

1944-1945 Season Review.

COURT SEASON OPENS TONIGHT

The decided underdog, Ross high's Little Giants will open their 1944-45 basketball campaign tonight against Toledo Woodward, last year's runner-up for the state Class A title and, in pre-season ratings, one of the strongest teams in the state.

The Polar Bears will present an all-veteran line-up, paced by Forward Paul Harrison, and already have one game under their belts, a 49 to 19 shellacking of Clinton, Mich., defeated in the finals for the Michigan state crown last season.

Coach Whitey Althoff, making his debut as a cage coach here, is also expected to start five lettermen—Bud Inks and Bob Demmel at forwards; Kent Darr at center; Dale Hoy and Ed Seils at guards. The preliminary between reserve teams of the two schools will start at 7 p. m.

FREMONT TEAM FALLS BEHIND IN 3RD CANTO

Harrison Nets 21 Points To Pace Elongated Visitors

Ross high's Little Giants, opening the basketball season on the home court last night, didn't do a bad job of stopping Toledo Woodward with the exception of Forward Bob Harrison. Because they couldn't stop this shot-maker they dropped a 46 to 24 count to the team that was runner-up for the state title last year.

The elongated Harrison made 21 of his team's points and otherwise made himself obnoxious by playing an excellent floor game and proving an important cog in the Polar Bears' fast break.

The score would indicate that the Rossmen lost their opener—and also their first game with Whitey Althoff at the helm—in something of a runaway fashion, but that isn't entirely true. The wide divergence in the scores didn't come until the tilt was half over.

Small as basketball teams go, with only one player over the six-foot mark, the Little Giants were at a distinct disadvantage against the elongated Polar Bears and only in spurts were able to control the ball under the bankboards.

Ross Starts Slowly

They were a bit wild at the start and the smooth-working veteran Toledo team had little difficulty in spurring to an eight point lead early in the game, due chiefly to Harrison's accuracy from any place on the court. After the opening blast, however, the game settled down to a good fight—for a bit over a half.

With Harrison sinking four action shots the Polar Bears took an 11 to 7 lead in the first period and were able to increase it by one point in a slow second period that ended 15 to 10.

Twice in the first half the Little Giants shaved the lead to three points through sheer fight and courage and when the third period opened and they again narrowed the count to three, 17 to 14, they had the visitors really worried.

However, they shouldn't have been. At this point Harrison caught fire to sink five rapid-fire points and with a bit of help from his teammates the Toledoans were soon out in front, 27 to 14. And that was just about the ball game.

Controlling the ball as they did, the Polar Bears managed 55 shots at the basket and cashed in 20 of them while the best the Little Giants could do was 40 and all but six of them went haywire as they plainly showed the newness of the season.

Team Shows Fight

Against their loftier opponents the team here showed enough spunk and fight to give their followers hopes of a successful season but they were simply over-matched last night.

The new five-foul ruling got its first test and, under the old rules, things might not have been so bad. Duhart went out on personals in the final quarter but he had four called on him much earlier while the pesky Harrison also had four on him but didn't leave until Coach Homer Hanhan sent in the second stringers.

Center Kent Darr, who paced the Rossmen with 12 points, and Ed Sells turned in some fine defensive work, but the team was simply in over its head.

Woodward—46

Seymour, f.	3	3	9
Harrison, f.	10	1	21
Kozakiewicz, f.	2	0	4
Duhart, c.	1	1	3
Sloan, g.	2	1	5
Lentz, g.	1	0	2
Aubrey, g.	1	0	2
Totals	20	6	46

Fremont—24

Demmel, f.	0	0	0
Hoy, f.	0	2	2
Darr, c.	3	6	12
Sells, g.	1	3	5
Inks, g.	2	1	5
Totals	6	12	24

Woodward	11	4	15	16—46
Fremont	7	3	5	9—24

Officials: Halley and Glanders.

Ted Sims Replaces Dale Hoy In Starting Lineup

**Regular Forward Out Due To Illness In Family;
Team Must Halt Dick Selgo, Shooting Star Of
Lofty Team That Has Already Won Two Contests**

Defeated by the powerful Toledo Woodward team in their initial start of the season, Ross high's Little Giants will try for their first victory against another strong foe tonight.

Playing their first game on the road, Coach Whitey Althoff's crew travels to Port Clinton to tackle the twice-victorious Redmen who haven't dropped a game to the Rossmen in two years.

Once again the Little Giants will be at a height disadvantage as Coach Norm Wilbond's quintet boasts plenty of size with the six foot-four Jerry Brough at center and six-foot Joe Macko and six foot-one Bob Larson at the guards.

Selgo Is Star

Chief scoring ace of the Port Clinton club, however, is Dick Selgo, smallest man on the team, who has dished in 45 points in two games as his team defeated Lakeside, 41 to 13, and Oak Harbor, 49 to 29. Last season when the Porters defeated Fremont, 42 to 27, Selgo netted 16 points.

Port Clinton plays a man-to-man defense and Coach Althoff has been drilling his charges the past week in an effort to shake themselves free. How well he has succeeded remains to be seen.

Sims Replaces Hoy

Fremont will be without the service of a regular forward for the fray as Dale Hoy has been out of school all week due to illness in his family. Ted Sims, lanky reserve player, will replace him in the starting line-up.

Althoff has also pulled Jim Boyer up from the reserve squad although he doesn't plan to start him and his starting line-up will have Bob Demmel at the other forward; Kent Darr at center; Bud Inks and Ed Seils at guards.

The Little Giants have been showing a bit more accuracy in shooting the past week and did some fairly good passing in a scrimmage session against Oak Harbor Wednesday night and Althoff is hoping they will hit a hot streak tonight.

Reserve teams of the two schools will play a preliminary starting at 7 p. m. and indications are that a fair fan-flock will follow the team to the Ottawa county seat.

ST. JOE LOSES TWO PLAYERS

**Wurzel, Reser Drill;
Marinis Picks Potential Varsity Squad**

With his opening game against Ross high but five days in the offing, Coach Jim Marinis said today that he had picked eight players from his St. Joseph's high squad to form the varsity for the first game, but that it was still subject to revision.

The Streak mentor has lost two potential first-stringers since drills started with Jack Wurzel and Leon Reser, both guards, passing up the cage sport for work and he has but 17 boys working out at present.

As things shape up now Bob Moyer and Howard Mehling, both lettermen, and Glen Halm will play the forward positions with Merlin Hughes, also a veteran, at center; Vince Swint and Jim Kritzel at guards.

In line for a chance at starting berths also are Don Stang, Ed LeJeune, Jack Cullen and Vince and Vic Schrickel.

Marinis said Friday that some of the best potential cage material in the school, mostly freshmen and sophomores, had not yet reported for the team but that he was hopeful some would turn out soon.

The Streaks are as yet untried

TEAM SHOWING IMPROVEMENT DESPITE LOSS

Ed Seils Plays Outstanding Game As Team Gets More Shots

The Little Giants went up against another team possessing superior height and fire-power last night in Port Clinton and as a result saw their second game of the infant season go against them. The Porters took the game, their third in a row, by a 54 to 34 count.

Although the winners ran up eight more points than Toledo Woodward was able to do, the Little Giants were an improved quintet over their first start. While Coach Whitey Althoff said after the game he was far from satisfied, he admitted the team was coming along, although slower than he had hoped.

Fremont led twice in the ball game, both times early in the first quarter, once 4 to 0 and the other time 5 to 3. Then the Red-men found the range on their own basket and shot into a 13 to 7 first period lead.

Early in the second a pair of baskets by Jerry Brough, six foot four center, put his team into a 17 to 9 lead and, as far as the Little Giants were concerned, put them out of the game. The winners steadily increased their margin and at no later time were the Fremonters closer than 10 points and most of the time further back.

Get More Shots

That the Little Giants are improving, however, was proven by the fact that last night they got 62 shots at the baskets from the court and made 14 of them while last week they found themselves free for but 40 and made only six.

In fact, they shot almost as often as Port Clinton only weren't quite so accurate. While they missed on 48 tosses the charges of Coach Norm Willbond missed but 40, making 25 of the 65 they took.

Guard Ed Seils played an outstanding game for the Little Giants holding the high-scoring Dick Selgo to 14 points, six of which came on long shots and another bucket when he dribbled in from near the center of the court. Seils had him tied up most of the way, holding him to four points in the first half. Prior to last night, Selgo had averaged 22½ points a game.

Seils Outstanding

Not content with a stellar piece of defensive work, Seils accounted for 13 points, 12 of them on action shots, to tie Center Kent Darr as high point man for Fremont. Darr had five field goals and a brace of free throws.

With Selgo held fairly well in check and with but 10 points going into the final heat, Brough stepped into the breach to net himself 18 points. Darr simply could not hold the elongated pivot man in check, although he is the slowest man on the Porter quintet, and was on the bench part of the time while Bob Walters played his position.

The Little Giants were without the services of Dale Hoy, regular forward, and his absence probably was felt although Ted Sims played a good game. However, it was his first starting assignment and it was strange to him.

Both teams played their best ball in the third period with Port Clinton scoring 17 points and Fremont 14, and scoring was even in the last. The 15 point lead that the winners amassed in the first half prevented the Little Giants from ever threatening, however.

Although fast, the game was exceptionally clean with but 20 personals called, 11 on Port Clinton and nine on Fremont. The former scored on four of 10 free throws and Fremont on six of the same number.

