

Ross basketball has new coach

By TIM HARMON

Staff writer

Frank Gioffre has been named head basketball coach at Fremont Ross High School, Athletic Director Pat McGhee announced this morning.

Gioffre, 26, will be formally hired at Monday's Fremont Board of Education meeting.

"I'm really excited about the position," Gioffre said. "It's a great opportunity for me. I felt like I paid my dues at Sandusky for three years as (junior varsity coach).

"This has always been sort of a dream for me. I've always wanted to coach basketball."

Gioffre replaces McGhee, who relinquished the position when he was named

"I think the people are really going to like the style of ball I'm going to bring to Fremont."

— Frank Gioffre

athletic director Aug. 8. McGhee compiled a 43-43 record in four seasons with the Little Giants.

"I don't want to change the whole system right away," Gioffre said. "I will try to work with Pat's philosophy and work some of my philosophies in slowly but surely.

"I'm going to make the transition as easy as possible for the kids."

Gioffre said he favors an aggressive man-to-man defense and will likely use a variety of motion offenses.

"I think the people are really going to like the style of ball I'm going to bring to Fremont," he said. "I plan on playing a rotation of eight or nine kids."

A 1982 graduate of Huron High School and a 1986 graduate of Otterbein College, Gioffre has been an assistant at Sandusky High School the past three seasons.

He served one year as a freshman coach and varsity assistant at Huron after graduating from college.

Gioffre was a member of an Otterbein team that was undefeated and the top-

ranked Division III team in the nation for two years. Otterbein compiled a 70-15 record in the three years Gioffre, an All-Ohio Athletic Conference performer, was a member of the team.

Gioffre, who will teach special education at Ross, compiled a 54-6 record as the junior varsity coach at Sandusky.

"I'm going to work really hard for the people in Fremont," Gioffre said. "They are giving me an opportunity and I'm not going to let them down."

McGhee also announced this morning that Alex Clark, a former Ross basketball coach and currently chairman of the school's science department, will be formally hired Monday as assistant athletic director.