

1944 Class A District Tournament

BELLEVUE AND TIFFIN ALSO COP CONTESTS

Ross Mentor Uses 10 Men To Rest Regulars For Mansfield Game

Ross high's Little Giants were back in the groove today, a groove worn quite deep through the years. They were preparing to play the Mansfield high Tigers in their second game in a district basketball tournament, their second appearance in as many nights against a team still fresh after a week's rest.

The Little Giants knocked off Willard, 48 to 28, in the opening round of play at Bellevue last night and, for the third year in a row will next tangle with a club that drew a first round bye.

In other first night games, Bellevue bumped Sandusky, 51 to 30, and Tiffin Columbian topped Shelby, 43 to 37, as the contests ran true to the advance dope.

Coach Eddie Gabel's crew had little trouble with Willard, weakest of the 10 clubs entered and without a victory all season. The Fremont mentor used 10 players, drawing deep into his reserve team in an effort to give his regulars as much rest as possible, and every one of them scored.

Rossmen Click

After a rather slow start, Dick Rodenhauser started to hit in the last few minutes of the initial period, netting himself eight points and the Fremonters finished the quarter ahead, 11 to 5. The Rossmen tightened their defense in the second, limiting Willard to a lone action shot and increased their margin to 21-7 at halftime. Bugs Frey and Kent Darr were the chief scorers.

The third period followed the same general pattern with the Little Giants adding 10 points to their edge and then, with the reserves in, were slightly outscored in the closing heat.

Rodenhauser and Frey set the scoring pace while Len Brudzinski sparkled defensively and Ed Seils did some excellent work under the basket as well as tallying eight points.

Tonight's game, however, will give them a serious test and they will enter the tilt the decided underdog. Not only did Mansfield hand them a tidy 60 to 42 defeat during the regular season, but the Tigers are rated as having the best chance to upset either Bellevue or Port Clinton, whichever of the upper bracket favorites they meet, if and when.

Other Games

The Tigers have won 15 and lost four against the toughest teams in the state, scoring 856 points to the opponents' 674, and undoubtedly have an all-Ohio forward in Bob (Peanuts) Baker.

In other games last night Bellevue had little trouble disposing of Sandusky, playing its first interscholastic game, while Tiffin was forced to battle Shelby all the way, trailing the first three periods and then winning with a furious closing burst that netted them 13 points.

Tiffin must also play again tonight, meeting Port Clinton in the second game. The Porters, another of the seeded teams, were idle Friday night and will be making their first start. The third game finds Ashland going against a fairly weak Norwalk team.

Scoring Parade

Fremont 48	G. F. P.
Rodenhauser, f	5 1 11
Frey, f	3 1 9
Sims, f	1 0 2
Kridler, f	1 1 3
Darr, c	3 0 6
Seils, c	2 4 8
Inks, g	2 0 4
Brudzinski, g	0 1 1
Demmel, g	1 0 2
Hoy, g	1 0 2
Totals	19 10 48
Willard 28	G. F. P.
Yacob, f	2 2 6
King, f	3 0 6
Arold, f	2 1 5
Sage, c	0 0 0
Piller, g	1 3 5
C. Arnold, g	1 0 2
Wynne, g	2 0 4
Totals	11 6 28
Fremont	11 10 16 11—48
Willard	5 2 6 15—28

Ashland, Port Clinton Also Win At Bellevue

Inability To Convert Free Throws And Bad Slump In Middle Stages Of First Half Are Fatal To Little Giants' Tournament Chances

The second round of the snowed under Bellevue district tournament was played last night and as a result the line-up for the semi-finals today is just as it was expected to be—and as it was planned.

Bellevue and Port Clinton will battle Friday night for the upper bracket finalist's position and Ashland and Mansfield will contest for the same spot in the lower bracket. The titular game goes on Saturday night.

In the order they came last night's results were: Ashland 58, Norwalk 40; Port Clinton 53, Tiffin Columbian 41; Mansfield 52, Fremont Ross 43.

Rossmen Cold

Reversing the order and taking the last first, the Fremont-Mansfield tussle was a whole of a ball game, although the Little Giants were colder than a pawnbroker's heart, never hit their stride, and the best team—last night—won.

The Rossmen were off most of the evening, especially on free throws, but it was the middle eight minutes of the first half that cost them the ball game and the chance to be the surprise team of this year's tournament.

In those eight minutes—the last four of the first period and the first four of the second—Mansfield built up a 17-point lead that just couldn't be erased. Couldn't that is, with the Little Giants squandering their chances from the foul line as they did.

Miss Dozen Fouls

Just a few words about the way they looked a gift horse, or a gift throw, in the mouth. Fremont was given 19 chances at the foul line and made seven. They blew eight in the third quarter which would have cut the Tygers' lead to one point. Starting late in the third and continuing into the fourth, they missed four in a row, cashed one in and then issued three more.

That gives you an idea of how cold they were. Outside of that, the coldest of the lot was Bugs Frey. Usually good for around 10 points, Bugs accounted for exactly one action shot and a brace of charity tosses.