Port Clinton—54

Selgo, f.	7	0	14
Johannsen, f.	3	0	6
Riedmaier, f.	0	1	1
Brough, c.	8	2	18
Macko, g.	3	1	7
Larson, g.	4	0	8
Totals	25	4	54

Fremont—34

Denmel, f.	1	2	4
Sims, f.	0	0	0
Darr, c.	5	3	13
Walters, c.	0	0	0
Seils, g.	6	1	13
Innes, g.	2	0	4
Totals	14	6	34

Port Clinton ..	13	16	17	6—54
Fremont	7	7	14	6—34

Officials: Klee and McMurray.

FIRST CLASH OF CAMPAIGN FOR STREAKS

Little Giants, making Third Start, Are Still Seeking First Victory

Ross high's Little Giants and St. Joe's Crimson Streaks will clash tonight on the hardwoods for the first leg of the annual city basketball championship.

First game for the charges of Coach Jim Marinis, it will be the third for the Rossmen, who are still in quest of their initial victory under Coach Whitey Althoff. The Ross team has dropped a pair of tilts to powerful teams, Toledo Woodward and Port Clinton, to date.

On the eve of what is a belated opener for his team, Coach Marinis said he would start two, possibly three, lettermen and that his quintet would use both the zone and man-to-man defense. Insofar as an offensive is concerned, he added he was uncertain what would be used as the Streaks haven't had a practice game as yet.

As to height, the Streaks will have a slight advantage as both Forward Bob Moyer and Center Merlin Hughes are taller than any Little Giant except Center Kent Darr. Otherwise, the two teams stack up about the same in this important department.

Rossmen Favored

The Little Giants have been showing steady improvement and looked better against Port Clinton last Friday than they did in their lid-lifter and Coach Althoff is certain they are coming along, perhaps slowly, but surely. On their two games to date, they favored in tonight's clash because of the experience that playing brings.

Coach Althoff indicated that he would start Bob Demmel and Ted Sims at forwards; Darr at center, and Ed Seils and Bud Inks at guards. Marinis will start Bob Moyer and Glen Halm at forwards, Merlin Hughes at center, Vince Swint or Howard Mehling at one guard and Jim Kritzel at the other.

A game between the two reserve teams will open the activities at 7 p. m. at Ross gym.

SEILS PACES ATTACK WITH 15 TO CREDIT

Ross Varsity Gets
Hot: Makes Over 50
Per Cent Of Shots

Coch Whitey Althoff's varsity was hotter than a firecracker last night and the reserve team wasn't much cooler. As a result the Little Giants won their first basketball game of the season, overwhelming their city contemporary, St. Joseph's, 68 to 22.

The Crimson Streaks, making their initial start of the campaign, showed the ragged edges expected of a team making its debut with green material and no previous scrimmages, but it would have taken plenty to cool off the Little Giants in their third game.

The Ross mentor used his starting quintet of five lettermen only in the first and third quarters but in those 16 minutes they racked up 46 points. In the initial stanza the regulars took 21 shots from the court and made 11 baskets. In the third they let fly 20 times and connected on half of them.

Against such shooting, by far the best any Fremont team has shown in several seasons, the smaller Streaks were almost powerless. They exhibited a good passing game for the first start, but were as cold as the weather at shooting.

Big Early Lead

While the Little Giants were registering on more than half their shots the first quarter the upper Croghan street boys shot nine times and Mouse Halm was the only player who connected.

They experienced the same difficulty through the next three periods, making but seven action shots out of 47 tries.

From the opening tip-off which Kent Darr deflected to Delo Hoy who in turn passed to Rob Demmel under the bucket for a score, the Little Giants continually built up their lead.

Demmel with eight points and Darr and Ed Seils with six paced the Rossmen to a 25 to 6 lead at the end of the first period. Both Demmel and Seils started the second stanza but soon gave way to make an all-reserve team on the floor and this crew ran up 15 more points and a 40 to 9 halftime lead.

Bill Kridler paced the reserves' attack with three two-pointers while Vince Swint scored the Streaks' lone field goal.

Seils Paces Attack

The Ross varsity took the floor after the intermission again and Seils found the range for four fielders while Darr was meshing three action shots and a foul to aid in running the count to 61-11.

Again in the fourth period the reserves took over and the Streaks made a partial comeback as Jim Kritzal finally found the hoop for seven points.

Besides their red-hot action shooting the Little Giants cashed in eight of 16 free throws.

Although snowed under in their first start, Coach Jim Marinis' charges showed the makings of a good ball club and, with more practice and games under their belts, should give a good account of themselves against teams in their class.

Fremont Ross—68

Demmel, f.	6	1	13
Hoy, f.	2	0	4
Kridler, f.	3	0	6
Boyer, f.	1	1	3
Sims, f.	4	1	9
Darr, c.	6	1	13
Walters, c.	0	0	0
Seils, g.	6	3	15
Inks, g.	1	1	3
Whitecomb, g.	1	0	2
Totals	30	8	68

St. Joseph's—22

Moyer, f.	1	0	2
Halm, f.	3	2	2
Hughes, c.	0	2	2
Swint, g.	1	0	2
Kritzal, g.	2	3	7
Mehling, g.	0	1	1
Totals	7	8	22

Ross	25	15	21	7—68
St. Joe	6	3	2	11—22

Officials: Hamblin and Grathwohl.

LITTLE GIANTS IN LEAGUE TILT

Coach Whitey Althoff's "all-Buckeye league football team" will inaugurate its loop basketball season tonight, playing host to Fostoria, winners of one game in three starts this season. Every member of his starting five made the all-league grid team the past season, Bob Demmel and Bob Inks in the backfield, Kent Darr, and Ed Seils on the line and Dale Hoy in the second team backfield.

In another league game the favored Findlay Trojans will be playing in Tiffin while Bowling Green plays outside the circuit at Celina.

Fremont St. Joseph's waits until Sunday before encountering its second foe of the season journeying to Norwalk to meet a fast St. Paul's quintet.

DARR WITH 16 POINTS PACES EASY VICTORY

Althoff Has Regulars Sinking Half Their Shots From The Court

Cashing in on their new-found accuracy from the court, Ross high's Little Giants romped to their first Buckeye League victory of the year last night, outclassing a mediocre Fostoria five, 57 to 27.

After dropping their first two games of the season to Toledo Woodward and Port Clinton, the Rossmen blossomed out with a shooting game that was hard to believe last Tuesday night and they carried over into Friday's opening loop tussle.

Although the final figures show them making 24 of 62 shots from the court, slightly better than one-third, a large portion of the misses must be charged against the second-stringers whom Coach Whitey Althoff started ejecting into the

CORRECTION

The Ross high swimming team will open its season on December 21 with an exhibition against the Bowling Green university strokeers in the collegians' pool and not on January 9 as was erroneously announced Friday. The Little Giants swim their first dual meet, against the defending state champions, Findlay, on the January date.

game as early as the third stanza. The varsity five made 13 of the first 32 heaves they took from the court and that is shooting.

It wasn't much of a ball game as basketball contests go although it had its high points and once the Little Giants were forced to rally and come from behind.

Start Fast

That was early in the second stanza after the Redmen had overcome a deficit of eight points to assume a 13 to 12 advantage, but after Ed Sells had dropped in an action shot and a free throw he earned when fouled in the act of shooting and Kent Darr had added a foul the team was off to the races.

The game opened with Darr getting three two-pointers in quick succession and Bud Inks added another before Fostoria's Shift sank one from the corner. Off to an easy start the Little Giants got careless and saw a 12 to 4 lead dwindle to a single point, 16-11, as the quarter ended and then, as the second period opened, Miller dribbled in to score and put the Redmen in front by a point.

It was then that the Little Giants settled down to the task in hand and in no time at all the score was 21-13 in their favor. Ahead 27-16 at halftime, Coach Althoff was able to start the player parade and before the game was over 11 performers had reported to the officials with eight of them scoring.

Fostoria's modified zone defense was unable to cope with the Little Giants' attack despite the presence of a couple of lofty boys in their line-up, while the Redmen were never able to penetrate Fremont's back court for short shots and had to be content with sniping from a distance.

Darr Scores 16

Darr, with three baskets, and Inks with a bucket and four free throws, accounted for all of Fremont's first period points, but in the second they received ample help from their teammates.

Setting the scoring pace was Darr with 16 points while Bob Demmel making his last home appearance before reporting for duty with the armed forces, and Inks each scored 10.

While the victory was a bit on the lop-sided end, Coach Whitey Althoff warned that it wasn't anything to get excited about. Bob O'Neill, in his first year at the helm, hasn't too much seasoned material and, on the whole, the Fostoria team was small. However, it was an auspicious league start for the Little Giants.

The Ross quintet plays its Norwalk Tuesday night and next Friday travels to Tiffin for another league game with the Columbians.

Fremont—57	
Demmel	4 2 16
Hoy, f	1 0 2
Krafler, f	3 0 6
Darr, c	7 2 16
Sells, g	4 1 9
Inks, g	3 4 10
Waltcomb, g	1 0 2
Barons, g	1 0 2
Totals	24 9 57

Fostoria—27	
Miller, f	3 2 8
Shift, f	3 0 6
Fast, c	4 1 9
Barringer, g	0 1 1
Perkins, g	0 1 1
Sheets, g	1 0 2
Totals	11 5 27

Fremont	12 15 12 18—57
Fostoria	11 5 3 8—27

Officials: Trubey and Glanders.

