

LEAGUE CROWN GOES WITH 42 TO 25 VICTORY

Close Season With 15 And 3 Record And New Scoring Mark

The Little Giants regained the Buckeye League basketball title, lost last year to Tiffin Columbian, by handing the Findlay Trojans a sound 42 to 25 trouncing in Ross gym Friday night.

The victory was the 15th in 18 starts for Coach Eddie Gabel's 1941-'42 combine and their eighth in 10 league games. It gave them undisputed possession of the loop laurels with a lead of a full game over Bowling Green which chalked up an expected victory over Junior Order in another finale.

The Little Giants played perhaps their best game of the season, at least for the first two quarters, in repelling the attack of the last club that could threaten their circuit aspirations.

Jenkins, Hall Through

Inspired by the fact that it was the last game, with the exception of tournament play, for co-Captains Snooks Jenkins and Bob Hall, the entire team clicked like a well-oiled piece of basketball machinery and there wasn't a thing they didn't do and do well in those first two periods.

Dave Brocksieker and Glenn Bingman played an outstanding defensive game, controlling the majority of rebounds and completely shackling the Trojans when they were within scoring territory.

While these two guards were sparkling defensively, and adding plenty of zing to the offensive department, Jenkins and Hall carried the scoring load and did it with brilliant passing and shooting. Hall, especially, was deadly accurate, taking but 10 shots at the bucket and sinking four of them.

Never Behind

Dick Myers, nursing a cold, was off form the first half but more than made up for it in the third period, sinking three baskets and a foul toss. Those were his last points and broke the Trojans' spirit.

The game started a bit slowly with Glenn Bingman's free throw and Jenkins' first basket giving the Purple a lead they never relinquished. Jenkins accounted for eight points, Bingman three and Hall two to give the Rossmen a 13 to 7 lead in the opening frame and that was the tip-off. The second period saw them stretch the lead to 23 to 11 with Jenkins and Hall collaborating for all the points save one.

Just how good the Little Giants were defensively is best told by simply saying that the Trojans made exactly one action shot in each of the first two stanzas.

Both teams were deadly from the foul line the first half, Findlay dropping in seven straight chances and Fremont five for an 100 per cent performance.

Set New Records

The third period saw the Little Giants draw further ahead. With the score 26 to 15, Myers swung into action. Held scoreless the entire first half chiefly because he was missing easy shots, he tallied a free throw and three baskets in quick succession to erase any doubt as to the game's outcome.

Findlay made its best showing the final period, due in part to the fact that every starter was on the bench when the game was over. Jenkins left on four fouls and Coach Gabel pulled the rest.

The victory gave Ross high one of its best records in cage history and also saw the club break the school scoring record of 700 points set in 19 games last year. The team this season, in 18 games, scored 714 points. Jenkins finished the regular season with a 16-point splurge, all made in the first three periods, to wind up with 277 points, also a new individual record, 37 points better than Jack Carroll did last year.

Fremont—42 G. F. P.
Jenkins, 6 4 16
Hall, f. 4 1 9
Myers, c. 3 1 7
Brocksieker, g. 2 2 6
Bingman, g. 1 2 4
Totals 16 10 42

Findlay—25 G. F. P.
Lawrence, f. 0 1 1
Jackson, f. 2 3 7
Caughman, c. 3 4 10
Kraus, g. 2 0 4
Bristol, g. 1 0 2
Steggman, g. 0 1 1
Totals 8 9 25

Fremont 13 10 12 7—42
Findlay 7 4 6 8—25

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—BUY DEFENSE BONDS—