

Purple Beat Bowling Green 28-24, To Clinch Loop Toga

Have Record Of Eight Wins And One Defeat, With Only Findlay Left To Play In Circuit; Berger Gets Five Free Throws In Closing Quarter

For the first time in the six-year history of the Buckeye high school league the loop's basketball championship Saturday belonged to the Little Giants of Fremont Ross.

The red-hot Purple cagers of Coach Ed Gabel clinched the 1939-40 title at Bowling Green Friday night as they toppled the Bobcats of Bowling Green high, 28-24, in a dramatic clash. It was the 10th straight victory and the 15th win in 16 starts for the Little Giants, whose only defeat was a 46-43 loss to Fostoria.

The championship feat of the Little Giant basketballers gave Ross its second Buckeye title of the school year. The Purple gridders finished their league schedule undefeated to win the pigskin toga last fall.

With only the Findlay game here next Friday night remaining in loop competition, Ross holds a Buckeye record of eight wins and one setback. Findlay's Trojans, who whipped Tiffin Columbian 28-21, at Findlay Friday night, are in second place with a six-three record and even if they down the Purple next week they'll close the season a game behind Ross.

Stern Battle

Columbian, in third spot with five-three, has two games left to play and by winning both can either take second or tie for second, depending on how Findlay fares against Ross.

Tiffin Junior Order staged a surprise 48-26 win over Fostoria to crash the win column in the Buckeye for the first time this season and to virtually seal the Redmen's second division doom.

Like the first clash of the season between Ross and Bowling Green at Fremont, won by the Purple, 39-35, the struggle at Bowling Green was a stern battle all the way.

The Rossmen, playing the entire game with five men, led 9-4 at the quarter, 17-13 at the intermission, and 21-19 at the three-quarter mark.

Check Shaw

Only the free throw accuracy of Gale Berger, ill with a cold most of the week, saved the Purple in the final quarter, during which Fremont failed to make a field goal.

The rangy Purple forward stepped up to the charity stripe five times and five times he snug-

BUCKEYE STANDINGS

	W.	L.
ROSS	8	1
Findlay	6	3
Columbian	5	3
Fostoria	4	5
Bowling Green	2	6
Junior Order	1	8

Friday Night Results

ROSS 28, Bowling Green 24.

Findlay 28, Columbian 21.

Junior Order 48, Fostoria 26.

gled the leather through the meshes to clinch the game for Ross in the closing minutes of play.

Playing a zone defense all but the final few minutes, Bowling Green held Bob Shaw in check, although the loop's leading scorer managed to slip in three baskets and a free throw to claim second honors for the victors. Jack Carroll, who played a sterling game at guard, paced Ross with eight points on three baskets and two free throws.

Is Ross Nightmare

Harley Ash, smooth-working Bobcat forward, was a nightmare to the Rossmen as he counted 16 of his team's 24 points, flipping in seven field goals and two free throws. Faking brilliantly and firing one sensational shot after another, Ash kept Bowling Green abreast of the Purple the whole game.

Dick Manahan, like Berger, tallied six points and played a whirlwind floor game, repeatedly moving the ball down-floor far ahead of the Bobcats. Although he scored only one point, Johnny Ruland turned in a heroic job at forward. Once he was felled hard in a wild scuffle but shook off the jarring to stay in the game.

Manahan's two baskets, a fielder each by Carroll and Shaw and a free throw by Berger gave Ross its 9-4 lead in the first quarter as only Lambert and Ash scored for Bee Gee, each getting a basket.

Turns on Heat

In the second quarter, Ross picked up eight points on Shaw's brace of buckets and a fielder and two gift shots by Carroll. Ash, meanwhile, turned on the heat for the Bobcats as he registered three baskets and a free throw. Waugh also scored from the floor to give Bowling Green nine points and a 17-13 disadvantage at the half.

The Rossmen were also outscored in the third period as they chalked up only four points on a basket each by Manahan and Carroll. Bowling Green hooped six counters in the same period with Ash, Waugh and Roether each arching in fielders to leave the Bobcats behind only 21-19.