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Face Important Games

Ross high's Little Giants will engage in some serious court shooting this week before laying off for the annual mid-year break in classes and how they fare should go a considerable way in determining their chances for a Buckeye League title and a successful season as well.

Of course a great many things can happen to a basketball team—and often do—between the first of January and the first of March, but you've still got to take a few things for granted and among them are the showings the Ross-men make against Norwalk tonight and Tiffin Columbian on Friday.

Don't know how the Maple Leafs fared in their opener with Oberlin, but they chalked up a 43 to 33 victory over Shelby and were edged by only three points by Sandusky, 38 to 35. The Streaks are returning after a year's absence so the Little Giants must do better than a three-point victory to rate as a power in this section.

Belleuve Best

Of course it is being far too optimistic, even during the Christmas season, to even entertain hopes that the Fremont team will win the district title. Right now the Belleuve Red-men have that hunting all sewed up and, unless their successes go to their heads, should be able to hang on to it.

Coach Harry Strobel has a veteran team back and it is better than last year's squad which was plenty good. They've been winning by big-sided scores and Strobel is letting them run to build up confidence in their own power. That power is there, without any semblance of a doubt, and if his charges continue to play basketball and not read press notices, we can't see any team around here beating them.

That, however, is a bit off the subject that we started to pursue. While the game with Norwalk will be some indication of how the Little Giants should fare in district play, the game against the Columbians will be a definite yardstick by which to measure their league chances.

Tested Trojans

Tiffin is the only loop team, to date, to have bumped into Findlay's high-geared Trojans who have their sights trained on their third straight league championship. Findlay has already won the title three times, in 1937, 1943 and 1944, shared it with Sandusky in 1939, finished second five times and fourth once. They were undefeated last season.

Columbian, which won the flag in 1938 and 1941, fell before the Trojans by a 46 to 21 score last Friday night and the outcome of this week's game with Fremont should give the deposees some material with which to work. In losing to Findlay, the Columbians put up a mighty scrap for two quarters and then either faltered or were unable to cope with an extra burst of Hancock county speed.

Tiffin held a one-point edge at the quarter and was down by only a point, 15 to 14, at halftime. After the intermission it was an entirely different story with the Trojans outscoring them, 15 to 3, in the third stanza and 16 to 7 in the final canto. According to the Findlay account of the game, the Trojans exhibited their best all-around basketball of the current campaign.

Some Pick Ross

In some quarters Fremont is being picked as the team to beat for the title this year and, maybe, these predictions are correct. Most of them are being made because Coach Whitley Althoff has an all-veteran team although such won't be the case when the new year starts. Forward Bob Demmel will be gone and his place must be filled by Ted Sims, Jim Krisher or Walter Whitcomb with the first named seeming the most likely replacement.

Fremont won the title in 1910 and in 1942 and in each of those seasons had one sharp-shooter who could be depended upon to grab a cluster of points in every game. First it was Bob Shaw and then it was Jack Carroll. Such an individual star is almost necessary for a team to entertain serious championship aspirations, although the Little Giants couldn't enter a pennant with Smoke Jenkins, as brilliant a star as the school has had.

Willing To Agree

While Althoff hasn't an individual performer—at least not yet—who can be named in the same breath with the three mentioned, he may have something better. A team that is a definite threat from every position. We aren't sure yet whether the unimpeachable accuracy that the Little Giants have exhibited in their last two appearances is a new found bomb-sight or whether the boys were just hot on the home court. If it is the former, and this should be proved in Norwalk and Tiffin, we're ready to go along with the boys who are picking the Little Giants as the team to beat. Fororia and Bowling Green appear to be too weak to figure in the championship picture this season although, as said before, anything can happen to a basketball team, both good and bad. Both Fororia and Tiffin have already lost one league encounter and in this loop a quietest can hardly drop two and still retain more than an outside chance for top honors. Of course the big test for the Little Giants comes January 5 when they meet Findlay—if they get by this weekend.

Pits in western North Carolina in which 300-year-old trees are now growing are believed to be the remains of mines dug by De Soto.

TODAY'S Sport Parade

By JACK CROWLEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The professional plunkin parade—in which a bunch of blokes are battling apparently for the right to lose their money—has given us the worst case of skull-rattle since we were pitted against fractions.

Almost anyone who operates without blinkers or ear-plugs must have noted that commercial football became the stormy petrel of the sports world during 1944—such was the hogside hurly-burly—with the National F. B. League threatened by new grid organizations and assailed by the baseball moguls.

A bit of a climax was reached yesterday at the National circuit's annual meeting when it answered the challenge of rival grid groups by taking steps to hog-tie the 750 or 800 players who "belong" to the 11 National clubs—on active or reserve lists. The National owners adopted a policy of signing up quickly players who are insecure, and of threatening with a five-year ban any who contemplate jumping to new circuits.

This tricing-up seemed necessary because club owners of three new circuits have been flirting clandestinely and openly with the National's beefy beauties, trying to lure them away with lavish lures. The trio of poaching organizations are: the All-America League, with Doc Crowley, president; the United States League, with Red Grange, president, and the Trans-America League, which Chick Mehan is organizing.

It seems that each of these three new outfits have a yen not only for National circuit players, but also for slices of National territory. They are threatening to operate in several cities where the Nationals have franchises and make over by virtue of squatters' rights—or something. Some of their territorial mappings seem a bit fantastic—taking in such adjacent cities as Miami, San Francisco and Honolulu—depending upon advanced air transportation and vivid imagination.

Being a wide-eyed lad from the open spaces, we figured that this stampede toward the commercial gridiron must savor of a gold rush. To confirm this hunch, we braced a National League brass hat yesterday's meeting and remarked to this "unimpeachable authority" that the National Leagues certainly must be reaping a rich harvest, since so many outsiders are trying to muscle in on the gravy.

He said, "Sonny, you—and a lot of other misguided folks—are laboring under a delusion. Only five clubs in the National League did well enough financially to break even during the 1944 season. They were Green Bay, the Chicago Bears, New York, Washington and Philadelphia. All the rest lost money. They wound up in the red at a time when there's more money in circulation than ever before in the country's history. Imagine what happens in normal times. I might add that it was the first time in 13 seasons that Philadelphia finished in the black."

"Few men make money in pro football," few go into it for that purpose. The weather hazard generally prevents profits. It costs an average of \$30,000 to stage a single game today. You have a season of only 10 games, and a couple of exhibitions. When bad weather results in a paltry gate, you're just out of luck. You shell out your 36 grand and have to like it. Games are not postponed to later dates, as in baseball. Only wealthy sportsmen, like Capt. Dan Topping of Brooklyn and Lieut. Alvin Thompson of Philadelphia, who can afford to lose hunks of money, should venture into pro football."

Somewhat dazed, we left our son although, as said before, anything can happen to a basketball team, both good and bad. Both Fororia and Tiffin have already lost one league encounter and in this loop a quietest can hardly drop two and still retain more than an outside chance for top honors. Of course the big test for the Little Giants comes January 5 when they meet Findlay—if they get by this weekend.

COACH QUILTS

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Anthony J. Scanlon has resigned as head football coach of Holy Cross University to devote his full time to his job as a war plant executive in Philadelphia. Acting Athletic Director Jack Barry announced tonight.

LITTLE GIANTS PLAY NORWALK FIVE TONIGHT

Go To Tiffin Friday While St. Joe Tackles Tiffin Calvert Here

Fremont's two scholastic basketball combines will play three games this week but only one will be on a home court and the pressure will be definitely on Ross high's Little Giants, who play a pair of contests on foreign courts.

The pre-holiday schedule, and final games until after Santa Claus has visited the students and left them at least a 10-day vacation, pits the Rossmen against Norwalk on Tuesday night and Tiffin Columbian on Friday — both games away—and the St. Joe Crimson Streaks against Tiffin Calvert, here, Friday night.

Taking one game at a time, as Coach Whitey Althoff is doing with the index and second finger of each hand crossed as he does it, the one game in question is the Little Giants' tete-a-tete over in Norwalk tonight.

With an even break in four games—two of them lost and two of them won—the Rossmen need this game to throw the records in their favor and give some indication of how they stack up with other Class A combines in this district outside the Buckeye league ranks.

Test Of Accuracy

The game will also probably prove whether the Little Giants' new-found accuracy in firing at the bucket is strictly a home court accomplishment or if they have they hit upon something rivaling Mr. Norden's valuable little invention.

The Maple Leafs hung a 10-point defeat on Shelby and dropped a three-point encounter to a Sandusky team which is still an unknown quantity inasmuch as the school is starting in where it left off two seasons ago. A victory tonight would go a long ways toward establishing the Little Giants, especially if it were a convincing one.

Not too much is known about the Huron countians except that Coach Grant Walls has three veterans back and that Chuck Sweet, forward who earned all-Ohio mention last season, is one of them. If Sweet can be halted and the Little Giants can continue their almost phenomenal sharp-shooting, Whitey Althoff's charges should come home with victory No. three.

Calvert Here Friday

The Friday night trek to Tiffin is important for two reasons. It will break a first-place deadlock between the Rossmen and Findlay and give one or the other the lead until after the holidays and provide a basis of comparison with the Trojans, who blasted the Columbians, 46 to 24 last Friday. But that game comes later.

