, Arndt 0-1-1, Wheatley 0-1-1; totals 6-7-19.

MANSFIELD: Hatch 5-0-10, Smallstey 2-0-4, Schoeder 2-0-4, Marshall 1-0-2, Krichbaum 1-0-2, Jones 0-1-1; totals 11-1-23.

Season records: Ross 10-4, Mansfield 7-5.

Defense spurs Ross girls past Oak Harbor 53-28

Ross edged a game closer to pulling even for the season Tuesday with a 53-28 waltz past Oak Harbor in girls high school basketball.

The Lady Little Giants, playing one of their better games of the season according to Coach Sue Wolf, controlled the game from the opening tip to up their record to 7-8. Oak Harbor dropped to 6-9.

Rhea Paulson and Laurie Smith canned 14 and 13 points, respectively, while Smith helped hold Oak Harbor's high scoring senior Jan Harvey to 14 points.

"We started with a man-to-man defense," Wolf explained, "and then used it at the start of the second half before going into a 2-3 zone."

The combination of Ross defenses helped produce a cold 11 of 51 shooting night for the Lady Rockets. Ross countered with one of its better shooting performances — 38 percent — with 24 of 64.

With Paulson and Smith leading the balanced Ross attack, the Lady Little

Giants grabbed a 12-5 first period lead and held a 27-16 lead at intermission. Ross put the game away in the third period, outscoring Oak Harbor 11-2.

"Our guards, Tammy (Haas) and Diane (Borys) did a good job of controlling the game out front," Wolf said. "They had some good passes and Laurie (Smith) and Rhea (Paulson) played well underneath."

Wolf was able to use the entire bench for the game.

The Lady Little Giants outrebounded the Lady Rockets 46-33 with Smith grabbing 11. Paulson and Sandy Long, only 5-4, had eight retrieves apiece. Amy Lindstrom, although she did not score, grabbed nine rebounds for Ross.

In the junior varsity game, Oak Harbor stopped Ross 20-11 for its ninth win in 14 games. Ross is now 10-5.

Kelly Kretz had six points for Oak Harbor and Sharon Karlovetz led Ross with three.

Ross will entertain Marion Harding Thursday night. The JV game will begin at 6 p.m.

"If we win that game," Wolf pointed out, "it will be a coin flip to see which team finishes second, third or fourth in our (Buckeye Conference) division. All of us (Mansfield, Harding and Ross) would have lost once to each other while

losing twice to Findlay."

Ross lost to Harding 51-33 in the first game. In that contest, the Lady Little Giants had a one-point halftime lead but went stone cold from the field and lost it in the second half.

Ross 53, Oak Harbor 28

Score by quarters

O. Harbor	5	11	2	10-28
Ross	12	15	11	15-53

Scoring

OAK HARBOR: Jan Harvey 6-2-14, Lori Lambert 3-1-7, Michele Burmeister 0-2-2, Sandy Schwartz 0-1-1, Lori Almendinger 1-0-2, Annette Mille 1-0-2; totals 11-6-28.

ROSS: Laurie Smith 5-3-13, Rhea Paulson 7-0-14, Tammy Haas 3-0-6, Diane Borys 3-1-7, Sandy Long 2-1-5, Delta Hall 3-0-6, Joan Osmon 1-0-2; totals 24-5-53.

Season record: Ross 7-8, Oak Harbor 6-9.

JV game

Oak Harbor 20, Ross 11

Score by quarters

O. Harbor	4	11	0	5-20
Fremont	2	2	1	6-11

Scoring

OAK HARBOR: Kelly Kretz 2-2-6, Cindy Kern 2-0-4, Mary Hueske 2-0-4, Brenda Smith 1-3-5, Deb Jackson 0-1-1; totals 7-6-20.

FREMONT: Sharon Karlovetz 1-1-3, Pam Cozette 1-0-2, Lisa Arndt 1-0-2, Melissa Mosser 1-0-2, Lori King 1-0-2; totals 5-1-11.

Season records: Ross 10-5, Oak Harbor 9-5.

