

# Gruelling Battle Against Mansfield Takes Its Toll In District Finals Saturday

Third Period Spurt Gives Ashland Title And Trip To Columbus; Jenkins Paces Tired Team That Held Own For Three Periods

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Ross high's basketball warriors came to the end of their road in Sandusky Saturday night and a tired crew fell before a fresh Ashland quintet by a 40 to 25 score in the finals of the district Class A tournament.

It ended a long, 23-game grind for Coach Eddie Gabel's crew, a grind that started last December and saw six men carry the load the entire campaign. Including tournament play, the Little Giants took the nod in 18 of the tilts.

## Fremont Tired

It was a tired squad of players that took the Sandusky court for the final game before the state tournament, but even at that they were a match for the ultimate winners in three of the four periods. It was that other period, the third, that spelled their downfall, but although they were broken-hearted over the defeat, they have nothing for which to feel sorry or ashamed. They gave the best they had and had the odds been a bit more even or the luck a trifle better, they might have won.

Ashland breezed to an easy win over Willard the previous night while the Little Giants were battling, tooth and nail, to defeat Mansfield in two overtime periods. The championship game was decided in those Friday night games as much as in the Saturday meeting.

Once more the Little Giant luck was off and only at brief intervals did they click on their shooting. Time after time, throughout the game, Fremont shots dished into meshes and spun out or hit on the rim, balanced there for a split second and then tumbled off the wrong way.

## First Half Close

Ashland drew first blood, piling up five points before Bob Hall scored from the side of the court, and the score was 9 to 4 before foul shots by Jack Carroll and Snooks Jenkins pared it to 9 to 7 at the end of the quarter.

Fremont scored but one field in the first period and the same thing happened in the second stanza, Jenkins' short shot in the early minutes being the only two-pointer bagged. Accuracy from the foul line kept the Little Giants in the game and the 10 of 13 tries they converted gave them a 14 to 11 edge midway the period.

This was the only time the Ross-men were ahead and the lead was short-lived. Baskets by Davis and Howell and a pair of free throws by Risser, made the count 18 to 14 at halftime after Dale Bowlus had missed two charity tosses.

## Ashland Spurts

Then the fatal third opened. Bob Howell scored twice and Phil Stentz and Pete Risser each added a basket to shoot the count to 26 to 14, before Carroll shook himself free under the basket and hoisted in a shot. Again it was the only action shot made in the period by the Little Giants and after Hall missed a pair of free throws and Dick Frantz another, Howell made two gift shots and the score was 30 to 16.

Trailing by 14 points, the Little Giants tried another one of their famous rallies, but they just didn't have the moxie left. Jenkins opened the period by stealing the ball and dribbling in for a basket, but the spark was too feeble to fire the team. Ashland came back to score six points before Carroll scored from in close and made a free toss.

With the score 39 to 21 against them and less than three minutes left to play, the Little Giants knew they were beaten, but didn't give up and managed to drop in four points before Semple made a foul, the final point of the game.

## Get Trophy

Snooks Jenkins paced the team in the final game, netting 10 points, while Jack Carroll came through with eight. The former ended up with 33 points for the four games, while Carroll netted himself an even 50 to finish as the tournament's high individual scorer. Pete Risser, Ashland center, was his nearest rival with 42.

The team as a whole accounted for 163 points in the four games while Ashland scored 179.

Trophies were presented to both Ashland and Fremont by H. R. Townsend, commissioner of the State High School Athletic association, and small trophies given to each member of the winning team. Each of the Little Giant players received a watch charm, or small medal, for being the runner-up.

Ashland	G. F. P.
Duffey, f	1 1 3
Stentz, f	4 0 8
Davis, f	2 0 4
Risser, c	3 4 10
Brownson, g	0 1 1
Semple, g	0 1 1
Howell, g	4 2 10

Grover, g	1	1	3
Totals	15	10	40

Fremont 25	G. F. P.
Carroll, f	2 4 8
Hall, f	2 2 6
Bowlus, c	0 0 0
Jenkins, g	2 6 10
Hufford, g	0 1 1
Frantz, g	0 1 1
Bingman, g	0 0 0
Totals	6 13 25

Ashland	9	9	12	10-40
Fremont	7	7	2	9-25

Officials: Clymer and Skibbee.

## FREMONT OILS HIT EVEN 3,000

### Score Gives Team Second Among First Elks Tourney Firing

The Fremont Oil team from the Elks Bowling league, scattered the pins for a big 3000 count in Columbus Saturday as the state Elks tournament opened, to coast into second place among the first 25 teams to compete. The tourney closes in April.

Setting the pace for the team was Patterson, who had a 556 series, but the other members were also in there, all topping 500, which with a 357 pin handicap, gave them their "three grand" total.

Gottron Coals also keged in the tourney and wound up with 2762, also with a 357 handicap. Harry Gottron's 526 was high for the quintet.

The bowlers also participated in the doubles and singles. In the former Patterson and Ketterer hit 1196 to lead the Fremonters.

In the singles Gottron, with a 60-pin handicap, rolled 627, and Havens, also with 60 added pins, had 602. Standings in the last two events had not been posted when the teams returned.

### FIVE-MAN TEAM

Gottron Coals	Handicap 357
L. Siler	154 183 141-478
G. Jenkins	164 172 147-483
N. Havens	146 134 151-431
E. Smith	181 114 192-487
H. Gottron	174 179 173-526
Totals	938 901 923-2762
Fremont Oils	Handicap 357
E. Patterson	191 161 204-556
L. Rhoades	188 146 180-514
W. Stull	150 190 188-528
S. Bennett	177 180 156-513
W. Ketterer	215 148 169-532
Totals	1040 944 1016 3000

### DOUBLES

Hdc.	
E. Patterson	120 166 172 150
W. Ketterer	190 187 211-1196
L. Siler	120 135 153 159
N. Havens	172 171 178-1088
E. Smith	135 151 154 158
G. Jenkins	184 162 174-1118
L. Rhoades	132 150 118 181
W. Stull	199 182 157-1119
G. Bennett	123 140 181 196
H. Gottron	181 171 178-1170

### SINGLES

Hdc.	
E. Patterson	63 111 219 179-572
W. Ketterer	57 170 192 154-573
L. Siler	60 201 152 167-580
N. Havens	60 188 184 170-602
E. Smith	69 164 177 158-568
G. Jenkins	69 156 156 182-563
L. Rhoades	69 192 138 185-584
W. Stull	63 169 120 219-568
G. Bennett	63 213 150 156-582
H. Gottron	60 177 209 181-627

### ALL EVENTS

Siler 1445; Smith 1443; Havens 1494; Jenkins 1497; Gottron 1623; Bennett 1549; Rhoades 1478; Ketterer 1636; Patterson 1553; Stull 1571.

### DEAN BEATEN

LOS ANGELES—Bob Johnson of the Philadelphia Athletics hopes he has regained his timing at bat. The veteran outfielder had made only one hit in six games, but yesterday he helped beat the Cubs with a two-run homer against Dizzy Dean.

### STILL GREENBERG

LAKELAND, Fla.—Manager Del Baker of the Detroit Tigers still says he is going to give rookies every chance, but he's already depending on Hank Greenberg's big bat to make runs. Greenberg collected three hits against Washington yesterday.

### HUDSON IN FORM

ORLANDO, Fla.—The Washington Senators are touting Pitcher Sid Hudson to beat the second-year jinx this season. He has pitched six innings and allowed only one hit in exhibition games.