

# Downed After Holding 34-24 Lead Entering Final Period

## Little Giants Carry Game To Defending Champions For Three Quarters, But Fade In Last Chapter; Bob Shaw Knots Count With Seconds To Go

Fremont Ross high's Little Giants all but knocked the stripes off the Tygers of Mansfield high in the semi-finals of the Class A district tournament at Sandusky Friday night only to lose a stinging heart-breaker, 38-37, in a "sudden death" overtime period.

The game Purple cagers of Coach Ed Gabel played the defending champions off their feet for three quarters and seemed a cinch to gain the championship round. But after holding a 34-24 margin going into the final quarter, Ross faltered badly to tally only two pints while Mansfield counted 12, knotting the score at 36-36 as the regulation time ended.

Bob Shaw, who justified his selection as all-state center with a 17-point total, hooped a free throw within a minute of the overtime period giving Ross a 37-36 lead. Three times Mansfield was fouled by Ross, but on each occasion the Tygers elected to take the ball out of bounds under the new ruling. Twice this meant nothing as the alert Ross defense quickly intercepted the ball. But on the third attempt the ball was floated in to Gene Miller.

### Swarm Onto Floor

The star Mansfield forward drifted to the far side of the basket and let fly with an off balance shot. The ball caromed against the backboard and into the hoop to give Mansfield a dramatic triumph if one ever was scored in the district tournament. Mansfield fans swarmed into the floor to greet the Tygers with hilarious joy as the game ended.

With the exception of the first half rebound work of Russ Beer, 6-foot, 5-inch center, Mansfield was given a basketball lesson by the inspired charges of Coach Gabel. The Little Giants swept to a 13-7 lead in the opening period and were in front 18-13 at the intermission.

The third quarter saw the Purple pick up 16 points with comparative ease to top the Tygers, 34-24, entering the closing canto. What happened to the Rossmen in the last chapter is hard to explain.

### Turn on Heat

They tried to play a conservative game but the Tygers, with everything to gain and nothing to lose, turned on the heat and in the first two minutes of play reduced Fremont's lead to 34-31.

With the capacity house in an uproar, the two teams squared off for a battle to the finish. However, the lid seemed to be on the basket as far as Ross was concerned. Only two points filtered through the Purple meshes in the fourth period and those were dramatically registered by Shaw with 30 seconds left to play and Ross trailing, 36-34.

The regulation time ended with both clubs scrapping frantically in mid-court. After Shaw's charity shot at the opening of the extra session, Shaw, Billy Jenkins and Dick Manahan had good cracks at the hoop but the ball failed to nestle anywhere near the business side of the bucket. With the overtime four minutes old, Miller cut loose with his pay-off basket.

### Tygers Lead

After Mansfield took a 6-2 lead in the first few minutes of the game, Manahan and Jack Carroll on a basket and free throw, respectively, whittled the count to 6-5. A free throw by big Center Beer, who collected 12 points for the victors, moved Mansfield ahead, 7-5. Then Gale Berger slapped in a fielder and caged a gift shot to put Ross ahead, 8-7. Shaw arched in another a few moments later to raise the Purple margin to 10-7. Before the first chapter ended, Shaw slipped in a gift shot and Berger banged in another two-pointer to give the Gabelmen a 13-7 margin.

Big Beer dropped a pair of charity tosses to start the second period, but Berger batted in a rebound to keep Ross ahead, 15-9. After Bill Herpich sank a long shot for Mansfield, Shaw countered with a gift throw. Beer popped in another free throw for the Tygers, leaving them behind, 16-12. Jenkins broke in for a short shot and Jack Shiplet scored a free throw for Mansfield as the half ended with Ross in front, 18-13.

### Six-Point Spurt

After Miller arched in a basket to start the second half Manahan crashed in for a two-pointer. Miller retaliated with another bucket, leaving Ross in front 20-17. Then Ross exploded for six points within a minute and a half as Shaw hooked in a pair of shots that failed to touch the rim and Ruland looped one in from the side. But a basket by Shiplet and two free throws by Beer put Mansfield behind only, 26-21.

Shaw drove in for a neat basket and a moment later added a free throw to widen the Ross margin to 29-21. After Don Rose shoved in a fielder for the Tygers, Shaw Shaw tipped in a follow-up shot and swished in another gift shot to make the Ross advantage 32-23. Shiplet tallied a free throw and Jenkins slipped in a fielder to give the Purple a 34-24 lead as the third quarter ended.

