

1934 Class A Tournament

LITTLE GIANTS PREP FOR TILT WITH ASHLAND

Tourney Opponents Are Worthy; Scoring is Main Worry

Like all other teams in Ohio this week, the Little Giants of Fremont High school are hard at work in Ross gymnasium, preparing for a comeback on the hardwood which will enable them to stage some startling upsets at the Class A basketball tournament in Sandusky Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Undaunted by the fact they were given a rather severe reversal the last time out against Tiffin Columbian, the Little Giants are aiming to get back into the form that allowed them to upset plucky little Bellevue three weeks ago and that carried them into a two overtime period game against the tough Blue Streaks of Sandusky.

The Ross cagers have drawn no setup for their first game of the tournament. They will appear against Ashland at 7 p. m. Thursday night in a battle that should be one of the features of the tournament.

These two teams were paired against each other in 1933 and the Little Giants provided one of the upsets of the tournament when they thumped the Ashland sky-rockets.

Of the team which lost to Fremont last year, only Hazen, a fine guard, remains. Coach Starn believes he has one of the weakest teams in the past five years, but his record would indicate differently.

The Ashland team did get away to a bad start by losing to Elyria, 23 to 20, and to Lima Central, 27 to 17. They won their next two starts, however, and defeated Norwalk, 16 to 14, and Columbus North, 33 to 25.

Mt. Vernon was too strong for the Thomas-less Ashland team and took a 33 to 8 decision, but the Ashland team came back the next game to thump Shelby 34 to 15 in one of their best games of the year.

Wooster met defeat, 44 to 15 and Gallon fell, 31 to 17. Then when Coach Starn seemed to have his team hitting on all five, along came Marion Harding to walk away with a 24 to 22 decision. Mansfield also took the scalp of the Redmen, 24 to 21, then Ashland came back for a 22 to 21 win over Bucyrus, and repeated with a 24 to 21 win over Shelby.

Then they grabbed a 24 to 23 victory from Wooster.

The Ashland team, unlike former years, does not have the height which has formerly made it so dangerous. Frank Zercher, a 6-2 man, is at center, but Hazen and Dick Shively, a forward and only 5-5 feet. There is no other big boy on the team, Bob McPherson, 6-3 1/2, but he is just up from the Junior varsity, and needs experience before he is dangerous, Coach Starn says.

Coach Bob Oldfather here has not revealed many of his plans for the game against Ashland. Of course, Lee Moore will be at center, and Bliss and Gomoll will probably start at guards. But the forward positions are a tossup between Baker, Hess, Binkley and Klinck.

The Little Giants have been handicapped all through the campaign because of the absence of a sharpshooting forward. In the past, unless Moore was hitting them from the pivot position, the Ross cagers were not very dangerous.

Because of this lack of scoring punch, opposition has centered on guarding Moore with the result that his effectiveness has been cut down to a large extent. If any of the four forwards on Oldfather's team would start to hit the basket, the Little Giants would be dangerous.

FREMONT WILL BATTLE TIFFIN IN NEXT GAME

Great Exhibition of Goal Shooting Places Ross Ahead

Sweeping Ashland off its feet with a dazzling display of accurate shooting in the first two minutes, Fremont Ross High school won its first game in the Class A basketball tournament at Sandusky Thursday night, 21 to 14.

Fans at the elimination series watched in wonderment as the Little Giants ran up a 10 to 1 lead before the game had hardly started. The purple clad cagers shot eight times at the basket and registered five field goals.

From then on, the game was more evenly played. Coach Bob Oldfather's team relying more on a defensive style. Only in the final quarter was Ashland able to muster more than three points.

The Little Giants were ahead 10 to 3 at the quarter, and stayed in the fore 14 to 5 at the half. They scored only one point in the third quarter while holding Ashland to two markers.

Scoring among the Little Giants was evenly divided, Moore and Gomoll were high, with five points each on two fielders and one foul. Bliss and Hess each contributed two baskets, and Baker, substituting, rolled in a basket and a charity shot.

The Fremonters spent considerable time in stopping Hazen, the veteran right forward of the Ashland aggregation. Hazen scored only two field goals and two fouls in the game. In fact, Ashland scored only three field goals in the entire melee, the other going to Zecher, the right guard.

By virtue of their victory, Fremont will be pitted against Tiffin Columbian in the semi-finals Friday at 8 p. m. Tiffin Columbian stayed in the tournament by thumping Bellevue, something they have failed to do two other times this season.

Columbian will be favored to cop the contest Friday, but with the Little Giants shooting as they did Thursday, the game will be a battle from start to finish. Coach Oldfather will rely on the same team in Friday's fracas.

