

# 1967 Class AA Sectional Tournament

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## Ross Seeks To Redeem Disappointing Season In Sectional Tournament

Fremont Ross will have a double goal Friday night at 7 p.m. when it takes to the Heidelberg basketball floor in first game of the Class AA Sub-Sectional tournament. The Little Giants will be trying to redeem a weak season showing with a strong tournament performance. They also will be after revenge for the only loss suffered outside Buckeye Conference.

Ross will be meeting Fostoria for the second time this season. The first time at Fostoria, the Little Giants ran into foul trouble and were nipped, 52-50. In conference play Ross was winner in 14 games, but outside the league the Fremont team won three of four games.

Buckeye Conference teams as a whole lost only two of 32 non-conference games. Ross had the misfortune of losing one of those and Friday fell to Columbus Central in the final week of the season.

Little Giants would like to wipe this bad mark from their record by a reversal in the tournament. If Ross should survive the Friday game with Fostoria, it would then encounter the winner of a cross-town rival battle between Tiffin Columbian and Tiffin Calvert. Tiffin Columbian, 15-3, was a 32-30 victim of Ross during the regular season at Fremont. Columbian was champion of the Northern Ohio League, Calvert, an independent, has an 11-7 record.

Fostoria won 10 games, lost eight and ended second in the Great Lakes League with a 7-5 mark for the season. The Redmen were tied with Port Clinton in GLL standings. Fostoria has been a team with a deliberate offense, but a stingy defense. The Redmen have averaged just over 56 points a game offensively, while holding the opposition to less than 55 points a game.

In the first meeting of the two teams Fostoria took advantage of Ross fouls. The personals sent the three top scorers to the sidelines. Departing for Ross before the game ended were Phil Garry, Steve Parker and Dick Ritzman, three top Ross leaders in that game and

for the season. Ross had one more field goal in the contest, but Fostoria hit 20 of 33 free throws, nearly 60 per cent. There was not a spectacular figure but was the difference compared to Fremont's 16 of 35, less than 46 per cent.

**Two Lettermen**

Fostoria is built around two lettermen, Nolan Reinhard, 6-2, and Al Jeter, 5-9. Reinhard has been the leading scorer, capturing his season with 28 in the final 34-32 victory over Port Clinton. Also threats for double figure scoring are Greg Phillips, 6-2 sophomore; Gary Miller, 5-11, Dean Peeler, 6-4; Jim Hay, 5-10; Jim Fairley and Norm Browning, who have moved into the lineup in the latter half of the season.

Offensively and defensively, Fostoria's best show of the season has been against Clay in a 79-51 victory.

Against their Tiffin school in a possible second game, Ross will run into opposite brands of basketball. Tiffin Columbian takes pride in defense, while Calvert elects to try and outscore rather than contain the opposition.

Columbian has allowed foes to score only 49.1 points a game, while hitting 36.6 a game on offense. Calvert has a 71.2 offensive average and a 63.1 defensive mark.

**Tiffin Teams' Starters**

Liberty starters for Tiffin Columbian with their size and

scoring average are: Lloyd Lyon, 6-3, 13.9; Mike Ehrenfried, 6-2, 11.2; Scott Kiefer, 6-3, 10.9; Joe Blust, 5-11, 4.4; and Keith Halcomb, 6-0, 6.8.

With the possible use of Jerry Janson, 5-9, 4.8. Blust was a key man in the game which gave Columbian the NOL championship. He had his season high of 15 as the Tiffin school beat Bellevue in the last game of the season.

Calvert starters with size and scoring average are: Kris Klopp, 6-1, 14.4; Bill Carrigan, 6-1, 18.6; Norm Studer, 6-1, 9.2; Fred Doecker, 7-9, and Charles Boes, 5-10, 18.5.

There will be another incentive for Ross. After winning four consecutive sectional titles,

the Little Giants were upset in the sub-sectional a year ago by Tiffin Columbian. This came after beating Columbian during the regular season.

With conclusion of the regular season Dick Ritzman, 6-2, was the leading Ross scorer. Ritzman scored 191 points in 16 games, sitting out two with injury. He averaged 12.1 for the season. Giving the outside threat has been Steve Parker, 8.3 average, and in spot duty Gary Driftmyer, 5-6 senior, who led Ross with 15 in the first meeting with Tiffin Columbian. Driftmyer has scored 75 points.