Transactions

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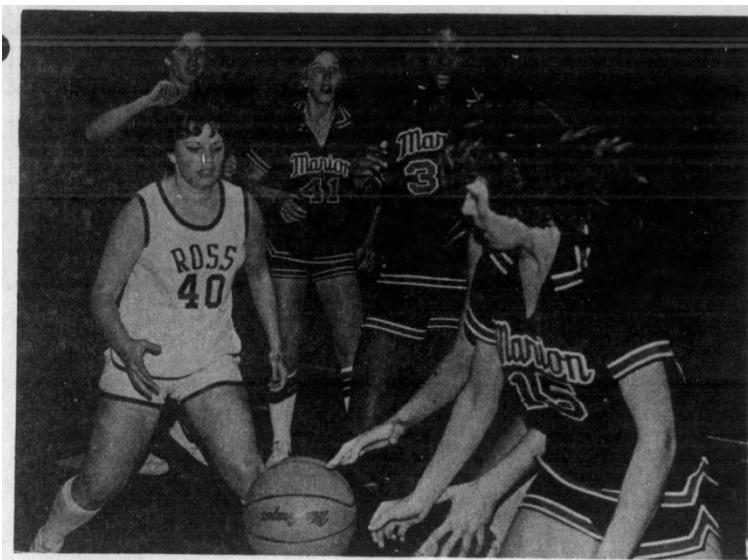
ATLANTA HAWKS — Placed James McElroy, guard, on the injured list. Signed Art Collins, guard, to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed Milton Hardaway, offensive tackle; Jay Kroeker,

Three Fun-Filled Wheels





SURROUNDED. Diane Borys, 40, of Ross is in the middle of a group of Marion Harding players Thursday during second quarter play at Ross High

School. Teisha Graham, 15, Mary McDuffied, 3, Robin Rife, 41, and Laura Gorham are the Harding players.

Ross girls notch 8th win

By BOB MARKER

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Sue Wolf was the star in a silent movie. She was speechless.

She had something to say but she had to let her Ross girls basketball team do the talking Thursday against Marion Harding.

The Lady Little Giants spoke loudly at times, softly sometimes, while sputtering to a 55-47 victory. That win leveled Ross's record at 8-8 and tossed the Buckeye Conference Western Division into a logjam for second.

Ross, Harding and Mansfield are 3-3, having beaten each other once in the round-robin play with all three losing twice to champion Findlay.

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"We got out of our pattern, out of sync," Hotz said. "We didn't have the intensity we had in the second quarter."

Widman, however, threw two in from the wing and House tossed in one and St. Joe was back in control.

Varsity game
St. Joe 52, Calvert 48

Score by quarters

Calvert 9 9 8 9 20-41

St. Joe 10 16 8 18-52

Scoring

CALVERT: Jan Hitzler 3-0-6, Laurie Goetz 8-1-17, Shelly Maiburger 2-4-8, Connie Elshert 0-6, Judy Hemminger 2-2-6, Mary Ward 1-1-3; totals 19-8-46.

ST. JOE: Linda Widman 5-12, Laurie Bodnar 1-0-2, Chris Sidell 2-0-4, Reenie House 6-2-14, Cheryl Swint 3-3-9, Therese Halbeisen 1-1-3, Mary Bimnick 4-0-8; totals 22-8-52.

Season record: St. Joe 8-8 (6-5), Calvert

JV game

Calvert 25, St. Joe 20

Score by quarters

Calvert 7 7 8 3-25

St. Joe 1 19 2 7-20

Scoring

CALVERT: Kim 1-1-3, Mauer 2-2-4, Karpolka 0-1-1, Elshert 1-0-2, Gassner 0-1-1, Jones

Baumgartner 1-1-3, Gillespie 0-1-1, Henge 1-0-2, Schlaeter 2-0-4; totals 9-7-25.

ST. JOE: Auxter 2-0-4, Warner

Wolf, usually very vocal, could not be the coach she wanted to be Thursday. She had laryngitis and her raspy whisper.

"It's tough to coach when you coach like I coach," she said as she attempted to talk about the game and her voice handicap which forced her to go through a lot of voiceless motions.

The Lady Little Giants, showing off the balanced scoring that has become characteristic the past few games, spotted Harding a two-point lead on the first bucket of the game but that was the only lead Harding was to enjoy. Ross ran off the next dozen points and held a 14-4 lead after the first eight minutes.

Rhea Paulson, Diane Borys and Sandy Long provided the nucleus for Ross's early lead. Ross, however, was never able to open up more than a 10-point lead.