The score of the first tilt:

Fremont 21		G.	T.	P.
Klinck, rf.	.....	0	0	0
Hess, lf.	.....	2	0	4
Moore, c.	.....	2	1	5
Gomoll, rg.	.....	2	1	5
Bliss, lg.	.....	2	0	4
Baker, lf.	.....	1	1	3
Totals	.....	9	3	21
Ashland 14		G.	T.	P.
Hazen, rf.	.....	2	2	6
Ganyard, lf.	.....	0	0	0
M'Pherson, c.	.....	0	1	1
Zecher, rg.	.....	1	2	4
Depler, lg.	.....	0	0	0
Hacken, rg.	.....	0	1	1
Clark, rf.	.....	0	2	2
Totals	.....	3	8	14
Score by quarters:				
Fremont	.....	10	4	1 6-21
Ashland	.....	3	2	2 7-14

COLUMBIAN AND NORWALK WHIP FREMONT FIVES

Little Giants Take 33-15 Beating; Streaks Are Routed, 30-22

Any hopes Fremont fans may have had for a district basketball championship went glimmering Friday night when both Fremont Ross and Fremont St. Joseph's met defeat in their respective tournaments.

At Sandusky where the Class A elimination is in progress, Tiffin Columbian, for the third time this year, showed its superiority over the Little Giants and handed them a sound 33 to 15 beating.

In the Norwalk tournament, one of the big upsets of the season took place when Norwalk St. Paul's quintet, which had been decisively defeated by the Streaks last December, paddled Fremont St. Joseph's, 30 to 22.

Columbian's win over the Little Giants was not unexpected, as the Tiffin team had defeated Ross high twice during the Little Big Seven league season, once in Fremont and once in Tiffin. Only last week Columbian routed the Little Giants and it would have been a complete upset had Fremont won Friday.

Columbian lost no time in taking command of the situation. They took an 8 to 5 lead at the quarter and they clearly outclassed Coach Oldfather's team by running up 15 points in the second period to a lone foul goal for the Rossmen.

Only in the third quarter was Fremont able to hold its own against Coach "Ma" Burkett's club. They scored seven points to Columbian's six in that stanza.

Whatever hopes Fremont had of capturing the game vanished in the third quarter when Lee Moore, who last year was the sensation of the district tournament, was banished from the fringes on four personal fouls. But the game had been lost before then when Ross was unable to put a stop to Columbian's second quarter spree.

Bliss was the high scorer for Fremont, getting two baskets and a foul. Moore was bottled thoroughly and scored only three points. Fremont's starting forwards, Hess and Kilnack, failed to collect a single marker. Redding, who substituted at right forward, managed to cage four points.

Although he scored only one field goal, Creeger was high point man for Tiffin, dropping eight fouls through the loop. Gage was the best scorer from the field with three baskets.

Up at St. Joseph's school, they are still wondering what happened to their favorite entry in the Norwalk eliminations. Favored to cop the St. Paul battle with comparative ease, the Fremont parochials failed to click properly at any point in the game and went under, 30 to 22.

Norwalk's quintet hopped into a five to two command at the end of the first quarter and then proceeded to play on equal terms with Coach Hoffman's team in the second period. The half ended with Norwalk out in front, 12 to 9.

St. Paul turned on the power in the third quarter and ran up 12 markers while holding St. Joe to seven. The fourth quarter was even with six points apiece.

Keller and Stoll, the Norwalk forwards, spilled 20 of their team's points, and Frederick came through at center for the other 10 markers. For St. Joe, Gerber's four field goals were the Streaks' best offering, although Hank Miesle managed to sink three fielders. Wasserman got a couple of baskets and two fouls.

The scores of the two games:

Tiffin Columbian 33		G. F. P.	
Gage, rf	.....	3	1 7
Creeger, lf	.....	1	8 10
Kraft, c	.....	1	1 3
Ridd, rg	.....	1	1 3
Galster, lg	.....	2	2 6
Stover, lf	.....	1	0 2
Nye, rg	.....	0	1 1
Abott, lg	.....	0	1 1
Totals	.....	9	15 33
Fremont 15		G. F. P.	
Kilnack, rf	.....	0	0 0
Hess, lf	.....	0	0 0
Moore, c	.....	1	1 3
Gomoll, rg	.....	1	1 3
Bliss, lg	.....	2	1 5
Redding, rf	.....	1	2 4
Totals	.....	5	5 15
Score by quarters:			
Tiffin	.....	8	15 6 4—33
Fremont	.....	5	1 7 2—15