The only home game of the week brings Tiffin Calvert here for a go with Coach Jim Marinis' Streaks, who showed considerable improvement Sunday in halting Norwalk St. Paul's, 35 to 18.

Perhaps the biggest accomplishment of the Streaks in that game was stopping the Saints without a point in the final quarter and scoring 21 of their own points in the last two frames. But more can be said of this game later as well.

Ed Seils Scores Four Points To Win Game After Leafs Take One Point Edge With Two Minutes To Go; 19 Fremont Points Come On Free Throws

The weather and roads weren't the only things that were tough last night as the Little Giants journeyed to Norwalk to scrap on the basketball court with Coach Grant Walls' squad.

The Maple Leafs proved to be a hard-bitten crew as well and the Ross quintet was lucky to come home with a three-point, 45 to 42, victory their third in five starts and won from the foul line.

It was perhaps as rugged and rough a game as the Little Giants will run into this year with the officials, Grathwol and Hamblin, calling no less than 45 personals and overlooking about that many more. If they hadn't the two teams might have been playing yet.

The new five-foul ruling stood the Norwalkers in good stead as 27 of the fouls were called on them, but even then two of the Maple Leafs, Fell and Johnny Motsch, late of Fremont, took early trips to the showers.

Make Fouls Count

The Little Giants took an early lead and held a 12 to 5 edge at the end of the first quarter and then managed to make it stand up although they couldn't gain a scoring edge in any of the succeeding periods and lost four points in the final frame.

Norwalk didn't play exactly a dirty game. They just hacked and shoved under the bankboards. Anything to halt a score and with Walls using 10 players, that type of play worked and Fremont's short game was bottled up most of the way.

who again paced the Fremonters, stepped in and with some help from his teammates sewed up the game. Bud Inks tied the score with a free throw and then Seils worked under the basket to sink a two-pointer. Bob Demmel flipped in another and Seils netted both ends of a double free throw. Those points were the ones that halted the Norwalk rally.

Sweet Scores 19

Chuck Sweet, Norwalk sharpshooter, couldn't make a basket the first quarter but he netted three in the second and three again in the fourth besides making seven consecutive free throws to end up with 19 points.

Darr was also checked without a two-pointer after the second period as he just couldn't get free under the basket and the Norwalk de-

DARR, SEILS PACE FREMONT TO LOOP WIN

Little Giants Never Threatened After Tak- ing Second Frame Lead

Ross high's Little Giants were perched atop the Buckeye League today with a perfect record in two starts and certain to retain their lofty standing until after the holidays when they meet Findlay in their most important game of the infant season.

Coach Whitey Althoff's crew, showing a steady improvement, hung a 38 to 25 defeat on Tiffin Columbian on the latter's floor, their fourth triumph in a row after finally getting in stride.

While the Rossmen failed to score as prolifically as in the last three games and barely maintained a point-a-minute clip, they did all right considering the floor, the type of game played by the Columbians and the officiating.

Last For Demmel

The latter wasn't too bad, but it was only so-so and many flagrant infractions went unnoticed, or at least uncalled, by Tommy Bender and Joe Glander.

The game was the last in scholastic circles for Bob Demmel, who closed a brilliant athletic career and who reports for induction into the armed forces Wednesday. He scored but two points, running his total for six games to 39, but was an important factor in the victory.

Tiffin drew first blood when Welter, speedy little guard, scored three points, but Kent Darr soon netted a pair of action shots and a foul to pace a Fremont attack that gave the Little Giants a 9-8 first period lead.

The second stanza was all Fremont with Ed Seils swinging into action and assisting Darr in pushing the team ahead 15 to 8, before McKillip managed to sink one from the court. The halftime score was 20 to 12 with Darr and Seils scoring all 11 points.

Do Fancy Passing

Demmel and Dale Hoy chipped in with points in a third period that saw the Little Giants go further ahead, running the count to 25-12 before Tiffin scored and pushing it to 31-17 at the close. Darr made four of the points, boosting his total to 14, while Seils scored three.

With four minutes remaining in the ball game, the Little Giants quit trying to score and for two minutes drove the Columbians frantic as they contented themselves with passing the ball back and forth. The count was 37-19 at the time and the second stringers played the last two minutes of the game.

Darr paced the team with 14 points with Seils getting 13 and again proving perhaps the most dangerous man on the team. A zone defense which broke up the Little Giants' short game and prevented them from breaking under the basket was chiefly responsible for the comparatively low score although the team was off on its shooting.

All told the Rossmen fired away 45 times and connected on 13 of the chances. They retained their accuracy from the foul line, however, converting 12 of 19 free throws with Seils sinking all five of his.

Fremont—38

Demmel, f.	1	0	2
Hoy, f.	1	2	4
Kridler, f.	0	1	1
Darr, c.	6	2	14
Seils, f.	4	5	13
Inks, E.	1	2	4
Totals	13	12	38

Tiffin—25

Raines, f.	0	2	2
McKillip, f.	2	1	5
Hering, f.	1	0	2
Clady, c.	2	1	5
Gahris, g.	0	0	0
Welter, g.	5	1	11
Totals	10	5	25

Fremont 9 11 11 7—38

Tiffin 8 4 5 8—25

Officials: Bender and Glander.

SNAP HOLIDAY LULL AS CAGE PLAY RESUMES

St. Joe Seeks Second Victory While Ross Fights For Loop Lead

St. Joseph's high cagers will seek their second victory in four starts here tonight while Ross high's Little Giants will be battling to keep a four-game winning skein intact in their third consecutive game on the road.

Barring another sudden change for the worse in the weather and driving conditions, the Crimson Streaks will entertain Clyde at Education hall, while the Little Giants will travel to Findlay for a highly important Buckeye league game.

With one victory in three starts, Coach Jim Marinis' upper Croghan street basketballers are set to put forth a winning effort against a Clyde club that has played six games and gained an even break.

The Streaks broke a long holiday lull with a scrimmage session against Tiffin Columbian Wednesday night and, while a bit rusty, gave promise of a good performance on the home court. The St. Joe mentor had planned several more practice games the past week, but snowbound highways cancelled them.

The same five as have started the Streaks' previous three games will take the floor tonight with Bob Moyer and Mouse Halm at the forwards; Merlin Hughes at center, Vince Swint and Jim Kritzel at the guards. A preliminary between the reserve teams will get underway at 7 p. m.

Lead At Stake

Unless driving conditions prevent, the Little Giants will engage in their most important game of the infant season at Findlay when they tackle the high-gearred Trojans who have lost two of six games, one by a single point, and appear to be the only quintet between the Rossmen and a Buckeye league title.

The league lead will be at stake as the Trojans have won their only circuit encounter, defeating Tiffin, 46-24, while the Little Giants have won a pair, a defeat of Fostoria and of the same Tiffin combine, 35-28.

Findlay is gunning for its third league championship in as many years and a victory tonight would further their cause no little. Playing on their home court they will be favored to win, but if Coach Whitey Althoff's crew can put the damper on Bob Wortman and Ned Chatelain the dope may be spilled.

Must Stop Wortman

In six games to date Wortman has tallied 97 points, an average of virtually 16 a game, while Chatelain has scored 65. They are the Trojans' chief scoring threats on a rangy team.

The game will be the first that the Fremonters have played without Bob Demmel at a forward berth and Coach Althoff said that he planned to start Jim Kridler in his stead. Kridler, while perhaps a better shot than Demmel, thus far has lacked the latter's aggressiveness and has not had the varsity experience, but may rapidly hit his stride in top-flight competition.

The burden will be on Guards Ed Seils and Bud Inks and Center Kent Darr tonight. The former must hold Wortman and Chatelain in check while it will be up to Darr and Seils, the scoring mainstays, to keep up their 13 and 12-point per game averages.

MEET STRONG FOES TUESDAY; CLASH FRIDAY

Toledo Central Here Tuesday Night While Ross Plays In Findlay

A full schedule is facing Fremont basketball teams this week, each with two games on tap, and Friday night brings up the second clash between the Little Giants and the Crimson Streaks with the mythical city championship hanging in the balance.

If weather conditions allow, and indications were that roads would be passable, the Little Giants will tangle with Findlay for the Buckeye league lead while the Streaks will be host to the fast Toledo Central five at Educational hall.

The Fremont - Findlay game, originally scheduled for last Friday night, was postponed when Coach Whitey Althoff and John Titsworth, athletic director, decided roads were too hazardous to take chances on the trip.

Findlay, defending champion and gunning for its third straight league crown, looms as the most formidable foe on the Ross high schedule and tomorrow night's game will not only decide the current leadership but will probably go a long ways toward deciding the ultimate champion. In a five-team league a quintet cannot afford to lose more than one game and still finish on top.

SECOND FRAME SLUMP COSTS FREMONT GAME

**Wortman Paces Findlay Attack With 17;
Ed Seils Cages 15**

Slumping 12 points behind Findlay, the Buckeye league's defending champion making a big bid for its third consecutive pennant, in the second period, Ross high's Little Giants never recovered and dropped a 41 to 30 verdict to the Trojans on the latter's court Tuesday night.

It was the first league defeat in three starts for the Rossmen and dropped them to second place in the league standings, leaving the Trojans high and dry on the top rung.

Just to make the evening an unanimous affair, the Ross reserves also lost their first game inside the circuit, 19 to 13.