Other Ross leaders have been Phil Garry, 132 points in 17 games, 7.9 average; Steve Fausey, 95 points, 5.3 average; Wes-

ley Fahrback, 78 points.

Parker has had a high game of 19, twice. Ritzman's high was 21 against Alton Springfield.

Fausey's best was 19 against Fostoria. As a team Ross has had its troubles both offensively and defensively. They have scored only 887 points in 19 games, an average of 46.7 a game. Defensively the Little Giants have been touched for 1,315, 73.1 a game. The opposition has shot over the 100 mark three times. Ross' best offensive night was 71 points in beating Port Clinton, 71-52.

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## Fremont Teams Fall In Tournament Openers

### Ross Fights Back Before Falter In Final Quarter Gives Fostoria 66-58 Victory

Tiffin—Counted out shortly after halftime, Fremont Ross Little Giants took club in hand and fought back Friday night. The comeback battle sliced a 13-point deficit to two points before Fostoria regained control for a 66-58 sectional victory.

Fostoria shared victory circle on the first night of the Class AA sub-sectional at Heidelberg College with Tiffin Calvert. Calvert beat cross-town rival Tiffin Columbian at its own defensive game, 31-48. Calvert and Fostoria will meet tonight to determine who represents the

Heidelberg tournament at Marion Coliseum next weekend in sectional semifinals and finals. Entrants in the Marion runoff, a final step to the district tournament at Bowling Green, will be survivors at Heidelberg, Galion, Mansfield Madison and Marion.

After apparently on the way out the door, Ross battled back late in the third and early in the fourth quarters. With 31 seconds to play in the third quarter the score was 47-37 in favor of Fostoria. Ross then put the next eight points through the hoop. After a field goal by Wesley Fahrback, two free throws by Steve Fausey and a pair of field goals by Steve Parker the Redmen lead was cut to two points, 49-47.

The two teams then traded points on a field goal by Fausey and two free throws by John Hay. Still the margin was two points, 51-49, but Fostoria put nine of the next 12 points on the scoreboard for a 63-49 lead with 3:22 left in the game. From then on there were no more serious Ross challenges.

Ineffectiveness at the foul line was the biggest downfall of the Little Giants. Ross made good on only 12 of 28 free throws, 42 per cent. From the field the Little Giants were accurate on 23 of 61 shots, 37.7 per cent.

Nolan Reinhard was the big man for Fostoria with 18 points, 15 in the first half as the Redmen moved to a 42-24 lead. Postel Browning, a sophomore, came through with 10 points for the winners.

Steve Parker and Dick Ritzman were the only Little Giants in double figures with 14 and 11 respectively.

In the Calvert-Columbian contest the losers appeared in control early, taking both boards and leading scoring for the first quarter. The two teams slowed things down in the second quarter with Columbian holding a 23-18 halftime lead. With Charles Boes, who ended with 22 points, leading the way, Calvert came back to take over in the third quarter and then play on even terms in the final stanza.

### SANDUSKY-NORWALK:

#### Sandusky To Meet Port Clinton, Bellevue Vies With Huron Tonight

Sandusky is against Port Clinton and Bellevue meets Huron in the Sandusky-Norwalk sub-sectional qualifiers tonight. The two winners will advance to the Bowling Green sectional semifinals and finals next weekend.

Friday night at Sandusky, Bellevue beat Norwalk for the third time this season, 54-38, and Huron overcame a surprising Clyde, 45-54. Clyde was only one point down at the end of three periods, belying its 0-18 record into the tournament.

At Norwalk junior high school Sandusky had little more than a workout in whipping Margareta, 54-38, while Port Clinton had little trouble beating Vermilion, 64-50.

Bellevue hit 47 per cent of its field goals attempts, compared to Norwalk's 25 per cent in the victory at Sandusky. Hollis Haffner with 16 and Ron Herner at 15 led the Bellevue attack.

Steve Matthews had 18 and Mick Baker 13 to lead a surprising Clyde attack. The Flyers were only 25-34 with eight minutes to play. Huron then erupted for 38 points in that final eight minutes.

Both teams had good nights from the field. Huron hitting 45 per cent and Clyde 42. Clyde scored in the game despite taking only 48 shots to 70 for Huron on the strength of good foul shooting. Clyde made 14 free throws in 20 attempts, 70 per cent. Huron made only five of 12 from the foul line, 42 per cent. Ted Lowery paced Huron with 20 points.

