

Fremont Cagers To District

Little Giants Bring Back Old Style Play In 50 To 38 Victory Over Toledo Waite

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Some 3,600 tournament fans at Bowling Green State university witnessed basketball in the old-fashioned style Friday night as a near-perfect, hot-shooting Fremont Ross quintet routed what has been Toledo's second best outfit, Waite high, 50-38, in one of two sectional finals.

Toledo DeVilbiss surprised Fostoria, a once-beaten club, 73-50, in the nightcap and the Tigers journey to next Friday's Toledo district tournament along with the Little Giants.

Without leaning too heavily on the Hollywood cliches, one cannot help but describe Ross' effort against the taller Indians as simply beautiful. Fremont committed only six turnovers all night.

Teamwork ruled supreme; each of the five Little Giant starters turned in a spectacular performance, led by the brilliant defensive play of 6-9 center Wally Smallets, the sharp outside shooting of Dave George and Kurt Hasselbach, the floorman-ship of little Tim Thomas and the all-around smoothness of veteran Russ Hagerty.

Shooting percentages also tell a revealing story. Ross hit 19 of 39 floor shots for a torrid 48.7 per cent, one of the hottest goal-shooting nights of the year for Fremont. Waite made only 16 of 49 shots for 32.7 per cent. George was six for nine from the field, Hagerty—held to only one first half basket, managed four of five and Thomas and Hasselbach were good on 50 per cent of their shots. Fremont played a control-type offensive game.

Smallets blocked six field goal attempts by Waite and proved a frustrating menace all night to the Toledoans.

The tournament set-up now next Friday at the Toledo university fieldhouse will find Ross playing Sylvania and DeVilbiss meeting Toledo Rogers. Times will be announced later. Two winners meet Saturday for the right to advance to the regionals.

Sylvania, a big winner over Toledo Woodward a week ago, continued to tear down the tournament trail with a 58-49 victory over a tall Toledo Scott team and Rogers knocked off Rossford, 52-41.

Waite opened the game by missing its first nine field shots. Ross took command on a long one-hander by Hasselbach, a southpaw hook by Smallets and a rebound shot by George.

Tom Dunston of Waite brought the period to a close with Fremont on top, 8-5.

Waite could not find the bucket in the second quarter and scored only nine points—five off the fingers of 6-4 Stan Starkey.

Ross potted 12 counters, six of those coming on George's long shots. Hagerty got his only goal of the half in the final five seconds.

The halftime totals were the lowest for a Fremont game all season.

After the teams traded baskets for half of the playing time in the third quarter, Fremont started to pull away, and with 3:05 remaining the Little Giants had built up their biggest lead of the night, 31-22. Smallets blocked three shots in this can-

Two free throws by Hagerty, two more charities by George and a bucket at the six-minute mark by Thomas gave Ross a commanding 38-24 margin.

It was all over and Fremont had claimed its second triumph of the year over the Toledo club.

Fremont brings home a trophy to add to its collection, and the jubilant Little Giants screamed in their dressing room that the ride home would be a happy one.

A beaming Coach Dick Norman said his boys played their best game of the season and he was just too proud for words. "I guess maybe they (Waite) really figured on cleaning our

clocks for us this time," he laughed.

Ross continues with a 14-7 record and Waite ended with a 13-8 mark. Sylvania, which lost its first six games of the season, has now won eight in a row. DeVilbiss also has blossomed late this year.

Ross (50)	GFT	Waite (38)	GFT
Hagerty	4 2 10	Starkey	4 1 9
George	6 2 14	Dunston	4 0 8
Smallets	4 1 9	Romp	4 3 11
Hasselbach	3 4 10	Miller	1 0 2
Thomas	2 2 6	Fields	0 2 2
Weisz	0 0 0	Fisher	2 0 4
Brindley	0 0 0	Bless	1 0 2
Binder	0 1 1		
Binkley	0 0 0		
Peddard	0 0 0		
Total	19 12 50	Total	16 4 38

Team	1	2	3	4	Total
Ross	8	20	32	50	— 50
Waite	5	14	24	38	— 38

Koufax Agrees To \$70,000

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sandy Koufax likes zeros on his paycheck as well as on the scoreboard.

The stylish left-hander shut-out 11 opponents in 1963 and Friday he climaxed prolonged negotiations with the Los Angeles Dodgers by signing a contract for a reported \$70,000. The amount was twice his 1963 salary of \$35,000.

Sandy's raise topped by \$10,000 the increase awarded to right-handed pitcher Don Drysdale Thursday. Big Don signed for an estimated \$70,000 — a \$25,000 boost over his 1963 salary of \$45,000.