Bob Wortman, fast becoming one of the highest scorers in this section, was the principal reason that the Trojans took the second period lead which they never relinquished. It was in this frame that he registered eight of his 17 points and he needed little help from his teammates.

Ahead But Once

In a rough contest that saw 36 personals called and each team lose one player, Kent Darr assumed the scoring brunt in the first period, registering five points and getting a free throw and basket in the closing minute to give the Little Giants an 8 to 7 lead.

Then came the fatal second. Not only did Wortman swing into action, eluding Guard Ed Seils time and again to dribble in for points, but the Little Giants couldn't cage a single action shot and added but three points to their total, all on free throws.

With the score 23 to 11 against them, Coach Whitey Althoff's team braced in the second half, but it was too late. Seils learned how to halt the fast-stepping Trojan forward and held him to a lone field goal in the third canto while dropping in two himself, and the team managed to pare their deficit by four points. But it wasn't enough.

Seils stepped up his own scoring pace in the last heat, netting eight points, but his teammates were unable to do likewise and contributed but three points to the cause, and the Little Giants were never closer to the winners than seven points.

Can't Find Basket

Outscored from the court by a wide margin, 8 to 18, the Fremonters kept fairly well in the ball game by utilizing their free throws. Given 23 charity tosses, they converted 14 into points while the Trojans were squandering all but five of their free throws.

In the first game without the services of Bob Demmel, Coach Althoff used Jim Kridler at a forward berth and the youngster went out on fouls in the closing minutes. Findlay also lost a player, Forward Akin, while Wortman, Askam and Howard all finished the game with four personals on them.

Seils was the only Little Giant who could hit with an consistency as the team appeared cold, either from its long lay-off or from the cold ride. He netted 15 points to press Wortman for scoring honors, while his scoring mate, Kent Darr, could connect for but nine. They were the only two that scored from the court.

The Little Giants and the St. Joe Streaks tangle in their second game this week, scheduled for Friday night in the Ross gym, but Athletic Director John Titsworth said the game might be moved up to Thursday. An announcement to this effect may appear elsewhere in this edition.

Findlay—41			
Wortman, f.	8	1	17
Akin, f.	4	0	8
Askam, c.	3	1	7
Kirk, g.	1	1	3
Howard, g.	2	2	6
Totals	18	5	41
Fremont—30			
Hoy, f.	0	1	1
Kridler, f.	0	2	2
Whitcomb, f.	0	1	1
Darr, c.	3	3	9
Seils, g.	5	5	15
Inks, g.	0	2	2
Totals	8	14	30
Findlay	7	16	41—41
Fremont	8	3	11—30
Officials: A. Smith and Bender.			

SCORE SECOND WIN OF YEAR OVER RIVALS

Outcome In Doubt Un- til Final Minute As Streaks Halt Rossmen

Ross high school won the mythical city basketball championship for the fifth consecutive year last night, but there should be no wonder expressed if members of the 1945 varsity look twice today to make sure the non-existent trophy hasn't taken up new quarters.

The Little Giants defeated the Crimson Streaks for the second time during the current season when the two teams clashed on the former's court Thursday night, but the outcome was far from a decisive decision. The final score was 36 to 32 and, had Lady Luck smiled on the upper Croghan streeters in the closing minutes, the final outcome might have been far different.

In short, Coach Whitey Althoff's cagers were lucky to win. Had the Streaks been less eager in the final stages—in the final 34 seconds to be exact—they might have turned in one of the current season's biggest upsets. They might have won and it would have been an upset because in the initial meeting of the two teams the Little Giants coasted to a 68-22 victory.

Streaks Too Eager

The game was close and bitterly contested all the way, but it would be stretching more than one point to say that it was well-played. It wasn't. But of the two quintets, the Streaks played the better game although they finished on the short end of the score.

Finished on the short end because, with victory within sight, they tried too hard. Trailing by two points, a single field goal, with about three minutes to play, they missed three straight shots from the court. Then, with 34 seconds remaining, they had four chances at the bucket, all but one close enough in to be classed as a sucker shot, and blew all four. Therein the Little Giants were lucky because they didn't have much on the ball last night.

The lead changed hands five times in the first stanza with the Streaks finishing one point ahead, 13-12, at the first rest period. Ross erased that lead early in the second and were never headed thereafter, but at the same time could never build up a safe lead against a battling Crimson quintet.

Scoring Close

Although the Little Giants employ a fast break, never during the entire game were they able to sift through the Streaks' zone defense. Perhaps because they never made more than a half-hearted try.

Vince Swint and Merlin Hughes kept the Streaks in the fight the first period and it was the former's basket and the latter's free throw that gave them a one-point edge at the end of the first canto. Ed Seils, Ross guard, engineered his team back into the lead in the second with a pair of two-pointers, but they couldn't get more than two points in front until Bud Inks sank one from the side just as the period ended.

Twice in the third frame the Little Giants forged into seven-point leads but each time the Streaks rallied to trim the margin and trailed by but two points when Kent Darr batted in a follow shot and Jim Kridler made both ends of a double free throw as the period ended.

Early in the last heat Jim Kritz and Mouse Halm connected to trim the margin to two points and, after Dale Hoy had registered his only basket of the game, Hughes again cut the difference to a lone basket.

Miss Many Shots

Darr cashed in one of two free throws after the Streaks had missed three straight heaves at the loop and after Hughes had scored twice from the foul line to make

BOXER FLOORS FOE 17 TIMES

FALL RIVER, Mass., Jan. 12.

—UP—Lightweight Danny Petro of Washington, D. C., came out of pugilistic obscurity today with one of the best knock-down records of all time. He floored his opponent, Henry Davis of New Haven, Conn., 17 times in winning an eight round technical knockout last night.

Petro's mark was three short of the all-time mark of 20 for a scheduled 10-round bout set by Max Doyle at Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 23, 1939, against Jimmy Merritt. However, that bout went the full 10 rounds, whereas the referee intervened at the end of eight rounds last night.

ROSS SECONDS DOWN STREAKS

Barons Sets Pace In 56 To 23 Victory In Preliminary

Outscoring their opponents by 20 points in the first half, the Ross high reserves rolled to an easy 56 to 23 victory over the St. Joe reserves Thursday night.

Trailing, 29 to 9, at halftime, the Streak seconds rallied somewhat in the third period, their best quarter, and were outscored by but three points. In the last chapter, however, the Rossmen turned on the heat again and added another 10 points to their margin.

Ross—56

Barons, f.	5	1	11
Boyer, f.	4	0	8
Mohler, f.	2	1	5
Sims, c.	3	0	6
Walters, c.	4	0	8
Whitcomb, g.	4	0	8
Weinhardt, g.	2	0	4
Bischoff, g.	3	0	6
Totals	27	2	56

St. Joseph's—23

House, f.	0	0	0
Spieldenner, f.	0	0	0
Hipp, f.	2	1	5
Courtney, c.	3	2	8
Saller, g.	3	0	6
LeJeune, g.	1	1	3
Kirwen, g.	0	1	1
Totals	9	5	23

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the score 34-32, Darr got the final bucket of the game. Thirty-four seconds remained when the Streaks gained possession of the ball and missed four straight tosses at the bank-board.

Neither team would have won any prizes for accuracy last night. The Little Giants made but 16 of 67 shots from the court and four of 11 free throws while the Streaks connected on 12 of 60 tosses from the floor and eight of 14 from the foul line. In the third stanza Little Giant players let fly 21 times and made exactly three baskets.

The Streaks see action again Sunday, playing Lima St. Rose, there, in an afternoon tilt while the Little Giants will be idle until next Friday when they entertain Bowling Green in a Buckeye league game.

Ross—36

Hoy, f.	1	0	2
Kridler, f.	3	3	9
Darr, c.	5	1	11
Seils, g.	4	0	8
Inks, g.	3	0	6
Totals	16	4	36

St. Joseph's—32

Swint, f.	4	1	9
Halm, f.	4	1	9
Hughes, c.	3	4	10
Moyer, g.	0	1	1
Mehling, g.	0	1	1
Kritzel, g.	1	0	2
Totals	12	8	32

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St. Joseph's13 4 7 8—32

Officials: Klee (Ohio State),
Cupp (Toledo).

GAME OFF AGAIN

The Jackson-Bradner basketball game, to have been held at Jackson Friday night, has been called off. Both schools are closed today because of road conditions.

INKS PERFORMS BRILLIANTLY IN EASY VICTORY

Little Giants Con- clude First Round With Single Defeat

Taking a commanding lead early in the game and then scoring in spurts, whenever they decided they needed a few points, Ross high's Little Giants easily defeated Bowling Green here last night, 46 to 23.

It was the concluding game in the first round of play in the Buckeye League and kept the Little Giants on the heels of the pace-setting Findlay Trojans, one game behind.

Bud Inks stepped into the starring role last night as he continued his stellar defensive play and ball-feeding tactics and found time to contribute 11 points to the attack, getting 10 of the 19 his team scored in the second half.

It wasn't too much of a ball game as basketball games go, but the Little Giants looked considerably better than they did in their two previous starts. Never pressed, there was no premium on points, but the team seemed able to get them when needed.

Dale Hoy, who took but two shots in last Friday's game and had scored but 18 points in eight games, notched seven last night and five of them came in the first period as he paced his team to a 13 to 4 lead after the score had been knotted at 2-2.