Harding, paced by Robin Rife, made repeated runs at the Lady Little Giants but came no closer than two, late in the game at 49-47.

When Ross's lead his that low point, Borys' two charity tosses gave her team a four-point margin with 1:20 to play. Sandy Long canned another pair of free throws 10 seconds later and Ross had breathing room. A bucket by Laurie Smith off a feed from Paulson cemented Ross's win with a half-minute left to play.

With two and one-half minutes to play in the game, Ross appeared to go into a stall. Not so said Wolf.

"We weren't trying to slow the game down," she insisted. "We just wanted to bring the offense out higher."

The move backfired with Harding turning several Ross turnovers into

buckets to close from 49-41 to 49-47.

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Ross 55, Harding 47

Score by quarters

Harding 14 5 15 13-47

Ross 14 5 17 35

Scoring

HARDING: Borys 1-1-3, Cramer 2-1-5, Gorham 3-0-6,

Graham 3-0-6, McDuffie 3-1-7, Rife 6-12, Swanger 4-0-8; totals 22-3-47.

ROSS: Rife 4-1-2, Haas 3-0-6,

Long 4-1-3, Long 4-3-11, Paulson 7-1-15, Smith 4-0-8; totals 23-3-53.

Season record: Ross 8-8.

JV game

Ross 32, Harding 9

Score by quarters

Harding 0 2 3 4-9

Ross 10 7 7 8-32

Scoring

HARDING: Calbert 2-0-4,

Rowland 2-1-5; totals 4-1-9.

ROSS: Anderson 0-1-1, Arndt 1-2-4, Fallquette 1-0-2, Mosser 1-1-3, Simmons 3-0-4, Wheatley 1-0-2; totals 14-4-32.

Season record: Ross 11-5.

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TENNIS

TORONTO (AP) — Sweden's Bjorn Borg downed Poland's Wojtek Fibak 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 and joined Jimmy Connors, Vitas Gerulaitis and John McEnroe in the semifinals of the \$500,000 Molson tennis challenge tournament.

Borg, Connors, Gerulaitis and McEnroe all have 20 records in the eight-man, round-robin event.

In other matches, Connors beat Sandy Mayer 6-4, 6-2; McEnroe outlasted South African John Kriek 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 and Gerulaitis defeated Romanian Ilie Nastase 6-1, 6-2.

DETROIT (AP) — Unseeded Bettina Bunge upset seventh-seeded Sue Barker of Britain, 6-4, 6-2, in the third round of the Avon women's tennis

tournament stop in Detroit.

In other singles matches, topseeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia beat Lisa Bonder, 6-1, 6-2; No. 6 seed Mima Jausovac Yugoslavia overwhelmed Paula Smith 6-1, 6-2; and No. 3 seed Pam Shriver defeated Anne Smith 1-6, 6-1, 7-6.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Raul Ramirez of Mexico upset John Sadri 6-4, 7-6 in second-round action at the United Virginia Bank Classic.

In other action, Vijay Amritraj of India defeated Christophe Roger-Vasselin of France 6-3, 6-4; Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia topped Peter Feigl of Austria 6-1, 7-6; Yannick

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Ross girls lose to Elyria in BC playoff; Perkins tops Streaks

LORAIN — Sue Wolf called it a classic choke.

Elyria came from behind in the fourth quarter to defeat the Ross girls basketball team 30-27 in the Buckeye Conference tournament Saturday and Wolf, the coach of the team, blamed it on a case of the jitters.

"We were scared," she said. "When I walked in the locker room before the game there was complete silence and I knew something was wrong. We were just scared to death and I don't know why."

"We had beaten them once before and I would think that would give you some confidence."

Ross went scoreless in the first period but tied the game at 13 by halftime. The Lady Little Giants took the lead in the third quarter but a Elyria press forced several Ross turnovers and sparked Elyria to the victory.

Ross had the lead until the final minute of the game. Linda DeHart gave Elyria the lead when she scored from the foul line with under a minute to play.

Tammy Haas and Diane Borys led Ross with eight points apiece.

The loss gave the Lady Little Giants fourth place overall in the Buckeye Conference.

The Buckeye Conference tournament matches up Western and Eastern division schools which finished in the same place.