The southpaw strikeout king and General Manager E.J. (Buzzie) Bavasi came to terms Friday after a three-hour conference.

Koufax had spoken of quitting baseball and accepting what was termed a lucrative career in another but unidentified field.

Sandy vigorously denied publicized reports that he had demanded \$90,000. He refused to give any exact figures as did Bavasi.

Two unsigned Dodgers remain—Frank Howard and Maury Wills. Bavasi has granted Howard permission to report late to camp but he has been unable to contact Wills.

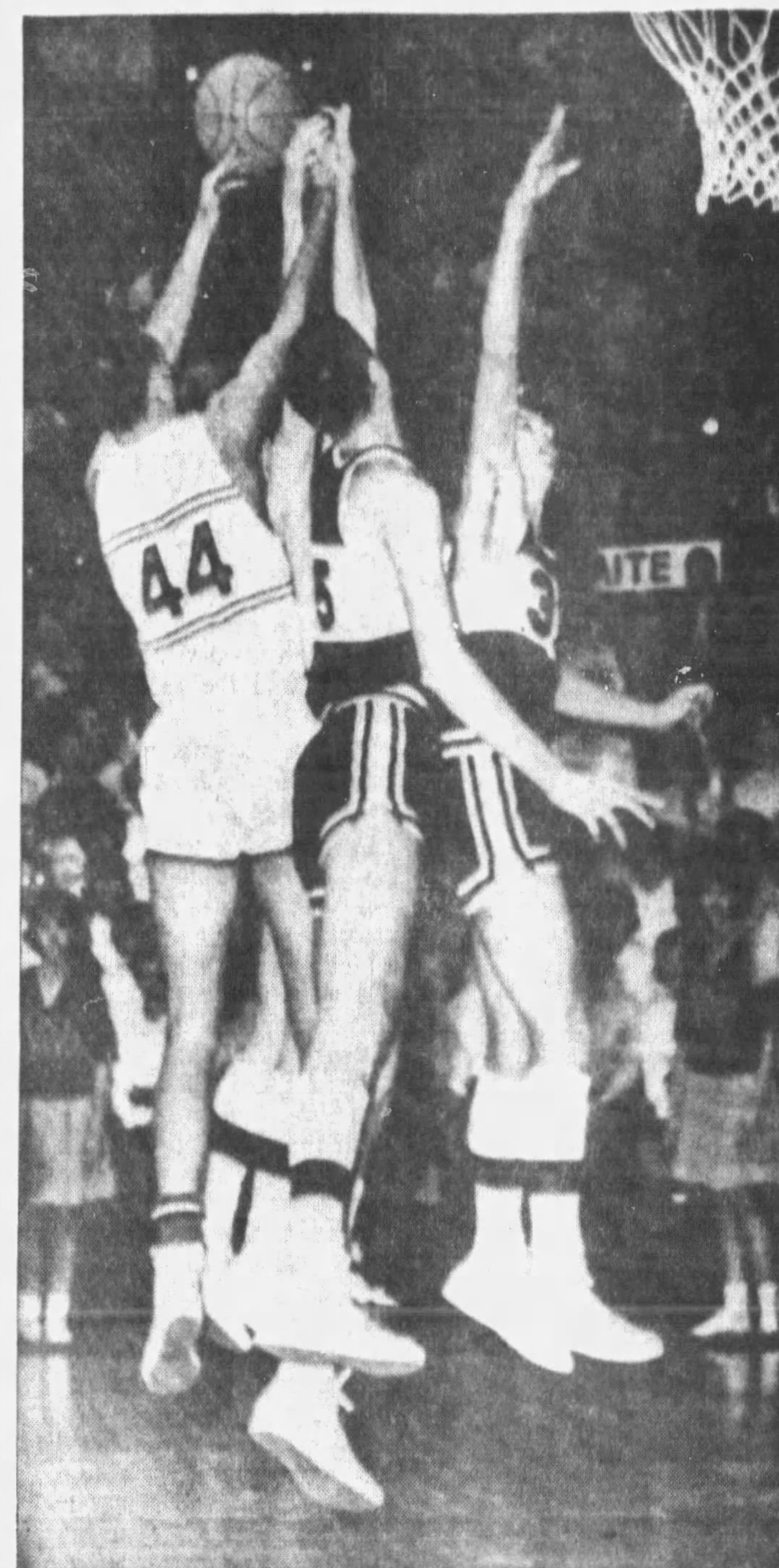
Fridays Fights

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NEW YORK—Rubin (Hurricane) Carter, 157 $\frac{1}{4}$, Paterson, N.J., outpointed James Ellis, 145 $\frac{3}{4}$, Louisville, Ky., 10.