In the fourth quarter Mansfield waxed extremely hot. Miller made a fielder, Rose dropped in a free throw, Miller swished in another basket, and Shiplet banged in a two-pointer to leave Mansfield behind only 34-31 with only two minutes of the fourth chapter transpired.

### Berger Lost on Fouls

Beer dropped in a fielder to leave Mansfield behind only 34-33. Berger fouled Rose and went out of the game on four personals. Rose missed the gift shot and the struggle went scoreless until only two minutes remained. Then Beer

hoisted in a gift shot to knot the count at 34-34.

Shiplet crashed in for a fielder with a minute remaining to apparently sew up the game for the Tygers. But Shaw flipped in a hook shot with 30 seconds to play, knotting the score at 36-all and that's the way the regulation time ended.

After Shaw looped in a charity shot at the opening of the overtime, Mansfield took the ball out of bounds twice on fouls by Carroll and Ruland, the latter's being his fourth, removing him from the contest. Bob Hall took Ruland's place. Again Mansfield was fouled, this time by Shaw. The Tygers for the third time took the ball out of bounds and a quick pass in to Miller resulted in the game-winning basket.

Beer, 235-pound Mansfield pivot threat, drew three personals in the first half and then played the entire second half without a foul being called against him. If he had been chased a Purple victory would have been inevitable. The Tygers Saturday night play Bellevue, which downed Ashland 30-26, last night in the other semi-final game.

### The summary:

Ross 37	G.	F.	P.
Ruland, f	1	0	2
Berger, f	3	1	7
Jenkins, f	2	0	4
Hall, f	0	0	0
Shaw, c	6	5	17
Manahan, g	2	0	4
Carroll, g	1	1	3
Totals	15	7	37
Mansfield 38	G.	F.	P.
Miller, f	6	1	13
Shiplet, f	3	2	8
Beer, c	3	6	12
Rose, g	1	1	3
Herpich, g	1	0	2
Totals	14	10	38
Ross	13	5	16
Mansfield	7	6	11
Officials: Clymer (Ohio State); Bacon (Wabash).			

## Derby Field Of 127 Announced

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 9.—*AP*—Railbirds at Churchill Downs paired Bimelech and Bradley today as Col. Matt J. Winn announced 127 nominees for the 66th running of the Kentucky Derby May 4.

A long hard winter hasn't shaken the belief of Kentuckians in the ability of Bimelech to give owner Col. E. R. Bradley his fifth Kentucky Derby victory.

The black Toney-La Troienne colt headed the list of thoroughbreds qualified for the \$75,000 added classic for three-year-olds.

One of the nominees, A. G. Ernst's Dollarville, died last Saturday. His nomination fee, however, stays in the pot.

The purse for the mile-and-a-quarter race was hiked this year to \$75,000 added and the subscription list was up an even dozen over 1939, although short of the 140 entries predicted by Colonel Winn, president of Churchill Downs.

## BROOKLYN DEFEATS CINCINNATI, 9 TO 6

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 9.—*AP*—The Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers transferred their grapefruit league series here today after the daffiness boys had taken a 9-6 ten-inning decision yesterday at Tampa under some of the most dismal playing conditions of the spring. Pete Coscarart, Brooklyn second baseman, was confined with an attack of grippe and a temperature of 101.

## CRIPPLED GRIMES ARRIVES IN CAMP

FORT MYERS, Fla., March 9.—*AP*—Delayed by a knee operation performed a month ago, Infielder Oscar Grimes has arrived at the Cleveland Indians training camp and will look on for a week or so before beginning strenuous exercise. He walks with a limp and brought with him his surgeon's instructions to the trainer for treatment of the leg.

### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

By Associated Press  
At Sandusky (Semi-Finals)  
Mansfield 38, Fremont Ross 37 (overtime).  
Bellevue 30, Ashland 26.  
At Toledo (Semi-Finals)  
Toledo Waite 27, Toledo Central Catholic 25.  
Clay 35, Toledo Macomber 28.  
At Defiance (Finals)  
Defiance 41, Bryan 23.  
At Kent (Finals)  
Rittman 40, South Amherst 28.  
Canfield 42, North Canton 29.  
Waynesburg 37, Howland 26.  
At Leipsic (Semi-Finals)  
Holgate 29, Ottoville 26.  
Vaughnesville 34, Haskins 31.

### INHERITS SPEED

NEW YORK—Bob Derland, the Fordham track star, inherits speed from his father, LeRoy Dorland, who won the national 300-yard title five times.

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