Inks Finds Range

The second stanza started very slowly and neither team scored for three minutes, then Jim Kridler, Kent Darr and Ed Sells started to click and ran the count to

WOODVILLE COMING

An added attraction has been booked for Tuesday night when the Little Giants play Mansfield, one of the better teams in the state, in the only home game of the week for the Rossmen.

Mansfield is not bringing a reserve team so Athletic Director John Titsworth has booked Woodville, defending county and Class B district champions, to play the Ross reserves in the preliminary. Facing the Warriors will be Jim Shreffler, one of the state's leading scorers—If not the highest—who has scored 215 in 11 games this season. The preliminary will start at 7 p. m.

20 to 8, and then boosted it to 27-11 at halftime.

Inks was the big noise in the third period as the Little Giants kept the score doubled, or better. He notched six points with Darr getting the other four that were scored.

At the start of the final frame, Maas, substitute Bee-Gee forward, got hot and dished in five points to trim the lead to 37-23, but Inks came right back with two more action shots.

Coach Whitey Althoff sent an entire new team in for the last two minutes and the second-stringers not only held the Bobcats scoreless, but Dick Baron accounted for three points.

The Little Giants play Mansfield, here, Tuesday night and as an added attraction, Woodville high will play the preliminary, meeting the Ross reserves.

Fremont—46

Hoy, f.	3	1	7
Kridler, f.	4	0	8
Baron, f.	1	1	3
Darr, c.	4	5	13
Sells, g.	2	0	4
Inks, g.	5	1	11
Totals	19	8	46

Bowling Green—23

Mooney, f.	1	1	3
Garns, f.	3	2	8
Maas, f.	2	1	5
Marsh, c.	1	0	2
Bachman, g.	0	1	1
Nichols, g.	2	0	4
Totals	9	5	23
Fremont	13	14	10
Bowl. Green ..	4	7	7
Officials: Glanders and Smith.			

ROSSMEN TOSS AWAY 10-POINT EARLY MARGIN

Miss 19 Of 20 Shots
In Second Quarter As
Tygers Erase Deficit

One bad period cost the Ross high Little Giants a basketball game last night as they trailed Mansfield, 41 to 36, at the end of a contest they never should have lost.

How they lost it was apparent to all the fans present, but why is something that the players themselves are probably still trying to figure out.

After a slow start which saw Mansfield ahead twice, a pair of buckets and a free throw by Dale Hoy and two-pointers by Kent Darr and Bud Inks put the Little Giants ahead, 12 to 5, at the quarter and after Jim Kridler had dropped a free throw and Hoy had scored again from the court as the second stanza opened, it appeared that the team was well on its way to its seventh victory of the campaign.

But right then and there the Big Freeze, or whatever it was, set in. The Little Giants suddenly developed cataracts on their shooting eyes and they never scored a single point from then until halftime. And it wasn't because they weren't shooting.

Miss 19 Shots

They shot—20 times in that second frame—and connected just once. In addition, three out of three free throws were missed.

Mansfield perked up as the Ross-men faltered and with Bob Glasscock netting six points whittled away at the lead, overtook the Fremonters and finished on the long end of a 19 to 15 count at halftime. And, as it proved, won the ball game.

The second half started out as a wild scramble with just about everything but basketball as the spectators have come to know it, played. The Little Giants couldn't shoot, they couldn't pass and they couldn't catch the ball and the Mansfielders weren't much better.

Finally settling down, the teams combined for 27 points with the Tygers stretching their lead by three points as Jim Kridler, who sank eight points, was the only

GRUSE SHUFFLES SWIMMING TEAM

As a result of time trials held Tuesday afternoon, there will be several changes in the lineup of the Ross high swimming team which meets Toledo Scott in the latter's pool Thursday afternoon.

Couch George Gruse announced his starters as follows: 50-yard free style, Maule and Koenig; 100-yard breast stroke, Pence and Strass; 200-yard free style, Slaymaker and Bodinos; 100-yard back stroke, Smith and Cochran; 100-yard free style, Wendler and Tindle; diving, Wensinger; 150-yard medley relay, Koenig, Love and Fisher; 200-yard free style relay, Tindle, Fisher, Maule and Wendler.

Little Giant who could find the hoop, Glasscock continued his timely shooting while Stretch Regula, the elongated six-foot-five center who was used mainly for a hitching post, also dished in six points.

Really Is Short

Trailing by seven points with eight minutes to go, the Little Giants rallied somewhat but could never get closer than four points with Ed Sells missing a sucker shot that would have cut the margin to two and might have swung the game when it was 40 to 36.

Darr had an especially bad night, scoring but three points before leaving the game on fouls with a bit less than five minutes to play. Not once all evening was he in balance when he shot and he was continually falling away from the basket when he let go the ball. He played a good defensive game, however.

Hoy was about the only Little Giant who performed well as he continued the improved play he flashed last week and scored 12 points to pace his team. Kridler was good only in the third stanza.

Both teams missed 47 shots from the court, but Mansfield connected 18 times and Fremont but 14, not a good average in either case. Fremont missed nine free throws and the Tygers 10.

Mansfield—41
Glasscock, f 6 1 13
Hardy, f 2 0 4
Regula, c 5 2 12
Bent, g 2 0 4
Myers, g 3 2 8
Totals 18 5 41

Fremont—36
Hoy, f 5 2 12
Kridler, f 4 1 9
Darr, c 1 1 3
Sells, g 2 4 8
Inks, f 2 0 4
Totals 14 8 36

Mansfield 5 14 14 7—41
Fremont 12 3 12 9—36
Officials: Bender and Cupp.

SEILS PACES ATTACK WITH 14 COUNTERS

Team Shows Improved Form And Flashes Brilliant Defense

More in stride than at any time in the last two weeks, Ross high's Little Giants easily defeated Fostoria, 44 to 24, on the Seneca countians' court last night to open second round play in the Buckeye League with a victory.

The team functioned much better, from whistle to whistle, than it did against Mansfield, although it had its bad moments, too. And all the difference wasn't because Fostoria was a weaker opponent than the Tygers.

The varsity sank 16 of 49 shots last night, virtually a third, and cashed in 12 of 20 free throws to build up enough of a lead to let the reserves play the last few minutes of the game.

Ed Seils paced the attack last night with 14 points, scoring in every quarter, but seven of the 10 players that saw action contributed points. Several of Seils' baskets came on neat paces from Bud Inks, who played a fine floor game and found time to score eight points himself, splitting the meshes for a basket in each frame.

Kent Darr, who collected four personals fairly early in the game and as a result twice spent some time on the bench, was also more himself and accounted for seven points.

Brilliant Defense

Defensive work of the entire team was no less than brilliant when under the Fostoria basket and the Redmen got few shots

PLAY SUNDAY

St. Joseph's high cagers will tangle with the fast-stepping Sandusky St. Mary's quintet, victorious in all but one game this season, at Educational hall at 2:30 p. m. Sunday. The Saints, involved in the controversy as to whether parochial and exempted village schools must qualify for the sectional tournament, are regarded as one of the best teams in this section.

from in close although they tried, consistently, to work the ball in under the bucket.

Fostoria tied the score twice in the early stages and took a 6 to 4 lead before the Little Giants started rolling. Seils and Darr collaborated for six points and then Jim Kridler sank a basket to make it 12 to 7 at the quarter.

The second period opened slowly and three minutes elapsed before Inks lifted one in from the foul line. The second stanza produced the least scoring of all, but two baskets by Seils and one by Darr gave Fremont a 20 to 11 halftime edge.

Make One Basket

The Redmen, who had started to weaken in the second period under the Fremont drive, hit rock-bottom in the third canto and scored but two points while the Little Giants were adding 13. Seils paced the attack with six.

With the score 37 to 15, the winners eased up a bit and Fostoria was able to make the score 37 to 20 before Hoy scored from the court and Darr dropped in two free throws and then the varsity gave way to the reserves with Dick Baron and Bobo Weinhardt each getting a basket to end the game.

Fremont—44

Hoy, f.	2	2	6
Kridler, f.	2	1	5
Baron, f.	1	0	2
Darr, c.	2	3	7
Seils, g.	4	6	14
Inks, g.	4	0	8
Weinhardt, g.	1	0	2
Totals	16	12	44

Fostoria—24

Miller, f.	5	2	12
Barringer, f.	2	1	5
East, c.	1	0	2
Perkins, g.	0	0	0
Sheets, g.	1	1	3
Williams, g.	1	0	2
Totals	10	4	24

Fremont 12 8 13 11—44

Fostoria 7 4 2 9—24

Officials: Hamblin and Eberhart.

LITTLE GIANTS 43-34 VICTIM OF BELLEVUE

Veteran Redmen Five Scores 11th Triumph But Not Too Easily

Playing perhaps their best game of basketball of the current season, the Ross high Little Giants held Bellevue's Redmen to their second lowest point total of the season last night although they lost the game, 43 to 34.

It was Bellevue's 11th victory in a row and only Mansfield—still a fighting word over in the tri-county junction, held them to fewer points in losing, 41 to 34.

As expected, Bob Green and Gene Dudley were the difference between the two teams with the guard counting 19 points and the forward, 12, for three-quarters of the winner's points. Fred Friend, who had averaged better than 10 points a game in nine previous contests, was held scoreless by some brilliant defense play and went out of the game on personals early in the third period.