MILAN, Italy — Ted Wright, 156 $\frac{1}{2}$, Detroit, and Fabio Bettini, 159, Italy, drew, 10.

ROME — Hans Wohlers, 180, Germany, won on disqualification over Giulio Rinaldi, 180, Italy, 2.

National Basketball Association



BOARDING HOUSE REACH — Toledo Waite's Jack Romp, No. 44, scraps with three Ross high cagers for a loose ball during action Friday night at Bowling Green State university. Dave George in front and Russ Hagerty closer to basket seem to be a little short here. A third and unidentified Little Giant is in the play. Ross won, 50-38.

Wittenberg Hobbles Past Capital In Ohio Tourney

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Injury-plagued Wittenberg, after its fifth straight Ohio Conference Basketball Tournament crown, hobbled to a 57-52 win over Capital Friday night to earn a spot in tonight's quarter-finals.

Tournament action was at three sites — Capital, Denison and Akron universities—and Akron, Baldwin-Wallace, Wooster, Otterbein, Marietta and Ohio Wesleyan, along with Wittenberg were winners. Mount Union drew a bye.

Wittenberg's star rebounder Bob Cherry sprained an ankle in a fall and missed nearly all the second half in the Tigers' narrow win. Al Thrasher rushed in to replace Cherry, but the Tigers still had to scramble.

Cherry is a doubtful starter for tonight, and little All-American Thrasher is playing with a

Oberlin 82-66. They held the Yeomen scoreless the first seven minutes.

Baldwin-Wallace came from behind and nipped Hiram 77-74, and Wooster defeated Heidelberg 77-65, in the other games at Akron.

Joe Lynch's long jump put B-W ahead of Hiram just 40 seconds before the end. Hiram center Ken Rowen scored 35 in a losing cause.

Wooster's Scots got 18 points apiece from Bill Gribble and Luke Hoffa in their win.

At Granville Otterbein whipped host Denison 69-52 and Ohio Wesleyan rapped Kenyon 86-61.

Otterbein's Don Carlos, top O.C. scorer during the regular season, was held to eight points, all free throws, but his teammates came through led by Tim Pond with 21 points.



News-Messenger Photo

HAPPY bunch of boys Friday night were these Ross high cagers after defeating Waite in the 'AA' sectional tournament. Shown with their prize trophy are, from left to right, Jim Hess, Tim Thomas, Russ Hagerty, Don Binkley, Kurt Hasselbach, Wally Smallets, Don Weisz, Dave George and Coach Dick Norman.

Rosen Tries To Iron Out Romano, Martinez Swing

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Al Rosen, former Cleveland slugger, is trying to help catcher John Romano and shortstop Tony Martinez with their hitting problems.

Rosen, a Tribe star in the early 1950s, took Romano and Martinez aside at Friday's spring training workout for some private instruction. Both play-

ers' batting averages slid steeply last season.

Romano, plagued by an arm injury that kept him sidelined much of the season, hit .216 in 89 games.

Martinez batted only .156 in 43 Cleveland games.

Rosen came here as a special batting coach and spent a few days studying all the Cleveland batters before turning to Romano and Martinez.

"We're trying to get Romano to firm up his left side," said Rosen. "He needs to get his elbows away from his body so he's not all bound up when he swings."

Rosen says Romano loses some of his power when he tightens his left arm and keeps it too close. "I think it may be a habit he developed last year when he injured his hand," the former all-star third baseman added.

Young Martinez tends to do the same thing at the plate.

The Indians play their first intrasquad game Sunday. In the meantime, Manager Birdie Tebbets' "walking program" will continue. He plans to raise the distance to 10 or 15 miles by the middle of next week. Each player hiked another five miles during drills Friday.

Knudson, Dolan Tied In Bogota Open Golf

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—George Knudson, seeking his second straight victory, went into the third round of the Bogota Open Golf Tournament today tied with Jay Dolan of Leicester, Mass., for first place.

Knudson, from Toronto, won the Caracas Open last week. He pulled into the deadlock at 139 Friday with a second-round 71, one under par at the Los Lagartos course. Dolan fired a 69.

MAIL ORDERS OUT

CINCINNATI (AP)—The Cincinnati Royals will accept no more mail orders for reserved seat tickets for the Royals-Boston Celtics National Basketball Association game here March 5.

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