Ash nearly stole the show completely in the final period as he hooped two baskets and a free throw for all five of Bowling Green's last quarter points, but the deadly Ross free throw eye paid off for the decision as Berger looped in five in a row and Ruland and Shaw each hit one.

Get Four Free Throws

Fremont sank 10 of its 16 charity flings while Ash made two of the paltry four awarded to Bowling Green, Williams and Roether missing one each.

While both teams played a hard, fast game, only 14 personals were called and but four were charged against Ross. Ronnie Waugh, rangy Bee Gee center, went out on infractions.

A large Fremont delegation was included in the near-capacity

Title Boss



COACH ED GABEL

... His Purple Cop

BOBCAT SPARES BEAT FREMONT

Bowling Green Reserves Stage Strong Finish To Win, 23-16

Held to only four field goals, Ross high's reserve cagers were downed by a strong Bowling Green reserve quint, 23-16, at Bowling Green Friday night. The Purple trailed by a slight 6-5 margin at the half, but Bowling Green rallied to count seven points in the third quarter and 10 in the final period to stow away the win. Ross collected only five in the third stanza and six in the last chapter.

Bob Hall, southpaw star forward of the Ross spares, was held scoreless for the first time this season and scoring laurels for the losers fell to Guard Bingman with six points. Forward Maas led Bowling Green with nine points.

The summary:

Ross Res. (16)	G.	F.	P.
Hall, f	0	0	0
Michaels, f	0	0	0
Dickman, f	0	1	1
Wisbon, f	0	0	0
Wernig, c	1	3	5
Fought, c	0	0	0
Bingman, g	2	2	6
Brocksicker, g	0	0	0
Vargo, g	0	0	0
Fox, g	1	2	4
Totals	4	8	16

Bowling Green Res. (23)	G.	F.	P.
Maas, f	3	3	9
Perry, f	0	0	0
Wentz, f	0	0	0
Williams, f	0	0	0
Reynolds, c	3	2	8
Mercer, c	1	3	5
Dunn, g	0	0	0
Sams, g	0	1	1
Ingraham, g	0	0	0
Uhlman, g	0	0	0
Totals	7	9	23

Ross Res. 2 3 5 6-16

Bowling Green Res. 4 2 7 10-23

crowd which witnessed the game. The Little Giants next face the strong Bellevue Redmen at Ross auditorium Tuesday night and Friday night wind up the regular season against Findlay. The Purple meet Willard in the opening round of the Class A district tournament at Sandusky March 1.

Bowling Green was the fifth quintet to be beaten twice by Ross this season, others including St. Joseph's, Tiffin Columbian, Junior Order Home and Sandusky. Defeated once each by the Gabelmen have been Port Clinton, Norwalk, Fostoria, Elyria and Findlay.

Ross 28	G.	F.	P.
Ruland, f	0	1	1
Berger, f	0	6	6
Shaw, c	3	1	7
Manahan, g	3	0	6
Carroll, g	3	2	8
Totals	9	10	28

Bowling Green 24	G.	F.	P.
Lambert, f	1	0	2
Beattie, f	0	0	0
Ash, f	7	2	16
Bowers, f	0	0	0
Waugh, c	2	0	4
Williams, g	0	0	0
Roether, g	1	0	2
Totals	11	2	24

Ross 9 8 4 7-28

Bowling Green 4 9 6 5-24

Officials: Rettig (Denison) and Klee (Ohio State).

WOOD COUNTY MEET ENTERS 2ND ROUND

BOWLING GREEN, Feb. 17.—Wood county tournament fans were ready for their second round play here Saturday night after two sessions of fairly close scores.

Pemberville's Redmen, previous 33-30 winner over Liberty, will face Haskins, which gained a 43 to 14 decision over Olney. Grand Rapids eliminated North Baltimore, 37 to 30 Friday night and will meet Webster, which defeated Bradner high school, 28-26 on Thursday night.

Walbridge, which shaded Rising Sun 32 to 28 Friday night, will tackle Bloomdale and Jackson township will encounter Lake township.