The Little Giants started the game by taking the lead and baskets by Jim Kridler, Dale Hoy and Kent Darr and a foul shot by Ed Seils, gave them a 7 to 2 edge before the Redmen realized they were in for a tussle.

Late in the first quarter Green started to find the range and his three field goals in succession pushed his team in front, 13 to 10, as the period ended.

Rally Briefly

From that point until the start of the third heat the Little Giants more or less dropped out of the ball game and the halftime score was 26 to 18 with the Redmen 10 points ahead at one time.

At the start of the third stanza Seils dropped in a two-pointer and Darr contributed a basket and a free throw and Kridler swished the ball through for two points that cut the deficit to three points, 28 to 25, and the heat was definitely on the veteran Bellevue outfit. But they were equal to the occasion and Hickman's basket started a rally that saw the period end, 36 to 29.

Scoring was sporadic in the final canto with the Little Giants getting five points and once cutting the margin to five points, and the Bellevuans netting seven.

The Little Giants' next game will be Friday night when they entertain Tiffin Columbian in a Buckeye League game.

Bellevue—43

Dudley, f.	6	0	12
Schlicht, f.	2	0	4
Friend, c.	0	0	0
Hickman, g.	4	0	8
Green, g.	8	3	19
Totals	20	3	43

Fremont—34

Hoy, f.	2	1	5
Kridler, f.	3	1	7
Darr, c.	3	6	12
Inks, g.	1	0	2
Seils, g.	3	2	8
Totals	12	10	34

Bellevue	13	13	10	7—43
Fremont	10	8	11	5—34

Officials: Clymer and Spade.

LITTLE GIANTS GET UNDERWAY IN 3RD FRAME

Break Up Close Game With 16-Point Final Period; Elyria Next

It took the Little Giants a trifle more than two periods to get into the swing of things last night, but once they did, they turned on the heat and changed what had started out as a tight ball game with Tiffin into a walkaway.

Ross won the game, 44 to 33, to stay in the thick of the fight for the Buckeye league title and 25 of the points were scored in the last 13 minutes of play.

With only Dale Hoy, most improved player on the team, exhibiting any accuracy the Little Giants trailed 12 to 10 at the quarter after twice being ahead and the team looked a bit on the lethargic side. Hoy made seven of those points on two action shots and a brace of fouls.

The second period was a duplicate of the first except that Kridler, Darr, Seils and Inks all took a hand in scoring nine points and shoving their team in front, 19 to 18.

Both teams were using a zone defense but Tiffin's appeared to be the tighter as the Rossmen got but seven shots in the second stanza while the Columbians let fly a dozen times.

Get Underway

At the start of the third canto Riley's only basket of the game gave Tiffin a one-point edge, but a few minutes later the Little Giants started to roll.

Darr was fouled in the act of shooting and made good both free throws, Kridler scored from under the bucket on a pass from Darr.

PLAY AT 4 P. M.

Coach Jim Marinis announced today that the game between Fremont St. Joseph's and Fostoria St. Wendelin's, scheduled for Sunday, would be played at 4 p. m. Because of the visit of Bishop Karl Alter, the preliminary game between the two reserve teams has been dispensed with and there will be but the varsity clash.

Seils added a free throw and Hoy scored from the side and then Seils stole the ball in the middle of the floor and dribbled in for a two-pointer that made the score 28 to 20. Welter and Raines each got baskets to cut the margin to four points as the period ended.

The fourth was the best period of all for the Little Giants as they hit the hoop for 16 points, six players sharing in the scoring. Rapid-fire baskets by Seils, Darr, Inks, Hoy and Kridler, in that order, quickly widened the breach to 38-24 and when the count was 44-27, Coach Whitey Althoff ran in the second-stringers.

Hoy, Seils High

Hoy and Seils looked the best for Fremont, each scoring 13 points, but Bud Inks played an excellent floor game again. Darr was kept pretty well bottled all evening and could get loose for but two action shots and added a pair of free throws.

The Little Giants play next at Elyria, making the trip Tuesday night to play a game that was postponed on January 2 when road conditions made travel impossible.

Fremont—44

Hoy, f.	4	5	13
Kridler, f.	2	1	5
Walters, f.	1	0	2
Darr, c.	2	2	6
Seils, g.	5	3	13
Inks, g.	2	1	5
Totals	16	12	44

Tiffin—33

Riley, f.	1	0	2
Raines, f.	1	1	3
Clady, c.	3	1	7
McKillop, g.	2	2	6
Welter, g.	6	3	15
Totals	13	7	33
Fremont	10	9	16-44
Tiffin	12	6	9-33

Officials: Skibbee and Huffman.

TEAMS BREAK SCORING MARK IN FAST TILT

Darr Nets 28 Points As Fans Are Treated To Fire-Wagon Game

Deciding that there was no such thing as defensive basketball, the Fremont Ross and Elyria quintets treated the fans in the Lorain county seat to a bit of fire-wagon ball last night with the Little Giants finishing on the short end of a 70 to 56 score.

The final count broke two Elyria records—the 70 points rung up by the Pioneers was the highest score they had ever posted while the 53 field goals and two teams accounted for was the largest number ever scored in one game on the Elyria court.

Neither team made any effort to halt the other's scoring forays. It was go, go, go from opening whistle to final gun with the Little Giants just unable to match the points of their opponents although they chalked up their third highest total of the current campaign.

Centers Are Hot

The centers, Joe Polk and Kent Darr, were especially hot with both scoring more points than they had in any previous contest. Polk, the Pioneers' leading scorer, added 31 to his total on 15 action shots and a free throw, while Darr accounted for 28 on a dozen two-pointers and four free throws.

Elyria took a 19-14 lead in the first quarter after the Little Giants had boasted of a slim edge in the early minutes of play and then added 21 points in a torrid second canto for a 40 to 28 half-time lead.

Paced by Darr and Ed Seils, who finished with 13 points, the Little Giants trimmed the lead a trifle in the third quarter by out-scoring the Pioneers, 15 to 12, but the winners closed with an 18-point final frame which the Rossmen couldn't equal.

Findlay Next

Coach Whitey Althoff took but seven players on the trip and all saw action but Wally Whitcomb and Walters failed to score. The victory was the ninth in a row for Elyria and its 11th in 12 games.

The Little Giants play their most important game of the season here Friday night when they meet the Findlay Trojans with the Buckeye League lead—perhaps the title—at stake and if they can maintain the scoring pace set last night the loop's defending champions should be in for a rough night of it.

Elyria—70

Byam, f	4	3	11
Schoenbachler, f	6	0	0
Polk, c	15	1	31
Klimczak, g	7	1	15
Tattersall, g	3	1	7
Cook, g	1	0	2
Lysaght, g	1	0	2
Fitzpatrick, g	1	0	2
Totals	32	6	70

Fremont—56

Hoy, f	1	1	3
Kridler, f	1	2	4
Darr, c	12	4	28
Inks, g	2	4	8
Seils, g	5	3	13
Totals	21	14	56

Elyria	19	21	12	18	70
Fremont	14	14	15	13	56

BEAT FINDLAY SCRUBS, 31-21, IN SLOW GAME

Team Plays Raggedly Against Freshman And Sophomore Combine

Ross high's Little Giants took a percentage lead in the Buckeye League cage race last night by defeating Findlay, erstwhile leaders, 31 to 21, but added little to their prestige or titular hopes while doing it.

The victory was scored over a Trojan team composed of four freshmen and a sophomore, suddenly elevated to varsity caliber by the suspension of four Findlay regulars and the illness of a fifth. The score indicates why it won't go down in the records as a notable achievement although it was the first Findlay loss in six league starts.

The Little Giants were distinctly off form in the game which rekindled their championship hopes and gave them a chance to at least tie for the title. Tie, that is, if they can defeat Bowling green in two weeks, something that won't be done with the type of basketball played last night.

Perhaps Not Serious

Perhaps the team shouldn't be censured too harshly. Perhaps the knowledge that they were going against the "scrubs" had something to do with their ragged play and erratic shooting. But whatever it was, the team did not look like a championship quintet by any stretch of the imagination and the fact that they were able to score but one more point against what was little more than a reserve team than they did against the Trojan varsity should give them pause for thought.

The Findlay pick-ups, on the other hand, performed capably and well although they were never in the ball game. Their floor game and passing attack and rebound work was better than that of the Little Giants, but they couldn't hit the hoop. Had they been able to, February 9th might have gone down as a black night in cage history here.

The Findlay defense bothered the Little Giants and they took only 48 shots at the basket, missing 35 of them for a marksmanship percentage of about 25. They also blew more than half their free throws, making but five of 12.

Lead All Way

The inexperienced Trojans exhibited a nice passing attack and time and again worked the ball in under the Fremont basket but couldn't put it through the hoop, shooting ineffectively 38 out of 47 times. They were way off from the foul line as well, cashing in but three of 19 gift shots.

Although they didn't show to any great advantage, the Little Giants were in front all the way and were never pressed. Taking an 8-2 first period lead they increased it to 14-5 at halftime as the Trojans were able to score but two field goals and one free throw.

The score at the end of the third period was 24-10, for the biggest margin they ever held. Dunlap started to find the range in the last period and Findlay outscored Fremont, 11 to 7, although there never was any danger of them losing their lead.