For example, Ross and Elyria

finished in second place of their respective divisions. The championship was won by western division champ Findlay which defeated Admiral King 37-32.

In other girls games over the weekend, Perkins defeated St. Joe 39-33 in a Sandusky Bay Conference contest and Woodmore knocked Otsego out of the Suburban Lakes League top spot with a 59-49 triumph.

At Perkins, the Lady Pirates switched from a zone to a man to man defense in the second half and St. Joe's three-point lead disappeared.

"We didn't handle that at all," said St. Joe coach Rich Hotz.

St. Joe was on top 19-16 at halftime and led with 33-32 under three minutes to go. Sherrie Widman hit a foul shot with about 2:30 left after Perkins coach Jim Hauser was whistled for a technical foul.

"I thought that was going to be the turning point," Hotz said. "From then on we didn't score a basket. Nothing went right."

Reenie House was the top scorer for St. Joe with 13.

Jackie Lohr had 18 points and Amy Siebenaller 13 to lead the Lady Wildcats to their 14th win in 18 games. Amy Kruse and 12 rebounds and Dana Ridgely nine as Woodmore dominated the boards.

Woodmore, now 10-2 in the league chase, is tied with Eastwood while Otsego is now in second at 9-3.

Elyria 30, Ross 27

SCORE BY QUARTER

Ross	0	13	8	6-27
Elyria	3	10	5	12-30

SCORING

ROSS: Smith 1-0-2, Paulson 2-1-5, Haas 4-0-8, Borys 4-0-8, Long 0-2-2, Hall 1-0-2; totals 12-4-27.

ELYRIA: Patty 2-2-6, DeHart 2-2-6, Melissa Treadwell 7-0-14, Harvey 1-2-4; totals 12-6-30.

Season record: Ross 8-9.

VARSITY GAME

Perkins 39, St. Joe 33

St. Joe	12	7	7	7-33
Perkins	12	4	12	11-37

SCORING

ST. JOE: Widman 1-1-3, Sidell 4-1-9, House 4-5-13, Swint 2-0-4, Bodnar 1-0-2, Binsack 1-0-2; totals 13-7-33.

PERKINS: Deal 5-4-14, Johnson 4-2-10, Shrake 4-1-9, Kelly Jockey 2-0-4, Speer 1-0-2; totals 16-7-39.

Season record: St. Joe 9-9 (6-6), Perkins (6-6).

JV GAME

Perkins 28, St. Joe 10

St. Joe	4	2	0-10	
Perkins	8	12	4	4-28

SCORING

ST. JOE: Hammer 3-0-6, Wagner 1-0-2, Swartz 1-0-2; totals 5-0-10.

PERKINS: Wechter 3-0-6, Grathwol 3-0-6, Riester 1-0-2, Bins 3-0-6, Pruitt 2-1-5, Bryles 1-1-3; totals 13-2-28.

Season record: St. Joe 1-17.

Woodmore 59, Otsego 49

Otsego	6	14	12	17-49
Woodmore	12	14	12	21-59

SCORING

OTSEGO: Stinehart 5-4-14, Garmann 13-2-28, Swanson 2-0-4, Euler 0-2-2, Selders 0-1-1; totals 20-9-49.

WOODMORE: Jodi Mercer 3-1-7, Judy Haar 1-2-4, Jackie Lohr 8-2-18, Amy Siebenaller 5-3-13, Joan Bloomfield 1-0-2, Amy Kruse 4-4-12; Dana Ridgely 1-1-3; totals 23-13-59.

Season record: Woodmore 14-4 (10-2).

JV game: Woodmore 45-31.

Girls basketball

Second half press keys Ross victory

By BOB MARKER

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Ross used a devastating full court press to key a second half pullaway while running to a 57-23 win over Tiffin Columbian Thursday at Ross High School in a girls basketball game.

Ross, now 9-9, outscored the Lady Tornadoes 15-6 in the second period but a 17-4 spurt in the third stanza turned the game completely toward Ross.

The game was a direct turnaround from last Saturday when the Lady Little Giants lost to Elyria 30-27 in the Buckeye Conference playoffs. Coach Sue Wolf could find little that she was not happy with concerning her team's play.

"After the last game (Saturday), we had," Wolf said, "we had to come back and play well."

She may have understated her case.