It was a hard-fought game with Fremont getting away in front, 5 to 4, only to have the Tygers run the first period count to 17 to 8 when rigor mortis in the shooting arm hit the Little Giants. Peanuts Baker and Foster were the chief offenders.

The cold snap continued into the second, with Mansfield running the score to 27-10 before the Little Giants snapped out of it. Meanwhile, Kent Darr had left the game on personals.

Trail by Six

Near the close of the second stanza all the Little Giants but Frey took a hand in cutting the margin to six points, 29 to 23, at the intermission, with Dick Rodenhauer the spearhead.

At the start of the third Baker and Foster, who were being allowed too many set shots, doubled the margin before Ed Sells, Bud Inks and Frey managed to shave it to nine points, 40 to 31.

After missing a double free throw, Rodenhauer caused a basket but Mansfield countered with four points before Rodenhauer hit again and Sells contributed a bucket and Frey a foul to pare the lead to six points with four minutes left to play.

That was the closest the Rossmen came as every time they scored a point Mansfield came back to go the same.

Dick Scores

It was just a cold night for the Little Giants with the exception of Rodenhauer who made seven action shots and a pair of free throws for 16 points. At that they might have taken the Tygers except for Baker who swished in 21 points, all in the first three periods.

Fremont took 53 shots and made 18 while Mansfield was really firing heavy, taking 66 shots and sinking 21. But it was at the foul line that the game was lost. While the Little Giants were missing the big percentage of their shots, the Tygers were cashing in 10 of 16. But the boys played a good game, with Len Brudzinski sharing honors with Rodenhauer.

Final Game

Mansfield 52	G. F. P.
Baker, f	7 21
Foster, f	8 0 16
Lanoureaux, c	2 1 5
Bent, c	1 0 2
Myers, g	1 2 4
McBride, g	2 0 4
Totals	21 10 52
Fremont 53	G. F. P.
Rodenhauser, f	7 2 16
Frey, f	1 3 5
Darr, c	0 0 0
Sells, c	3 1 7
Inks, g	2 1 5
Brudzinski, g	5 0 10
Totals	19 7 43
Mansfield	17 12 11 12—52
Fremont	8 15 8 13—43

could do after that was whittle the margin to five points. Jacobs, Harris and Geisinger found the range in the closing minutes to run up the big edge.

Norwalk suffered heavily from personals, losing Center Livengood and Guard Chandler in addition to Sweet.

Ashland 58	G. F. P.
Schaffer, f	4 0 8
Jacobs, f	11 2 24
Geisinger, c	3 5 11
Reese, g	0 1 1
Harris, g	1 6 8
Bohn, g	1 0 2
Tharp, g	2 0 4
Totals	22 14 58

Norwalk 40	G. F. P.
C. Sweet, f	6 0 12
Selbel, f	2 0 4
D. Sweet, f	3 0 6
Livengood, c	2 0 4
Neagrow, c	1 0 2
Stewart, g	2 1 5
Chandler, g	2 1 5
Hiltz, g	0 2 2
Totals	18 4 40
Ashland	11 13 13 17—58
Norwalk	10 10 14 6—40

Selgo Hot

Coach Wade Watts' Port Clinton crew also had several uneasy moments before a scrappy but undersized and under-manned Tiffin Columbian crew gave in to finish on the short end of the 53 to 41 score.

Realizing that they were no match for the Porters, the Columbians concentrated on defense in the first period and did surprisingly well, ending the quarter in a 5 to 5 deadlock with the Ottawa countians. At the start of the second Columbian took a one-point lead but that was the sign for Dick Selgo to swing into action and he netted four action shots to pace an attack that gave his club a 22 to 15 halftime lead.

Selgo continued his deadly shooting in the third and Port Clinton forged ahead 10 points and Tiffin could never again catch up. Selgo was the big gun with 24 points in a rough tilt that saw the winners lose Brough in the third and Bloom in the fourth, and the losers finish minus both Felton and McClory.

Port Clinton 53	G. F. P.
Mackey, f	4 1 9
Brough, f	0 2 2
Johannsen, f	0 0 0
Bloom, c	2 0 4
Selgo, g	10 4 24
Macko, g	5 4 14
Totals	21 11 53
Tiffin 41	G. F. P.
Felton, f	2 1 5
McClory, f	3 1 7
Anble, g	1 0 2
Hill, c	3 3 9
Welter, g	7 0 14
Geller, g	2 0 4
Totals	18 5 41
Port Clinton	5 17 13 18—53
Tiffin	5 10 10 16—41

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JOANNE WINTER IS MOST VERSATILE

By NEA Service
PHOENIX, Ariz.—Joanne Winter, star hurler of the Racine Belles girls' softball champions, is being hailed as the most versatile girl athlete. In addition to softball, Miss Winter is a professional swimmer, can kick a football 60 yards, is a star at soccer, volley, basket and handball. She also excels in track athletics and is a marbles champion.

Joanne represented Maywood, Ill., in a marbles tournament after beating the boys in the knuckle-down sport. Teamed with champion Joe Platak, she won the mixed doubles in handball.

REAGAN NOW C. O.
Captain Frank X. Reagan, All-America at the University of Pennsylvania several seasons ago, is

