

1943 Class A Tournament

BROCKSIEKER SPARKS TEAM TO FIRST WIN

Meet Mansfield Saturday; Bellevue And Ashland Also Triumph

Setting a steady pace from starting whistle to closing gun and running up their second highest total of the season, the Little Giants battled their way into the second round of the Class A district tournament in Bellevue by shellacking Norwalk 51 to 36, last night.

Paced by Dave Brocksieker, who posted his highest single game score of the campaign, the Ross-men took the lead in the initial quarter, scored on even terms with the Leafs in the second and then steadily drew away. Brocksieker tallied 18 points on a half-dozen action shots and a like number of free throws.

The victory, which while expected, was by a bigger margin than the most optimistic had hoped, and earned the Little Giants the doubtful privilege of meeting Mansfield in the final game on tonight's program.

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In other games, Bellevue nosed out Tiffin Columbian, the first time in tourney history, 35 to 29, and will meet Tiffin Junior Order in the first Saturday night game, while Ashland romped over Willard, 59 to 33, and will be idle until next week. The third game tonight pits Port Clinton against Shelby.

The Little Giants looked better as they opened tournament play than at any time since their winning streak was shattered on the same court early last month. Even the loss of Norb Porczak and Len Brudzinski, both of whom headed for the showers in the third period, failed to halt Coach Eddie Gabel's crew. Dick Rodenhauser and Bugs Frey stepped into the gaps and plugged them admirably.

Everyone but Brudzinski had a hand in building up an 11 to 8 lead in the first chapter, with Brocksieker netting five points. He continued to set the pace in the second, which ended 23 to 20. He was hitting from under the basket and also the side.

Defense Hails Leafs

Norb Porczak lent plenty of aid before he left the game, swishing in 10 points, with half of them coming in a 16-point third period burst which gave the Fremonters a safe 39 to 29 margin.

Norwalk was unable to puncture the Ross defense with any measure of success and most of their points came from sniping outside the foul circle and from the sides.

If the Little Giants can keep their temperature at fever pitch tonight and put on the same kind of performance against Mansfield, they must be conceded an even chance of turning back the Tygers and advancing to next week's semi-finals, where the going shouldn't be so tough.

	G. F. P.
Fremont—51	
Brocksieker, f	6 6 18
Porczak, f	3 4 10
Rodenhauser, f	2 1 5
Myers, c	3 2 8
Bingman, g	3 3 9
Brudzinski, g	0 1 1
Frey, g	0 0 0
Totals	17 17 51

	G. F. P.
Norwalk—36	
Ewell, f	4 3 11
Sweet, f	3 0 6
Seible, f	0 1 1
Ziemke, c	7 2 16
Knapp, g	0 0 0
Stewart, g	0 1 1
Chandler, g	0 1 1
Totals	14 3 36

	G. F. P.
Fremont	11 12 16 12—51
Norwalk	8 12 9 7—36

PORT CLINTON NEXT FOE FOR REVIVED TEAM

Brudzinski Sets Pace
As Rossmen Advance
In District Tourney

Ross high's Little Giants will battle Port Clinton next Friday night in the Bellevue Class A district tournament, with a finalist's berth as the glittering prize. Continuing their inspired play Saturday night, the Rossmen smothered Mansfield in no uncertain fashion, grabbing an early lead and holding it to win by a nine-point margin, 33 to 29, their second victory in as many days.

Port Clinton qualified for the lower bracket finals with an easy 54 to 32 win over a week. Shelby team that shot its bolt in the first half and was never a factor thereafter. In the other Saturday night tilt, Bellville advanced to the upper bracket finals with an equally easy 32 to 38 decision over Tiffin Junior Order.

The Juniors entered the game decidedly handicapped. Omar Tolson, regular forward and one of the scoring mainstays, was taken ill with the measles Friday and, naturally, couldn't play. The Red men will play Ashland Friday night in their first real test.

Brudzinski Hot

Lenny Brudzinski, who contented himself with stellar defensive work through the regular campaign, blossomed out as an offensive star against the Tygers. Although he didn't play the entire game, an attack of indigestion hitting him in the second period and necessitating his removal for a time, chalked up 12 points to pace both quintets.

Brudzinski's points came on five long-Toms and a pair of fouls and his distance sniping did as much as anything to upset the Richland county club which whipped the Little Giants in an earlier encounter.

Norb Porczak didn't play the entire game, either. He got into the action, he basket hard enough early in the fourth quarter, to render him hors de combat the rest of the way. Dick Rodenhausen stepped into the breach and immediately annexed a pair of two-pointers to further emoralize the whimpering Tygers.

It was well that Brudzinski was on the beam, that Rodenhausen made an auspicious debut and that Gleason Bruckecker scored more than his usual quota of points, seven, as both Dave Brocksieker and Dick Myers were pretty well bottled up all evening, making only eight points between them.