Nine Ross players scored as Wolf used reserve players the final 10 minutes of the contest. Diane Borys and Laurie Smith were the only Ross girls in double figures with 10 points apiece. Smith also helped the Lady Little Giants dominate the boards, grabbing 10 rebounds, as her team racked up a commanding 42-23 margin. Rhea Paulson had seven retrieves.

Amy Lindstrom led the bench crew in the final 10 minutes with nine points.

"We didn't shoot well in the first quarter," Wolf said, "but we kept on putting the ball up."

Wolf credited the full court zone press as keying the Ross pullaway. "She proudly pointed out the 17 steals and the 24 turnovers forced by her team. Ross also shot well enough after that first period, canning 25 of 52 shots.

The game was deadlocked at 8-8 after one period but Ross's size and speed started to take its toll on Columbian, 5-12, in the second period. A late first half surge gave Ross a 23-14 halftime lead.

The defense took it from there in the second half.

Ross will host Sandusky Saturday in the final regular season contest of the season. The junior varsity game will begin at 1:30 p.m.

VARSITY GAME

Ross 57, Columbian 23

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Columbian	8	6	4	5-23
Ross	8	15	17	17-57

SCORING

COLUMBIAN: Campbell 2-0-4, Frankenfeld 1-0-2, Focht 1-0-2, VanCamp 1-0-2, Garpiel 2-0-4, Douglas 1-0-2, Therriault 2-1-5, Florence 1-0-2; totals 11-1-23.

ROSS: Borys 5-0-10, Gilson 1-0-2, Haas 1-2-4, Hall 2-0-4, Lindstrom 4-1-9, Long 3-1-7, Paulson 2-3-7, Smith 5-0-10, Karlovetz 2-0-4; totals 25-7-57.

Season records: Ross 9-9, Columbian 5-12.

JV GAME

Ross 21, Columbian 19

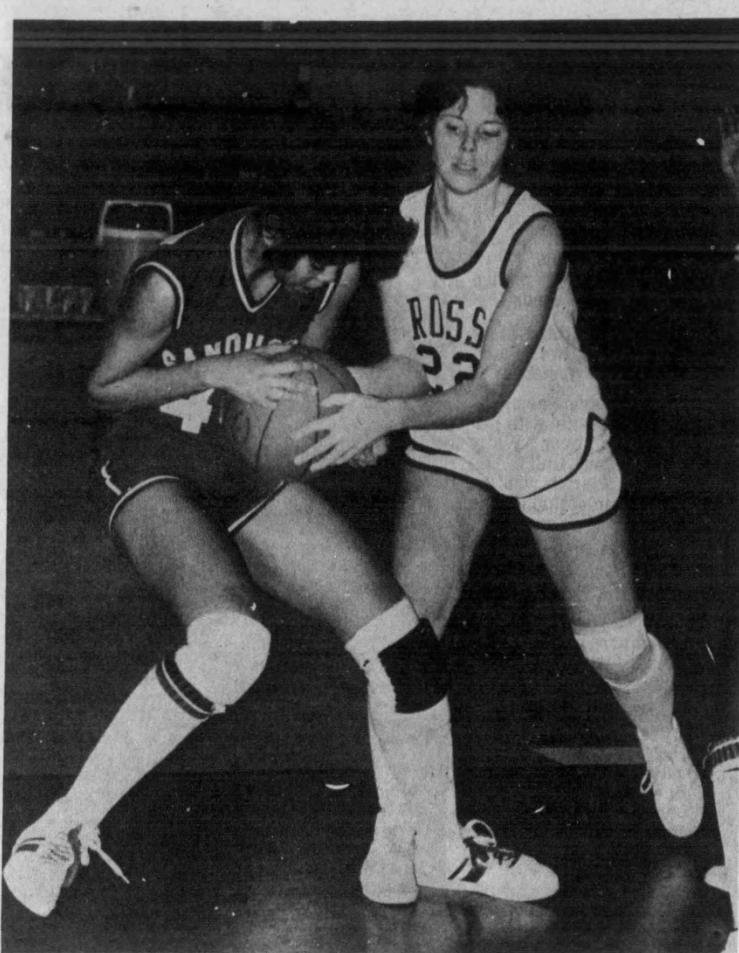
SCORE BY QUARTERS

Columbian	5	2	3	9-19
Ross	8	4	5	4-21

SCORING

COLUMBIAN: Bentz 3-1-7, Florence 2-1-5, Kneeskern 1-0-2, Beck 2-0-4; totals 8-3-19.