Dave Larson scored 20 points as the pace setter in the Port Clinton win. Port Clinton made 18 of 36, 50 per cent, and Port Clinton scored on 18 of 33 free throws, 53 per cent.

At the foul line Vermilion made 22 field goals in 62 shots, 35 per cent. Vermilion made 16 of 49 from the field, 33 per cent. At the foul line Vermilion made 22 field goals in 62 shots, 35 per cent. Vermilion made 16 of 49 from the field, 33 per cent.

### Maple Heights In Position For Repeat

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Defending champion Maple Heights stood a good chance to win its fourth state high school wrestling championship, tied for the lead and with one more contender than any other team going into today's semifinals.

Maple Heights moved into a tie with Parma Senior, after Friday night's quarterfinals. Both had 7 points.

The defending titlists, who also won in 1962 and 1963, had three contenders left in the 11 weight classes. All the other leaders had two left.

Tied for third, one point back, were Parma Valley Forge and Willoughby South.

Toledo Macomber, the only leader not from the Cleveland area, was tied with Euclid and North Royalton for fifth place with 5 points.

Elyria followed with 4 points.

### SPORTS BRIEFS:

#### NBA Protest Not Allowed

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Basketball Association denied Philadelphia's protest that the Boston Celtics' use of six men against the Nets for a brief period of time in last Sunday's game.



MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A \$110,000 lawsuit was filed in Minneapolis District Court by a woman who says she was injured in collision with another spectator when a football went into the stands during a Minnesota Vikings Los Angeles Rams game.



NEW YORK (AP)—Dave Trier of Villanova ran the first sub-four-minute mile of the current indoor season with a time of 3:50.3 in the New York Athletic Club Games.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Debbie Meyer of the Sacramento, Calif., Arden Hills Swim Club

### Seneca County Quintets Survive, St. Joe Loses

TIFFIN — Old Port and Bloomville, a pair of the leading squads in the basketball Seneca county league, posted first round victories in the Class A sectional tournament at Tiffin Columbian Friday night. Bloomville blitzed the Fremont St. Joseph Crimson Streaks 82-57 and Old Port downed Hopewell-Louden, another Seneca County League foe, 60-39, with a torrid fourth period rally.

It was a short tournament trail for the St. Joe Streaks. The end was in sight before the first quarter of the first game was over. The Bloomville Dragons brought a 19-1 record into the contest with the Streaks and these impressive credentials seemed to be enough to take care of the obviously awed Fremonters. The Streaks' 18-4 record couldn't seem to relax and after a shaky start the Dragons bombed them with everything but the kitchen sink.

For the first five or six minutes it was an even contest, but once the Dragons began to roll it was Katie bar the door for St. Joe. A first half that was as cold as the weather outside the Columbian gymnasium put the Streaks in a deep hole and gave the Dragons a chance to get a relaxed running game into high gear. The Streaks connected on only nine of 35 first half field goal attempts and scored only 19 points against a defense which has been yielding in the neighborhood of 70 points per game.

The Streaks held an 11-10 lead late in the first period, but movement on offense and the normally effective outside shooting were not in evidence. That was the last time the Streaks led in the contest. Bloomville moved to a 14-11 first period lead and then bombed the Fremonters 23-8 in the second eight-minute period.

Most impressive of the high scoring Bloomville squad was a senior forward Dave Meyers. Meyers, who played a strong board game and displayed a fine jump shot, also provided the strength in the Bloomville defense which paid special attention to St. Joe's Jim Hoffman.

Meyers, who was the game's top rebounder, led the Bloomville scorers with 23 points, connecting on eight field goals and seven free throws. The Dragons had four men in double figures however and that's three more than the Streaks. Curt Tusing, the Dragons' senior forward, contributed 20 points in the cause, dropping in seven

periods and then came on strong in the final session. Jan Austermler and Duane Gilmore each had ten points for the winners. The Stockaders also dipped down to their reserve squad and got some rebounding help from the Dennis Wickert when Steven Magers and Doug Colgate got in foul trouble.

Robin Holcomb and Dennis Crum led the Hopewell-Louden scoring. The 6'7" Holcomb pumped in 21 points and Crum added 16.

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