Check Tyger Stars

But if these two were checked, so were Dean Hahn and Bob Baker. The former, who racked up 102 points in five games, accounted for but eight. Baker settled for two less. The Rossmen really played some defensive ball.

Bingman and Brudzinski scored nine of the 13 points that gave the Little Giants a five-point lead in the first quarter and all five starters had a hand in building up a 22 to 13 half-time lead. In the third came it was Rodenhausen with five points and Brudzinski with four that paced the Fremonters to a 33 to 19 margin that spelled victory. They were outscored, 10 to 5, in the closing chapter, but the early lead stood up.

The Little Giants froze the ball for the last two minutes of play and were fouled three times while doing so. Each time they refused the free throw and took the ball out of bounds to retain control. The Mansfielders had a last-ditch touch of sweatiness, not only because of the Tygers' victory here, but because they bumped the Rossmen out of district play last year.

Fremont—33 G. F. P.
Brocksieker, f 1 2 4
Porczak, f 2 1 5
Rodenhausen, f 2 2 6
Myers, c 2 0 4
Bingman, g 3 1 7
Brudzinski, g 5 2 12
Totals 15 8 38

Mansfield—29 G. F. P.
Baker, f 2 2 6
Hahn, f 4 0 8
Lameroux, c 2 2 6
L. Myers, g 3 1 7
D. Myers, g 1 0 2
Totals 12 5 29

Fremont ... 15 9 11 5—33
Mansfield ... 8 5 6 10—29

Officials: Smith and Kies.

FOULS COSTLY AS SURPRISE TEAM FALTERS

Loss Of Bingman And Myers Is Pay Off; Ashland Beats Bellevue

Ashland and Port Clinton will tangle for the northwestern Class A cage title in the Bellevue high gym at 8 p. m. tonight with a berth in the four-team sectional at the Bowling Green going to the winner.

Port Clinton reached the championship round by trouncing Fremont, 46 to 34, while Ashland earlier eliminated Bellevue, 49 to 39, without much difficulty. If there is any edge in the Little game it must go to Ashland, as they scored a fairly easy victory and should be fresher than the Big Red which had to battle harder than the score would indicate to down the Little Giants.

The 12-point margin that Port Clinton had is no reflection of the game, as most of those points came in the last four minutes of play when Coach Eddie Gabel had but three regulars left in the game and up until that time it had been a vicious fight.

Although the Little Giants trailed from early in the first period, when Port Clinton overcame a 6 to 2 deficit, they were in the game for 28 of the 32 minutes.

Fouls Are Costly

The Little Giants were within one point, 32 to 31, of the Big Red early in the fourth, but the game was really lost late in the third quarter when Glenn Bingman went out on personals. The tally at that time was 27 to 27 with the foul on Bingman giving the winners another point. With the stellar Little Giant guard out of the way, Dick Selgo went on a romp in the closing heat to tally 11 points, eight on action shots.

Dick Myers had two personals called on him early in the fourth and he was also benched before the quarter had reached the midway point. Fouls benefited the winners otherwise, as well as they sank 14 of 15 free throws.

The Little Giants were down, 12 to 10, at the quarter and then had an extremely bad second frame, a basket and a foul by Bingman being the entire sum of their points. Port Clinton took advantage of the second run to build their lead to 21-13 at the half-time.

Make Game Ready

Fremont made a determined comeback effort in the third, scoring 15 points to cut the Porters' lead by five points and trailled by three points as the period ended. Dick Myers found the range in that stanza, swishing in four action shots and a free throw, while the Porters were able to make but two action shots. They counted six times on gift shots, however.

Clipped by the loss of the two regulars, the Little Giants simply weren't a match for Coach Wade Watts' crew in the final period. Selgo's 11 points boosted his total to 18, making him high-point man for the contest. Myers netted 12 for Fremont and gave Brockslecker took run-up honors with 10.

So another district tournament closed for the Little Giants with the old jinx slapping them down again. Their two victories, however, over Norwalk and Mansfield, were a tribute to their ability to comeback after closing a somewhat disastrous season with a bad slump in the last half-dozen games.

Port Clinton—46

Bloom, f.	.....	3	3	9
Selgo, f.	.....	6	5	17
Brough, c.	.....	3	3	9
Mackey, c.	.....	0	1	1
Gin, g.	.....	3	1	7
Whisner, g.	.....	1	1	3
Totals	.....	16	14	46

Fremont—34

Brockslecker, f.	.....	5	0	10
Porczak, f.	.....	0	0	0
Frey, f.	.....	1	1	3
Robilski, f.	.....	0	1	1
Myers, c.	.....	5	2	12
Bingman, g.	.....	3	2	8
Brudzinski, g.	0	0	0
Totals	14	6	34

Port Clinton ... 12 9 10 15—46
Fremont 10 3 15 6—34

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