ROSS: Arndt 1-0-2, Cozette 3-0-6, Karlovetz 2-0-4, Randolph 1-0-2, Simmons 2-0-4, Wheatley 1-1-3; totals 10-1-21.



CINDY GILSON (22) of Ross struggles with Jodi Belle of Sandusky during first quarter action Saturday

at Ross High School. The play ended in a jump ball. Gilson had six points in the Ross victory.

Little Giants win 10 of 11 events in easy swim win

Ross won 10 of 11 events while cruising to a 61-22 victory in a high school swim meet Saturday at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

Mike Mowry set a new pool and school record in the 50-yard freestyle and the Ross medley relay team established a new

Beck in the individual medley, Greg Bobay in the 100 free and Ty Mitchell in the backstroke.

Ty Heslet, Jay Cooper, Jim Avalos and Overmyer teamed up to win the freestyle relay for Ross in 3:55.31. Greg Bobay, Jo Hawk, Tad Winning and

Burke Mitchell finished second in the event for the Little Giants, a little over a second behind the winning Ross team.

Andy Claes won the individual medley for Margaretta's only first place. He took the event in 2:20.9.

Ross girls turn back Sandusky

Ross crept a game above the .500 mark Saturday, stopping the Sandusky Lady Blue Streaks 52-37 in girls high school basketball.

Taking advantage of the free throw line, Ross pulled away in the second half for its 10th win in 19 games.

Paced by Laurie Smith and Rhea Paulson, Ross outgunned Sandusky 14-6 and 16-11 in the last two periods of play.

Using the tight zone defense, the Lady Little Giants cut off any inside play by Sandusky. The defense limited the Lady Blue Streaks to 18 field goals — the same number as Ross — but it took Sandusky 65 attempts to can that many.

"In the first game," Ross coach Sue Wolf said, a 52-49 overtime win for Ross, "they hurt us from the outside but I did not think they were that good shooting. So we kept the zone in tight (in this game)."

Sandusky was not hot from the perimeter in this game and Ross used its board strength to rip off the rebounds when the Lady Blue Streaks forced a shot up from the outside. Smith grabbed 20 rebounds although Ross stats had that figure jacked up to 32.

The outcome of the game and the Ross rebounding stats brought a smile to Wolf's face.

"Our stats say we had 85 rebounds," Wolf laughed, "I think something's fouled up. We had Laurie for 32 and Sandusky with 35 — so I think it's screwed up."

"I know we did have a lot of rebounds, though."

Ross rolled to a 10-2 lead early in the first period as Diane Borys sank a couple of long shots to get Ross's offense rolling early. By the quarter's end, though, Sandusky had tied the game at 12-12.

At the half, Sandusky trailed 22-20.

In the third period, Sandusky's aggressive play began to take its toll and mount up in free throws for Ross. For the game, Ross shot 29 charity tosses and hit 16 of them. Sandusky was one for four.

VARSITY GAME

Ross 52, Sandusky 37	SCORE BY QUARTERS	12 8 6 11-37
Sandusky		12 10 14 16-52

SCORING

SANDUSKY: Redding 6-0-12, Rather 2-0-4, Young 1-0-2, Twine 4-0-8, Gonzales 3-0-6, Robinson 1-0-2, Belle 1-1-3; totals 18-1-37.

ROSS: Borys 3-0-6, Gilson 3-0-6, Hall 1-0-2, Lindstrom 1-1-3, Long 2-4

8, Paulson 4-4-12, Smith 4-7-15; totals 18-16-52.

Season record: Ross 10-9.

JV GAME

Sandusky 21, Ross 14	SCORE BY QUARTERS	0 10 2 9-21
Sandusky		4 2 4 4-14

SCORING

SANDUSKY: Reynolds 2-4-8, Graves 1-0-2, Stovall 0-1-1, Warren 3-2, 8, Alexander 1-0-2; totals 7-7-21.

ROSS: Anderson 0-2-2, Arndt 2-0-4, Cozette 2-0-4, Eversole 1-0-2,

Karlovetz 1-0-2; totals 6-2-14

Season records: Ross 12-6, Sandusky 9-8.