

PURPLE MOUNTS GREAT HEIGHTS IN BIG UPSET

Moore Outplays and Outshoots Famous Thomas and Team Functions

Dark Horses of Tourney Come Through; Next Stop is Findlay

Fremont 18. Ashland 16.

A team of sable equines (dark horses) from Fremont, Ohio pulled the prize stunt of the state scholastic circles in basketball Saturday, when they, like David of old stepped out and slew the giant, Ashland, in one of the greatest upsets in the history of the cage game.

Finishing below par in the L. B. S. race, beaten several times in games outside their own loop society and barely able to squeeze out a one point victory over Port Clinton, the Fremonters, stepped out and kayoed the Ashland outfit, team that was being picked for state honors, in an overtime game and they now have at date at Findlay in the district tourney. Bellevue, winner over Sandusky by the swollen count of 31 to 16, also makes the trip to the seat of Hancock county.

Given No Chance

The Fremont-Ashland contest was regarded as a mere warmup for the college towners, they have trounced Fremont soundly on the latter's floor several weeks ago. Ashland, led by its huge center, Thomas, a bet for all-state honors, took the first shock of the game in the early quarter, when the purple and white went out and got itself four points while they (Ashland) was barely able to glean one. The second quarter registered the same result and the half ended 8 to 2 for Fremont.

It stands to reason that plenty was said in the Ashland dressing room between halves. Their tourney chances were fleeing and, with a loss, their plans for state honors were shattered.

A Desperate Stand

Ashland started to function in the third quarter, when Dolby penetrated the Fremont defense for Ashland's first fielder of the game. Hazen also clicked a bit and the Ashlanders drew up pretty close. It was nine all, when Thomas, tied in a knot by Lee Moore, all L. B. S. center, broke the tie by sinking a couple of free tosses and the Fremonters trailed 16 to 14 when came "Light Hoss Harry" Binkley to shoot a masterpiece that doubled the count and made it 16 to 16 at the gun. This required an extra period. The Fremont defense that held the Ashland crew to five baskets, also functioned nicely in the overtime period and held tightly until Lee Moore flipped in the game winning bucket and Fremont won, 18 to 16 and took the ticket for Findlay while Ashland, changing its plans, climbed in the bus for home and probably sold the gas taken on for the Findlay trip to the lowest bidder.

Moore, with five fielders, lead the scoring and he also had the satisfaction of trimming Thomas who only made two fielders and cashed in on four free heaves. Pettiford, Binkley, Bliss and Brokate also helped in the general scoring from the Fremont angle. The purple and white team functioned slick in staging this surprise and, if they hold that pace, they will cause plenty of trouble at Findlay and here's hoping. It was a great victory for Bob Oldfather and his crew and they had the town talking over their unprecedented exploit Saturday night when the surprising returns came in.

The score:

Fremont 18	G. F. P.
Pettiford, rf	1 0 2
Brokate, lf	0 1 1
Moore, c	5 0 10
Binkley, rg	1 2 4
Bliss, lg	0 1 1
Gomoll, lf	0 0 0
Baker, lf	0 0 0
Ashland 16	G. F. P.
Jesson, rf	0 1 1
Brindle, lf	0 0 0
Thomas c	2 4 8
Hazen rg	2 0 4
Dolby, lg	1 1 3
Kendig, lf	0 0 0
Shively, lg	0 0 0
Fremont	4 4 3 5 2—18
Ashland	1 1 7 7 0—16

Referee—W. F. Bacon. Umpire—R. W. Bechtel.

Timer—H. L. Rawdon. Scorer—George Daniel.