

LITTLE GIANTS MISS SHOTS AS ASHLAND WINS

Fremont Boys Appear to Have Played Out Against Streaks

Unable to maintain the fast pace which gave them a first-half lead, Ross High school basketballers fell before Ashland High Saturday night, 27 to 20 in finals of the district Class A cage tournament on the Sandusky Junior High school gymnasium floor.

The Little Giants appeared to have spent themselves in defeating the Sandusky five the night previous, although they were able to hold an edge in the first two periods. Ross was leading 7 to 5 after the first period was closed and kept the margin in the second stanza as both teams were able to garner seven points.

Although the Fremonters showed snappier passing for a major part of the game, they could not connect their shooting attempts. Only for brief periods were the charges of Coach Bob Oldfather able to click. Victory of the Ashland Whippets, co-champions of the N. C. O. league, enables them to compete in the state finals at Columbus late this week.

Scorers Off Form

Fremont's usually deadly accurate cagers were unable to find the hoop. Bliss was unable to score a point. Pete Fox dropped in one fielder and Hetrick and Campbell could score no more from the field. George McCord, lanky Ross High center, topped scoring activities for the Little Giants, chalking up seven points on three action shots and a charity toss.

Sprague, Ashland left forward, was leading scorer in the final game, also getting three field shots and a like number of free throws. Gongwer and Scobey netted six points apiece. "Biz" Driftmyer, diminutive Ross High cager, was kept from shooting by height of the Ashland players, but he pestered the rangy boys with his close guarding.

Ross Leads Early

The Fremonters forged into the lead in the initial quarter as Hetrick and McCord dropped in field goals, while the center, Fox and Klinck were able to sink free throws. Ashland's points in the opening period came on an action shot and two free throws by Sprague and a single point by Gongwer.

Both teams played on even terms throughout the third period as Ross fought to maintain its lead when the Ashland county five opened up with more speed and passwork than shown previously in the tourney. Close guarding by the Little Giants kept Ashland from scoring more than five points to three for the Sandusky countians.

Ross High, entering the final period in a 17-all deadlock with its foe and still the tourney favorites began to weaken. Three field goals and a single free throw were piled up by the winners while Ross could do no better than score three points. Affects of a somewhat rougher tournament road than traveled by the Ashland quintet lost the cause for the Little Giants.

Both Played Out

Much of Ashland's margin of victory was amassed early in the last quarter. The Fremonters tried to whittle the lead in the closing minutes but failed to click in the pinch. Neither team was able to score in the last two minutes of play and Ashland's last-quarter spurt exhausted the winners as much as the game did the Ross cagers.

Ashland and Fremont were presented with respective first place and runner up trophies following the close of the gruelling game. Presentation was made by Prin. Carl L. Mackey of school in which the district event was held. Mansfield defeated Sandusky 23 to 21, in a Junior High exhibition game.

Fremont Ross (20)	fg	ft	tp
Bliss, rf	0	0	0
Fox, lf	1	2	4
McCord, c	3	1	7
Hetrick, rg	1	1	3
Campbell, lg	1	2	4
Rice	0	0	0
Wolfe	0	0	0
Brudzinski	0	0	0
Driftmyer	0	0	0
Klinck	0	2	2
Totals	6	8	20

Ashland (27)	fg	ft	tp
Plank, rf	1	0	2
Sprague, lf	3	3	9
Scobey, c	2	2	6
Hockensmith, rg	0	1	1
Gongwer, lg	2	2	6
Koehl	1	0	2
Clark	0	0	0
Zercher	0	1	1
Harvath	0	0	0
Fulmer	0	0	0
Totals	9	9	27

Score by quarters:
Fremont Ross 7 7 3 3—20
Ashland 5 7 5 10—27
Officials: Rettig (Denison) and Carlisle (Ohio Wesleyan); scorer: Daniel (Lorain). Timer: Rawden (Oberlin).