Fremont—31

Hoy, f.	4	0	8
Kridler, f.	1	2	4
Darr, c.	2	1	5
Sells, g.	4	1	9
Inks, g.	2	1	5
Totals	13	5	31

Findlay—21

Dunlap, f.	5	0	10
Miles, f.	0	0	0
Howard, c.	1	0	2
Miller, c.	1	1	3
Fassett, g.	1	2	4
Steege, g.	1	0	2
Totals	9	3	21

Fremont 8 6 10 7—31

Findlay 2 3 5 11—21

Officials: Mollenkopf and Smith.

THIRD FRAME PROVES LUCKY ONCE AGAIN

Seils Sets Pace In
20-Point Spurt After
Half Is Deadlocked

Pulling themselves together in the third quarter after a rather rugged start, Ross high's Little Giants came up with a 50 to 44 victory over Sandusky after a close battle last night. The game, final one for the home court, was also the next to last of the season and the Rossmen conclude regular play in Bowling Green next Friday.

It was accuracy from the foul line in the second half and a determined scoring spree in the third canto, plus costly Sandusky personals that gave the Little Giants their 10th victory of the season.

Neither quintet looked very good at the outset and the first quarter ended with the visitors ahead by two points, 7-5. Sandusky dominated rebound play in the opening canto and the Rossmen were far off in their shooting, missing 12 of 13 tosses at the bucket.

Play was still a bit on the ragged side in the second stanza, but the Little Giants clicked well enough to pull even, 15-15, at half-time, making five of 21 shots and with Ed Seils and Bud Inks getting all but two of the points.

Seils Sets Pace
It was a pair of two-pointers by Inks that finally put his team in the lead, 11-8, and Seils' heaves kept them there until Schnittker slipped in for a sucker shot near the end of the period.

Seils paced the third period rally, getting eight points, but five by Darr and four by Kridler helped no little. Sandusky went ahead, 19-15, before Darr and Kridler registered and the score was 25-23 when Seils tied it up.

Chuck Turrie dropped in a foul to give the Streaks a one-point edge and then Dale Hoy dropped in a pair of free throws and Inks another only to have Turrie again knot the count at 28-28.

Fouls Hurt Streaks
It was a basket by Seils, who dribbled in, that broke the deadlock and put the Little Giants ahead to stay. Darr caged one and

BOOSTER MEETING

Fremont Boosters' club will hold a "Fun Night" at Ross high school commencing at 7:30 p. m. Monday. Coach George Gruse's mermen will give an exhibition, as will Coach Whitey Althoff's cagers. Members may also play basketball, volleyball or swim, providing they take their own equipment. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

then Seils dribbled in again, was fouled in the act of shooting and added another point to the total. Turrie, who had caged 15 points, went out on personals at this point and when Jim Meckstroth followed shortly after, the Streaks were about through.

The Little Giants ended the quarter with a 35-28 advantage and although Sandusky once trimmed it to five points they didn't have enough fire power with Turrie, Meckstroth and Schnittker, who fouled out when the score was 42-37, to come from behind.

Hoy, who hadn't shot at the basket once all evening, took two heaves in the final period and, with a pair of free throws, accounted for four points. Kridler also found his eye in the last half after having missed six of eight free throws and being held scoreless from the court in the first half.

Must Improve

Seils' 15 points paced the Little Giants and his eight in the third turned the tide of battle while both Kridler and Darr wound up with 11 apiece.

Despite the victory the Little Giants appearance wasn't such as to guarantee a victory over an up and coming Bowling Green team next week, and with it a tie for the Buckeye League title, and they must show considerable improvement in the interim.

Fremont—50

Hoy, f.	1	4	6
Kridler, f.	3	5	11
Darr, c.	4	3	11
Seils, g.	6	3	15
Inks, g.	3	1	7
Totals	17	16	50

Sandusky—44

Turrie, f.	7	1	15
Mischler, f.	1	0	2
Flippen, f.	2	1	5
Zimmerman, c.	3	3	9
Schnittker, g.	3	1	7
Meckstroth, g.	1	2	4
Sprau, g.	1	0	2
Totals	18	8	44

Fremont	5	10	20	15—50
Sandusky	7	8	13	16—44

Officials: Klee and Winters.

ROSS CAGERS MUST WIN TO SHARE TITLE

Play Bowling Green Friday As Findlay Clashes With Fostoria

The Buckeye League basketball championship will hang in the balance Friday night as four of the loop's five teams play their final games of the season and the pressure will be on Fremont's Little Giants.

Tied with Findlay for the loop lead at present, both with six victories in seven games, the Little Giants will meet the rejuvenated Bowling Green Bob Cats on the Wood county floor while the Trojans are hosts to last-place Fostoria.

Bowling Green is currently in third place and have played good basketball in their last five starts after a poor beginning. Added to that is the fact that they have been the league's "spoilers" insofar as the Rossmen are concerned for the last two seasons. In both 1944 and 1943, the Bobcats scored unexpected victories over the Little Giants.

Hope For Tie

The most that Coach Whitey Althoff's charges can expect is a tie for the league title although a clear-cut championship is not entirely out of the question.

If Fostoria should score an upset victory over Findlay and the Little Giants should defeat the Bobcats, it would give the Fremonters their first title since 1941. If the reverse occurs, however, and Findlay wins and Fremont loses, the Trojans would nail their third consecutive pennant to become the first team in league history to do so.

Coach Althoff has warned his players that they can expect a rugged game on the Bowling Green floor and must play better ball than they have in their last several starts.

DARR SCORES 23 POINTS TO PACE ATTACK

20-Point First Per-
iod Gives Rossmen
11th Win Of Season

A terrific start that had the Bowling Green Bobcats snarling ineffectively to themselves gave the Ross high's Little Giants a 48 to 39 victory in their final Buckeye league game last night and a record of 11 victories and six defeats over the season.

The victory, scored on the Bowling Green court, also gave the Little Giants a tie with Findlay for the league championship, at least partially breaking the stranglehold the Trojans have held the last three years. The Trojans also won their final game, defeating Fostoria, 53 to 16.

Coach Whitey Althoff, under the weather since Thursday, did not see his team in its last victory. Ill at his home, he was replaced by Athletic Director John Titsworth.

Score 20 Points

The Bobcats made the mistake of trying a man-to-man defense at the start of the game and the Little Giants, breaking fast and beautifully, riddled it for 20 points and a 15-point first period lead.

Kent Darr, who came up with his second best performance of the season to score 23 points, boosting his league total to 94, scored nine points in the big first inning while Ed Seils, who wound up with 12 and 99 in the league, contributed six.

The Bobcats fell back into a zone defense in the second quarter and from there on not only stopped the Little Giants scoring forays but outscored the winners the rest of the way. But the early lead was too much.

Hot On Fouls

With Darr continuing to pace the attack the Fremonters held a 30-16 halftime lead and Bowling Green never threatened. The closest they ever came was nine points, the first time midway the last frame when they pared the score to 41-32, and again in the closing minutes after the count was 48-35 against them.

The Little Giants were especially hot at the foul line, missing but two of 20 free throws. Darr cashed in 10 of 11 charity tosses while Seils made all four of his.

The Rossmen will be idle until next week-end when district tournament play gets underway in Sandusky and drawings for the playoffs were to be made today in Sandusky.

Fremont—48

Hoy, f.	2	3	7
Kridler, f.	2	2	6
Darr, c.	7	9	23
Seils, g.	4	4	12
Inks, g.	0	0	0
Totals	15	18	48

Bowling Green—39

Bachman, f.	2	4	8
Mass, f.	2	3	7
Marsh, c.	1	0	2
Harms, g.	5	0	10
Foos, f.	2	0	4
Gillespie, g.	1	1	3
Lee, g.	1	3	5
Totals	14	11	39

Fremont	20	10	9	48
Bowling Green ..	5	11	10	39

Officials: Bender and Klee.

ALL-BUCKEYE LEAGUE TEAM

Player	Pos.	School	Ht.	Age	Yr.
Bob Wortman	F	Findlay	6	17	Sr.
Bill Bachman	F	Bee-Gee	5.10	15	So.
Bob Welter	F	Tiffin	5.5	17	Sr.
Kent Darr	C	Fremont	6.1	17	Sr.
Ed Seils	G	Fremont	6	17	Sr.
Ned Chatelain	G	Findlay	6.1	17	Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Akin, Findlay and McKillip, Tiffin, forwards; Askam, Findlay, center; Inks, Fremont; Kirk, Findlay and Miller, Fostoria, guards.

HONORABLE MENTION

Harms, Bowling Green; Clady, Tiffin, and Hoy, Fremont.



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Another Season Over

When the Ross high Little Giants became a surprise victim of Sandusky in the first round of the Class A district tournament

in Sandusky last Friday night, it rang down the curtain not only on their current season, but also on the first campaign with Whitey Althoff at the helm. In view of those two things perhaps a brief recapitulation would be in order.

In the 17 games played during the regular season the Little Giants won 11 while losing six and scored 720 points to their opponents' 627. That is a bit more than 42 points per game offensively while the assorted opponents averaged almost 37. Just how many shots the Rossmen took in making those points we don't know for sure as our record isn't complete, but in 12 of the contests they fired 689 times, an average of more than 57 times a game or almost two shots a minute. They made 204 of those shots, about 32 per cent.

The Little Giants were about average in taking advantage of charity tosses, making 185 of the 315 shots they were granted, a scoring average of .587, which is probably better than most of the quintets in this section have done.